

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - February 2016

Leominster Safer Neighbourhood Team SNT

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live. Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day-to-day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to investment in mobile tablet computers officers are able to spend more time on patrol, on the streets and in neighbourhoods. Leominster SNT is based at Enterprise Way, Enterprise Park, Leominster HR6 0LZ and are responsible for Herefordshire North (Rural) which includes Orleton, Brimfield and Little Hereford. Our team is headed up by Sergeant Colin Smith and our Community Support Officer is PCSO Peter Knight.

You can contact our SNT through 101 or via email: leominster.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

The West Mercia Horse watch website has now gone Live! It can be found at
www.westmerciahorsewatch.co.uk

Message from Police Inspector Bob Barnett - West Mercia Police

During December I updated you on scams and home security. Into 2016 I shall continue with the same theme. Prevention is better than replacement! Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team can arrange a free crime prevention survey to help you better protect your belongings. To find details of your local team please go to: -

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2110/Herefordshire-policing-area> and put your post code in. Each Team has different 'surgery' events across their areas. Check the web site; we are offering free property marking events.

In December your local police continued their work to target offenders. Operation Nightingale patrols in the countryside have linked in with local gamekeepers and farmers to continue our drive to reduce rural crime. This year's drink drive campaign saw an increase in people arrested for drink and drug driving offences. Remember it's at least a 12-month ban from driving and normally a re-test in order to drive again.

West Mercia Police are currently recruiting a number of volunteers to a wide variety of roles. For more information, contact me at: - robert.barnett@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

The Police continue to need your help to tackle crime and its effects on us all. If you see something that you think isn't right, it's probably not!

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- P** – phone **999** only if
- O** – offenders are nearby
- L** – life is at risk
- I** – injury caused or threatened
- C** – crime is in progress
- E** – everything else call **101**

Last month I updated you on telephone scams. With depressing regularity, we see older residents getting these calls and handing over card details or indeed transferring cash to another account. **NO ONE IN A BANK OR THE POLICE WILL TELEPHONE YOU AND ASK YOU TO DO THIS!** If you are concerned about a call, ring us (numbers above) and we can give you advice. Also with the information you give us try and catch these fraudsters.

Recently we have seen a reappearance of distraction thefts at local shopping centres. The police believe a picture tells the story best.



Remember, be alert to suspicious activity, keep your property secure and if in doubt report unusual activity to the police on 101 or if urgent 999. Or, you can do it anonymously through the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

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