



On the beat in **Bewdley & Rural**

October -
December
2025

What have the team been doing?

Officers from The Safer Neighbourhood Team had the pleasure of visiting The Bewdley School to support students taking part in mock interviews. It was fantastic to engage with young people, offer guidance and help build their confidence as they prepare for future careers. We were impressed by their professionalism and enthusiasm – the future looks bright! Thank you to The Bewdley School for the warm welcome and for giving us the opportunity to be part of such a valuable initiative.



Road Safety



In response to our town/parish councils and residents raising concerns about the speed of traffic the team have been monitoring vehicle speeds on the A456 Bewdley Bypass, Clows Top, Bliss Gate Road, Heightington Road and Callow Hill.

Our speed surveys were carried out on different days and times and the results showed the majority of drivers adhered to speed limits helping to keep our roads safe.



The team have also carried out speed enforcement days on the A456 Bewdley Bypass however no speeding offences were recorded.

Remembrance 2025



PC Ginder and PC Littleford took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Bewdley town centre on Sunday 9th November. PCSO Bray attended Callow Hill to lay the wreath on behalf of the team.

Business Week of Action



Business week of action took place week beginning 10th November as part of the ongoing police and partnership response to tackling retail crime, anti-social behaviour and other crimes impacting businesses in local communities.

As part of this the team visited local building sites to offer crime prevention advice and supply property marking items for onsite tools.



ASB Vehicles in Bewdley

As part of concerns raised by Bewdley Town Council the team have carried out targeted patrols in the area in relation to noisy and nuisance vehicles. We have engaged with and educated drivers in relation to loud exhausts, window tints and vehicle lights amongst other things. At the beginning of December the team carried out a Policing Operation as part of this.

Be Safe, Be Seen



On Sunday 29th November the team attended the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre and met up with the local running club 'Thiswomanruns'

This is a female based club from Bewdley who meet up on Sundays.

Officers gave crime prevention advice, personal attack alarms and high visibility items to the group.

Engagement

The team popped in to the dementia support group Christmas lunch at Bewdley Rowing Club on the 4th December. Bewdley Councillors and the Mayor were also in attendance. A great opportunity for us to engage.






Thank you to Cllr Harvey for the invite.



Crime Free at Christmas

 Bewdley Safer Neighbourhood Team 'Crime Free at Christmas' crime prevention police surgeries

Drop in to speak to officers at the following locations and times on Thursday 11th December 2025

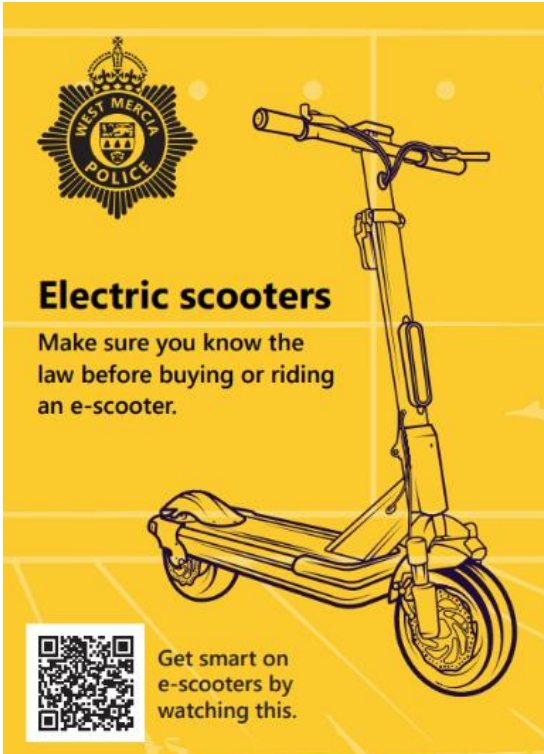
-  10:00am until 10:30am Rock Village Hall Car Park
-  10:45am until 11:15am Wyre Forest Visitor Centre Car Park
-  11:30am until 12:00 noon Habberley Valley Car Park
-  12:15pm until 12:45pm Trimpley Village Hall Car Park
-  1:00pm until 1:30pm Arley Memorial Hall Car Park


We will be on hand to listen to any concerns and to offer crime prevention advice. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

Thinking of buying an E Scooter for Christmas? Do you know the law?

Although electric 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 or Worcestershire, e-scooters can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the land-owner.


West Mercia Police are actively trying to reduce the anti-social behaviour caused in the community by the illegal use of e-scooters, as well as raising awareness of the law. Anyone found using them in public areas risks having the e-scooter seized by the police.




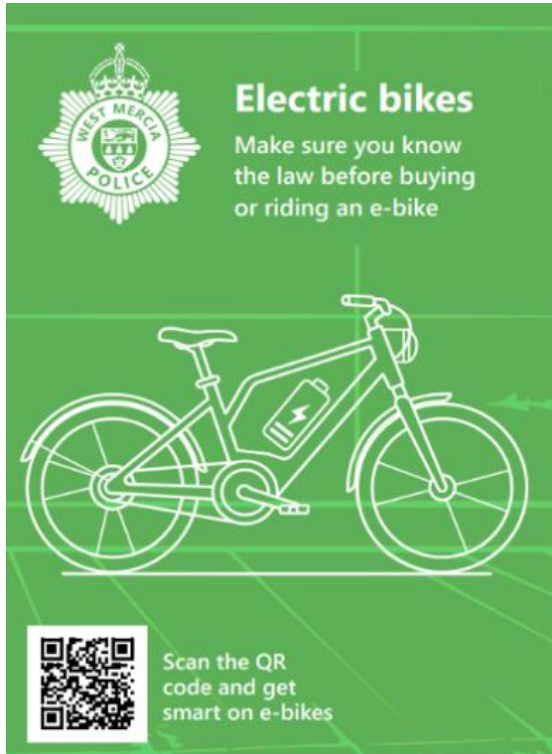



Electric scooters

Make sure you know the law before buying or riding an e-scooter.




 Get smart on e-scooters by watching this.






Electric bikes

Make sure you know the law before buying or riding an e-bike



 Scan the QR code and get smart on e-bikes

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



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.

Appeals for information

- 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

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.

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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.

The team would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year