



On the beat in **Stourport-On-Severn**

December
2025

What have the team been doing?

We launched the free personal safety and self-defence sessions for women and girls aged 16+, which aims to empower women and girls and enhancing personal safety in Stourport and across the Wyre Forest community.

To date we have had 73 women and girls sign up to attend the sessions, and there remains 3 further sessions to take place, with spaces still available.

Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Common
Road, Stourport, DY13 0NB

- Wednesday 3rd December | 2:45pm – 4:15pm
- Wednesday 17th December | 2:45pm – 4:15pm

St Michael's Church Parish Room, Church Drive, Stourport, DY13 9DD

- Wednesday 10th December | 5:45pm – 7:15pm

If you are female and over 16 and feel this session would be useful for you, please scan the QR code to complete the registration form, or email stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk.



Scan the QR code to complete
the registration form:





"Do we have any community bleed kits?", - that was a passing comment from PC Mark Bennett that has led to the town now having 11 bleed kits. A bleed kit is a specialised first aid kit that contains specific tools that help to control excessive bleeding.

The intention of this project is not to cause concern within Stourport about knife-crime, it is to distribute the kits and have them readily available should they ever be needed.

One kit has been donated to Stourport High School, another at Burlish Bike Park and one at the new youth centre on The Walshes. The other kits can found here:

- *Gore Properties, St Michaels Close*
- *Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens*
- *Public Access Toilets, The Riverside Car Park*
- *Stourport Community Centre, Lower Lickhill Road*
- *The Black Star, Mitton Street*
- *Pinfold Court*



The team will continue to engage with local partners and businesses within Stourport with the intention of encouraging the purchasing and distribution of more kits.

As part of ongoing police-community engagement, Chief Officers from North Worcestershire visited the FoodShare Wyre Forest & Community Café, located on the Walshes. Chief Superintendent Edd Williams, Superintendent Helen Kinrade and Chief Inspector David King attended the Community Centre for a catch-up with local representative and partners, including the local housing provider.



The team launched their joint youth rugby project in partnership with Worcester Warriors Foundation and Stourport RFC which aims to engage young people through sport.

Running on Mondays, the Worcester Warriors Foundation Rugby 'Rock Up and Rugby' project in Stourport aims to offer ten one-hour tag-rugby sessions for girls and boys aged 11 to 16.

The sessions will be delivered by professional coaching staff from the Worcester Warriors Foundation and held at Stourport RFC, Walshes Meadow, Harold Davies Dr, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0AA, on the remaining dates below from 5pm to 6pm.

Monday 8th December, Monday 15th December, Monday 12th January 2026, Monday 19th January, Monday 26th January, and Monday 2nd February.

You can sign up by scanning the QR code, or alternatively please contact Stourport SNT by emailing stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

A promotional poster for 'Rock Up & Rugby' tag rugby sessions. The poster has a blue background with a large, stylized white and yellow rugby ball in the center. At the top left is the Stourport RFC logo, at the top center is the Worcester Warriors Foundation logo, and at the top right is the West Mercia Police logo. Below the rugby ball is a large QR code. The text 'ROCK UP & RUGBY' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, and 'TAG RUGBY SESSIONS' is written in smaller yellow letters below it. At the bottom, it says 'STOURPORT RUGBY CLUB' and 'DY13 0AA' in blue. On the left, it says 'FREE TO JOIN' and 'AGES 11-16' in yellow. On the right, it says 'MONDAYS' and '5PM - 6PM' in yellow. At the bottom center, there is a small logo for John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia.

Good news

- 6th November – a vehicle was seized on York St for no tax.
- 8th November – 3 motorists were issued Traffic Offence Reports for motoring offences.
- 10th November – the team visited the old M&Co building where they spoke with local representatives who are in the process of setting up a new Community Café. The Café will be aimed at reaching out to a wide range of people in the community. The Café also aims to help reduce anti-social behaviour by engaging with local young people and adults aged between 11-25 years of age.
- 11th November – the team represented West Mercia Police at the Stourport Remembrance Day Parade.
- 15th November – 3 vehicles were seized, and the 3 motorists were issued Traffic Offence Reports for motoring offences. We located an individual wanted on a prison recall; this person was subsequently arrested.
- 18th November – the team visited Stourport High School as part of Op Sceptre week, which is a national initiative focused on tackling knife crime.
- 19th November – the team visited St Michael and All Angels Church which is a designated Warm Space in Stourport and is open every Tuesday between 10:00 and 13:00.
- 26th November – the team arrested a woman on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class A and drug driving. The female has been released under investigation as enquiries continue.
- 29th November – we seized a vehicle on the Walshes estate. The driver was issued a Traffic Offence Report for motoring offences.

Free Online Sessions through Eventbrite

You can sign up to free online sessions through the West Mercia Police Eventbrite page, with sessions including:

Online safety (Child exploitation) session for parents and guardians - Dec 10 from 12pm to 1pm

Exploitation and vulnerability session for professionals - Jan 28 from 12:30pm to 2pm



To browse our range of sessions, please **search for West Mercia Police Eventbrite**.

Ride Along Scheme

West Mercia Police invite residents to join an officer from their Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) on patrol and experience firsthand how they work to resolve issues and concerns in the local area.

The Ride Along scheme is re-launching in

Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire and offers members of the public an insight into front-line policing.

SNTs are made up of police officers, special constables, police community support officers and volunteers, supported by additional officers and staff from the wider area. They are dedicated to serving your community and resolving issues that matter the most to residents.

Successful applicants will accompany an SNT officer for their shift and experience what a day on duty might look like.

Chief Inspector Matt Sanders, who is leading the scheme, said:

"We are very excited to re-introduce the Ride Along scheme to the public.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for the residents of our three counties to have a real insight into how we police their towns and cities. We hope the scheme will strengthen relationships between police and the public and allow for one-to-one conversations while out on patrol in your area."

The Ride Along scheme is open to anyone aged 18 or over, and you must live in Herefordshire, Shropshire or Worcestershire.

Whether you are considering a career in policing, would like to know how your local area is being policed, or simply have an interest in policing, you are invited on shift. • For more information head to our website



Top 3 prevention advice for this newsletter are:

Tips for making other people feel safer on the streets

Some of this advice might seem obvious, but there are some simple things we can do to help other people feel safer when they're out in public.

Keep your distance

When walking behind someone, particularly at night, try to leave a good amount of distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. Remember that the closer you are, the more threatening you might seem.

Don't stare

A stranger staring at you can be intimidating and unsettling. Focus on something else to show you're not a threat. Look out of the window, message a friend, or read a book or newspaper.

Cross the road

Somebody running up behind you, particularly at night, can be frightening.

If you're out for an evening run, or walk, and see someone walking ahead, cross the road, call out to let them know you're about to run by them or make sure to leave a good amount of space when you pass them.

Keep comments to yourself

What you might think of as just a bit of fun, or flattery, can be insulting, upsetting or even scary to someone else. Keep any comments or opinions to yourself.

Keep your friends in line

If you're in a group of people where someone is harassing another person on the street, try to calm the situation. They may just need to be told that they're behaving inappropriately.

Be an active bystander

If you notice someone is uncomfortable with another person's behaviour, show your support by being an active bystander. It can be as simple as standing between a person and their harasser to block their line of sight. Ask that person if they need any help, and back up anyone else who is intervening.

Protecting your home during darker nights



1. Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.

2. Secure side gate: keep side gates always locked. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.

3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.

4. Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.

5. Security light: install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.

6. Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.

7. Secure your shed; always keep your shed locked and secured, and make sure it is anchored down to prevent it from being lifted to gain access. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.

8. Never leave tools lying around; never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

Mobile phone advice

Protect yourself from mobile phone theft

- Don't leave your phone, iPad, tablet or camera unattended, out of your sight, or left on a table. Thieves can grab a phone from a table in seconds.
- Be aware of your surroundings and only use your mobile when it feels safe to.
- When you've finished using it, put it away.

Things to do now that will help if your phone gets stolen

Secure your phone:

Use your phone's security features to stop someone using your phone if it's stolen. Choose a strong PIN, passcode, password or pattern.

Get your IMEI number:

Get your phone's IMEI number by typing *#06# on your phone keypad. Keep a note of it somewhere other than on your phone. The IMEI can help track the phone down if it's lost or stolen.

Use a tracking app:

Set up a tracking app on your phone so you can see where it is from another device like a laptop. Use it as soon as possible, before thieves have a chance to disable it.

Turn off message previews:

Turn off message previews, so that thieves won't see any messages about reset or login codes when your phone is locked.

Make sure you can still access your data:

Make sure:

- your phone data is regularly being backed up, either automatically over wifi or by plugging it into a computer
- there's somewhere else you can get access codes sent to (two-factor authentication codes) to access your data from another device
- you keep important information like family and friends' phone numbers and passwords somewhere else secure, not just on your phone

Appeals for information

- We are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle was damaged overnight between the 30th November and 1st December on Worth Crescent. We are appealing for residents who may have CCTV or Ring doorbell footage from the night of the incident that could assist with our investigation.
- We continue to appeal to residents in the community to report all instances of crime and antisocial behaviour to assist us with building a picture and to target our activity to address the issues of most concern to our community.
- Members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form. West Mercia Police's road traffic officers review each submission and take the appropriate action.

Visit westmercia.police.uk/operation-snap/ for more and to submit footage

Police Surgery dates for December

- 5th December- 10am-11am **Walshes Police Post**- 36 Old Ford Walk, Stourport DY13 0DW
 - 8th December- 10am-11am-**TSB**, High Street, Stourport, DY13 8DA
 - 9th December- 3pm-4pm – **Co-Op**, Areley Common, Stourport, DY13 0NG
 - 15th December – 10am-11am **St Richards Hospice**, Lombard St, Stourport, DY13 8DR
 - 16th December – 10am – 11am **Methodist Church**, Parkes Passage, Stourport, DY13 9EA
 - 17th December- 1pm- 2pm- **Civic Hall**, New Street, Stourport DY13 8UN
 - 17th December- 6pm-7pm- **Queens Road Store**, Queens Road, Stourport, DY13 0BH
 - 18th December- 12pm-1pm- **Lidl**, Vale Road, DY13 8YJ
 - 19th December- 10pm-11pm- **Tesco**, Severn Road, Stourport DY13 9HB
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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

Follow us on social media:



Current statistics on calls to police and crime recording for your neighbourhood can be found at www.police.uk or follow the link below:

www.westmercia.police.uk/area/your-area/west-mercia/northworcestershire/stourport

If you wish to discuss further, please contact a member of your safer neighbourhood team.

How to report an incident

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.

Contact the team

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