



On the beat in

Shropshire Rural West

December
2025

Shrewsbury Rural West are based at Pontesbury Pavilion on Hall Bank, Pontesbury, SY5 0RF.

We work in the Parishes and areas of Bicton, Copthorne, Great Hanwood, Longden, Pontesbury, Minsterley, Westbury, Ford, Alberbury & Cardeston, Montford, Great Ness, & Pim Hill, Bomere Heath.

- **Team details**

- Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 1134 Neil WARD
- Safer Neighbourhood Police Constable: PC 21125 Rich Walters
- Safer Neighbourhood Police Constable: PC 20460 Nichola COUPLAND
- Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6043 Jaqueline Baldwin
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- Team Email: Shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters



Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them; whether that be by email, text or telephone.

Sign up now at: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Current statistics on calls to police and crime recording for your neighbourhood can be found at [Home | Police.uk](http://Home|Police.uk) . If you wish to discuss further, please contact a member of your safer neighbourhood team.

Police Surgery Dates

We continue to conduct police surgeries to answer any questions you may have regarding any issues and concerns in your local area. Other areas and dates to follow.

Pontesbury Library

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 1500-1600

Thursday 11th December 2025 at 1500-1600

Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 1200-1300.

Alberbury Village Hall

Sunday 7th December 2025 at 1200-1300

Bicton Village Hall car Park

Thursday 11th December 2025 at 1200-1230

Bomere Heath Village Hall car park.

Sunday 14th December 2025 at 1100-1130

Longden Village Hall Car Park

Monday 22nd December 2025 at 0930-1000

Bicton Heath Shopping Centre Welshpool Rd

Monday 22nd December 2025 at 1200-1230

Please note Surgeries can be cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements and officer availability. Officers will endeavour to notify the public if this is the case. Thank you.

Speeding Concerns

Road safety concerns, in particular speeding, are consistently raised by our local communities.

If you are concerned about speeding in your area, then this can be raised with either your local parish/town council or your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team.

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Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

[Alcohol and drug driving | West Mercia Police](#)

Drink driving

The legal alcohol limit in England, Wales and Northern Ireland for driving is 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood or 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. In Scotland the limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood or 22 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

There is no way to know how much you can drink and stay under the limit, since it can depend on your weight, age, metabolism, the amount of food you've eaten and other factors.

It's impossible to get alcohol out of your system quickly, it always takes time. A shower, a cup of coffee or other ways of 'sobering up' may make you feel better but won't remove the alcohol from your system.

If you've been out drinking, you may still be affected by alcohol the next day and could lose your licence if you drive and are still over the legal limit.

Alcohol affects everyone differently and any amount can impair your ability to drive. The only safe option is to avoid alcohol completely if you're driving as even 'just one drink' could put you over the limit.

If you're driving, don't drink any alcohol at all.

Drug driving

It's an offence to drive with any of 17 controlled drugs above a specified level in your blood. This includes [illegal and legally prescribed drugs](#).

The limit set for each drug is different, and for illegal drugs the limits set are extremely low. They aren't zero to rule out any accidental exposure (e.g. from passive smoking).

You should always check with your doctor or pharmacist if you're unsure about whether your prescription or over-the-counter medication will affect your ability to drive.

If you've been involved in a road traffic incident or think you might have witnessed an offence on the roads. please visit: [Report a road traffic incident | West Mercia Police](#)



USEFUL INFORMATION

Did you know that you can do the following via our website?

- Report crimes, issues and incidents [Here](#)
- Contact the Firearms and Explosives Licensing Unit [Here](#)
- Make a complaint or pass a compliment [Here](#)
- Report lost or found property [Here](#)
- Update us on an existing report or case [Here](#)
- Find out about working for West Mercia [Here](#)
- Request information [Here](#)
- Access advice and information [Here](#)

Should you wish to know how West Mercia Police collect, store, use, disclose, retain and destroy personal data you can find our Privacy Notice [Here](#)

Your Rural Safer Neighbourhood Teams wishes you a happy and safe Christmas!

Follow us on social media: [!\[\]\(c694a3ff3b077d76910920a6a1593ab4_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(42fc53a13f008e5bbf67aee5111990a5_img.jpg\)](#)

For crimes in progress call 999.

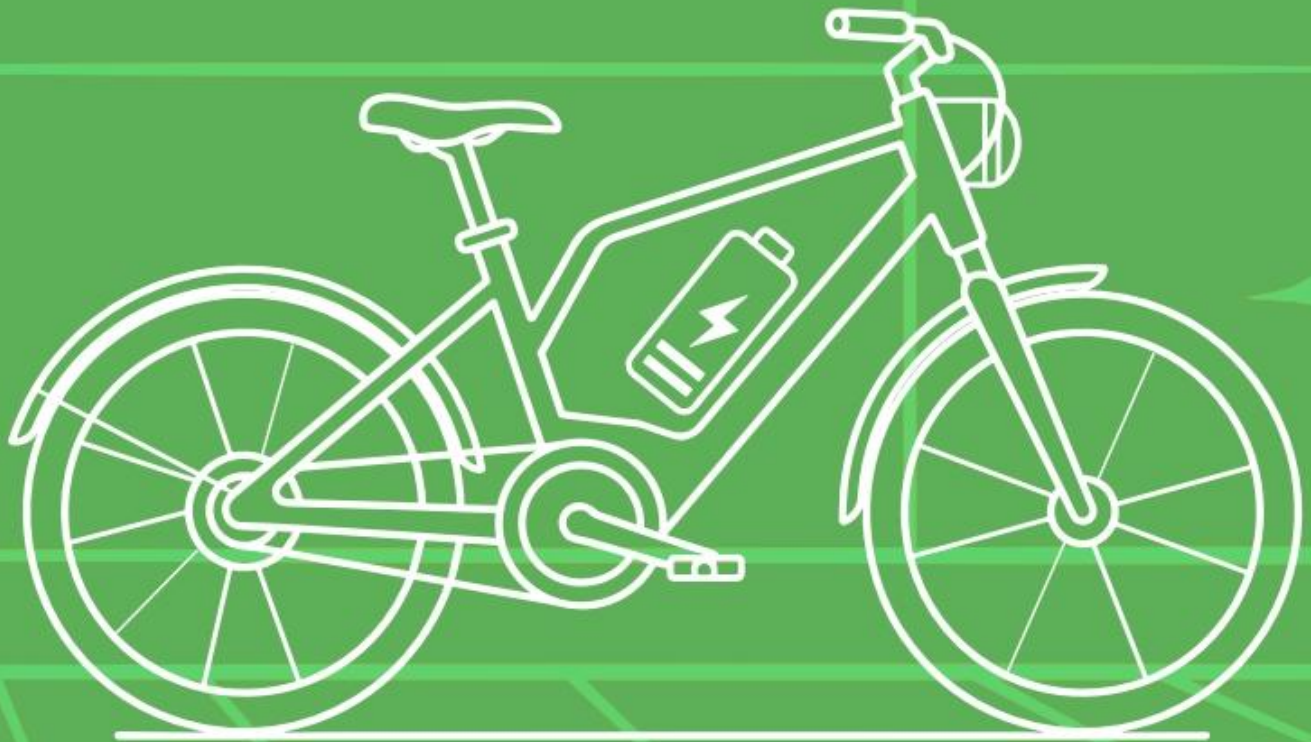
For non-emergencies report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/report

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.



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Although e-scooters are available to buy, they are currently illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes and pedestrian-only areas unless part of a legal e-scooter loan scheme. As there are no legal schemes in place in Herefordshire, Shropshire or Worcestershire, e-scooters can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the landowner.

E-scooters are currently classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) by the Government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles in terms of requiring insurance, tax, MOT, licence and registration.

There is no mechanism in place at the moment to obtain any of these for e-scooters so as this requirement can't be met, their use in public areas is illegal, anyone found using them in public areas risks having the e-scooter seized by the police.

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Keeping those who use our roads safe is a 24/7, year-round priority for us across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, with road safety sitting at the heart of Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion's West Mercia Safer Communities Plan.

In line with this we will be supporting 'Operation Dark Night', a national police lead operation focusing on keeping cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders safe during the darker months.

Cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders are also being encouraged to think about how visible they are to other road users, especially as the nights start to get darker and to consider wearing high visibility clothing and reflective material, to ensure they can be seen easily. Pedestrians are reminded to always use pedestrian crossings where possible, especially those taking new journeys to and from school. Cyclists should ensure their bike is in good working order and carries front and rear lights.

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Keeping vehicles safe

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing.

Below are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

[Click the below link.](#)

[Keeping vehicles safe](#) | [Crime prevention](#) | [West Mercia Police](#)

LET'S PUT THE BRAKES ON CAR KEY BURGLARY



Add a visible deterrent and lock your steering wheel.



Put your keys in a signal blocking bag.



Keep your wireless car keys away from your car.



Turn off wireless signals on your fob when its not in use.

Report any suspicious behaviour at
www.westmercia.police.uk/report



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