

# Newsletter

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Golden Valley  
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)  
Newsletter



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## Crime Trends

### 1 January 2026 – 28 February 2026

[REDACTED]

Between 1 and 21 January 38 sheep were stolen from a field at Walterstone.

[REDACTED]

In the early hours of 17 February entry was forced to a domestic garage in Peterchurch and two motorbikes stolen from within.

[REDACTED]

Between 18 and 19 February two persons have broken a fence at a commercial premises in Madley before removing a golf buggy from the site, subsequently returning the buggy a few hours later. Then, on 28 February, two persons have returned to steal the golf buggy.

**Please be mindful of the fact that any reports provided within this newsletter are to inform you of incidents of note and to request assistance with solving crime. Certainly not every crime for the Golden Valley is listed here. We do not want to worry you in any way.**

**If you have information regarding any of the incidents reported above, or any other crime, you can contact police via our website <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/> or by dialling 101 if you don't have access to a computer.**

**In an emergency please dial 999.**

**You can also contact Crime stoppers on **0800 555 111** to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously.**

## SPEED ENFORCEMENT



The team have conducted speed enforcement activities at the following locations over recent weeks – Cusop, Dorstone, Peterchurch and Tyberton. We're well aware of the local concerns surrounding speeding motorists and we'll continue with our enforcement activities in the area throughout the year.

### Survey launched to better understand ASB in West Mercia



West Mercia Police is inviting residents across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire to share their experiences and views on anti-social behaviour (ASB) in their communities.

The feedback gathered will play a vital role in shaping local policing priorities and improving how officers respond to concerns raised by the public.

ASB can affect people in different ways, and the force wants to ensure its understanding reflects the lived experiences of local communities.

By taking part in the survey residents can help officers build a clearer picture of the issues that matter most to them and help the force understand how ASB affects neighbourhoods at the most local level.

Some questions will ask participants to think specifically about their local area, which is defined as the space within a 15-minute walk from their home.

The survey supports the delivery of the national Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner's West Mercia Safer Communities Plan.

Local Policing Chief Superintendent, Edd Williams, said: "Your voice is essential in helping us understand what ASB looks like in your community. By sharing your experiences, you will help us target our resources more effectively and work with partners to keep our neighbourhoods safe.

"The survey is open to all residents and takes only a few minutes to complete, and we would encourage as many people as possible to take part and help shape the future of local policing."

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion added: "Local communities regularly tell me how anti-social behaviour affects their sense of safety. As set out in my Safer Communities Plan, I am focused on working with West Mercia Police to ensure those concerns are heard and acted on.

"This latest survey is a chance to share your experiences - good or bad - and help shape how ASB is tackled in your neighbourhood. Your voice matters, and I strongly encourage everyone to take part, as I remain committed to ensuring your concerns drive real and lasting change."

**The survey closes on Sunday 15 March 2026.** To complete the survey [click here](#).

### **Clare's Law reminder**

A man has been sentenced at court after being found guilty of stalking and harassing a woman from Herefordshire.

Jeremy Stokes, 43, of Knighton in Powys, Wales, was handed an eight-month prison term, suspended for two years, as well as being given a two-year restraining order not to go near his victim.

Stokes was convicted at Worcester Magistrates Court on Friday 23 January after being found guilty of stalking involving serious alarm/distress.

He was further ordered to pay £200 compensation and a victim surcharged of £187 as well as being ordered to take part in a rehabilitation activity programme and wear an electronic tag until 22 July.

The result follows Stokes' arrest last year for repeatedly harassing his victim, calling her, turning up at her address, as well as the address of loved ones and for placing an electronic tracker on her vehicle.

PC Laura Stobbart, who investigated the case, said: "We would like to commend the victim for working closely alongside us to help us protect other women from this individual in the future.

"Though Stokes' jail term was suspended, if he breaks the terms of his sentence he will face going to prison and he is now not allowed anywhere near his victim.

"We would like to remind people that Clare's Law is accessible to those entering a relationship, if they are worried about a new partner. The disclosure scheme is available to make sure they have all the information they need to keep safe."

Anyone who wants more information around Clare's Law can find it here - [Request information under Clare's Law: Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme \(DVDS\) application | West Mercia Police](#)

### **Warning after January spate of quad bike thefts in Worcestershire**

A reminder to all farmers to take extra precautions to protect their vehicles from criminals following a spate of burglaries in Worcestershire recently.

In early January several quad bikes were stolen from outbuildings, including two on the same night.

Investigations are ongoing into the spate of burglaries that have prompted police to offer extra crime prevention advice.

Sarah Sceats, a Rural and Business Crime Officer in Worcestershire, said: "We have received several reports recently of burglaries where quad bikes have been stolen and while investigations continue, we are encouraging anyone who owns one to review their security.

"Please consider taking photos of your bike for your own records and for insurance purposes which will make them more easily identifiable.

"Keep them locked away when not in use and consider chaining them to a secure fixing and using other vehicles to block access to any sheds or outbuildings they may be kept in overnight.

"A GPS tracker or tagging system is a useful security measure as are forensic marking solutions such as SmartWater .

"CCTV is another good choice, especially one with a motion sensor system linked to a mobile phone device.

"Finally, if you do come across anyone attempting to steal your quad bike, please do not approach them. Call 999 immediately and report the matter to the police."

## **West Mercia Police undergoes structural change**

West Mercia Police has changed the way it organises and delivers local policing to make sure services continue to meet the needs of local communities.

On Monday 19 January West Mercia Police transitioned from five local policing areas (LPAs) to two. This new structure — Shropshire & Telford, and Herefordshire & Worcestershire — is designed to strengthen resilience, improve coordination and ensure resources are focused where they are needed most.

The public will continue to receive the same level of service, with the added benefit of enhanced local policing teams.

Both LPAs will be headed up by a Chief Superintendent – supported by a command team made up of Superintendents, Chief Inspectors and Detective Chief Inspectors.

The force's current structure has been in place since 2018 and, following feedback from the public, opportunities to improve how the force works and responds to demand have been identified.

This investment aligns with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Plan and contributes to the national Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, ensuring communities continue to receive a visible, accessible and responsive policing service.

It is anticipated the change in the force's operating model will create a long-term, sustainable structure that supports officers and staff, manages changing demand and continues to deliver the highest standard of service to the public.

Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing, Grant Wills, said: "Since our current policing model was introduced in 2018, a great deal has changed within policing, and following feedback from our communities and wider engagement it is evident there are real opportunities for us to improve how we work.

"The change in our operating model focuses on making sure we deliver the highest standard of policing and ensures our resources are used in the most effective way.

"Our goal is to build a long-term, sustainable structure that meets demand, supports our teams and provides an outstanding service to the public."

Last year, the force confirmed a major uplift in neighbourhood policing, including 29 additional police constables, five dedicated rural crime officers, two sergeants, and 20 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

These officers are now in place and are supporting communities across Shropshire & Telford, and Herefordshire & Worcestershire as the force moves to its new operating model.

ACC Wills continues: "Neighbourhood policing is at the heart of how we keep people safe and build trust. With these additional officers our communities will see more uniformed presence and more opportunities to engage with their local teams.

“Although our policing areas are changing, the service the public receives will remain familiar and recognisable — in fact, this new structure allows us to deliver an even more effective and consistent approach across the force.

### [View from the Office](#)

We are very lucky to travel around The Golden Valley every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer. This lovely scene, on the road between Eaton Bishop and Lane Head, is a sure sign that spring is finally approaching after a sustained period of gloomy winter weather.



### [Where is PC Badger ?](#)

In January's newsletter PC Badger was pictured at Rowlestone Village Hall. Congratulations to Evan Williams, Phillip Powell, Sarah Roberts, Diane Bates and Steve Mumford for correctly identifying the location. Can you guess where he's been visiting this month ?



## How to Contact Us

 to talk to your local SNT – see contact numbers at top of newsletter.

 [goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.police.uk) to liaise with the team here via email.

 <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/> – please use the West Mercia Police web site for all other forms of contact, including reporting a crime (not 999), anti-social behaviour, motoring matters, queries etc.



Neighbourhood Matters

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

## Where We Work



Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewys Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llancillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Escley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestone, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of).