

Teme Valley Neighbourhood Watch annual report May 2026

Inspector James Ashton of the North Herefordshire and Malvern Hills Safer Neighbourhood Team is responsible for the combined Herefordshire and Worcestershire local policing areas, formerly known as Herefordshire & Worcestershire separately. This new structure is designed to strengthen resilience, improve coordination and ensure resources are focused where they are needed most. We now have a team of 3 Safer Neighbourhood Watch Officers and 4 PCs (Police Constables) covering the combined areas. There have been increased Community engagements throughout the year including engagement vans visiting various villages, farm visits and speed enforcements in villages and towns.

Rural crimes continue to be evident in our areas. There were targeted burglaries in our villages which include thefts of cars, quad bikes, jewelleries, oil and garden tools etc.. There were also economic crimes caused by online scams. It is very important not to pass on personal details and financial information to any one who have not been vetted correctly.

As more and more people are using social media, please ensure your privacy settings are set properly to ensure only people you wish to see your posts are the ones who see your posts.

One final point, as the weather improves, please ensure we respect open water areas like Shavers End Quarry to ensure no accidents happen.

For your information, the officers who support our community are:

PC Smith, Safer Neighbourhood Watch Officer; PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Partridge; PCSO Durrant; PC Steras; PC Teale; PC Hand and PC Jones.

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