



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

March
2026

What have the team been doing?

Bleed Kit Updates!



Over the past couple of weeks Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Team have continued their mission to install as many Bleed Kits into the community as possible. The following locations have now had a bleed kit donated to them:

- Stourport Sports Club, The Kingsway
- Wyre Forest Food Share, Linden Avenue
- Younity Youth and Family Hub, Queens Road
- Severns Club, Lickhill Road
- Kings Arms Public House, Red House Road
- Civic Centre, New Street

It hasn't stopped there however as the Bewdley Safer Neighbourhood Team have also donated one to the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre!

We were also able to attend a session hosted by Wyre Forest Food Share and delivered by Wyre Forest Community First Responders within which members of the public were given an awareness session on how to use Community Defibrillators and the Bleed Kits. It was great to see the session being delivered to so many people. Whilst both the Defibrillators and the Bleed kits are designed to be easy to use, it is clear that the people who attended gained confidence in their use if it were ever needed.

Youth engagement



On the 11th February Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Team joined the Bewdley team and visited Upper Arely Primary School. We chatted to the little ones about the job we do and let them sit in the police car. Stourport Safer neighbourhood Team also visited Stourport Brownies last week. The discussion went towards them earning another badge for their uniform.

If you would like Stourport local police team to visit one of your events drop us an email Stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Community engagement



On the 17th February Stourport SNT attended the Happy Memories Club at St Michaels Church to chat to volunteers and attendees, we even participated in the pancake day celebrations! This is a gathering to allow people with Dementia and their carers to meet socially in a safe environment on a regular basis. The cafe runs on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Further information available from Liz Bloomer
01299825009 / 07807070508

Good news – Yunity now officially open!



On the 20th February Yunity held its official opening ceremony. Stourport SNT attended the Grand Opening of the Yunity Youth and Family Hub on Queens Road, Stourport. Mayor John Thomas cut the ribbon to announce the opening.

Yunity is a newly established Youth and Family Hub located on Queens Road, Stourport. The hub provides regular youth club sessions for local young people:

Ages 8–11: Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Ages 12–17: Fridays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Youth Fishing Workshops with Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Team 🚓

Stourport SNT are looking to see what the interest would be if we were to host a series of fishing workshops for young people of Stourport aged between 11yrs-18yrs 🚓💙

 **17** Date: May 2026

 Location: Stourport On Severn

 Time: Evenings

This would be a fantastic opportunity for kids to:

 Learn and improve fishing skills with qualified coaches, Learn about rules of fishing on our local water course and where you can fish locally

 Water safety input - using life saving water equipment, CPR training etc..

 Q & A session with well known guest speakers

 Enjoy snacks

 Meet and interact with Stourport SNT

If you feel this would benefit your child please email Stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk

In other news

8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model 92



8mm PAK Bruni BBM New Police



8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model 96



8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model 'GAP'



.380R (7mmK) PAK Bruni BBM ME Ranger
single-action blank firing revolver



West Mercia Police ran a fire arms amnesty last month. At the time this newsletter went to print 22 weapons were surrendered so far in an amnesty being held until February 27 for owners of five types of firearms which have now been made illegal.

If you own a side or top-venting blank firer #TVBF manufactured by BRUNI there is a chance it is one of five models which need to be handed in after tests by @NCA_UK and police showed they are readily convertible and therefore illegal.

PCC John Champion returned to Stourport to continue the conversation on local policing, six months after residents raised concerns about the service they were receiving. The meeting took place on the 3rd February at Areley Kings Village Hall. To read the minutes from the meeting please visit www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/stourport-community-conversation-minutes--



ASB Survey

Share your experiences and views on anti-social behaviour (ASB) in your community.

We are inviting you to share your experiences of antisocial behaviour (ASB) and how it affects where you live.

The survey focuses on your local area, defined as within a 15 minute walk from your home, and takes just a few minutes to complete. The insight gathered will help officers target resources more effectively and work with partners to make your local area safer.

By taking part, you can help influence how ASB is addressed locally to you and support longer term improvements in community safety. Survey Closes 15th March 2026. Go to www.westmercia.police.uk/news/west-mercia/news/2026/february/survey-launched-to-better-understand-asb-in-west-mercia/

Parking



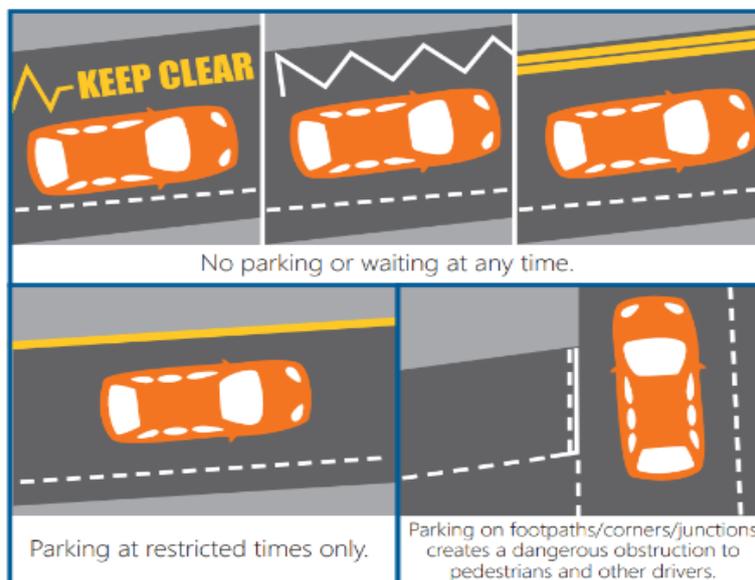
Think before you park

The vast majority of people park in a considerate manner and if they park on a pavement it is only by a few inches, leaving enough room for a double buggy, large wheelchair or guide dog and owner to get past. However, there are a minority of motorists that park fully on the pavement or up against street furniture making it impossible or extremely difficult to get past.

When a vehicle is parked on a pavement next to an overgrown hedge, lamp post or tree, the problem becomes worse. A blind pavement user is either forced to go into the road which has inherent dangers that this brings, or more likely to end up with a face full of hedge or an injury from a tree branch. An obstruction can also impact on access by emergency services vehicles. Parking on pavements also causes cracked paving slabs, which can create further access problems for pedestrians.

Car parks can be used where provided for safe and unobstructive parking, please ensure you use them.

Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger. Remember the following:



Reporting Fraud

To report fraud and cyber crime

Online - reportfraud.police.uk

By phone - [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040)

If you've been the victim of a cyber crime or fraud, or you suspect one is being attempted, report it to Report Fraud.

Report Fraud is the UK's national cyber crime and fraud reporting service.

Appeals for information

- Officers are appealing for witnesses to a robbery in Bewdley on Monday 9 February.

Around 9am, three men entered a property on Ribbesford Road and threatened the victim with a piece of glass and demanded money. The suspects fled the property with between £2,000 and £3,000 cash and jewellery. The victim sustained an injury to their hand during the incident.

Detective Sergeant Lance Pritchard said: "This was a terrifying experience for the victim, and I am appealing to members of the public who may have seen these three unknown men around the time of the robbery.

"I ask that anyone who was on the Bewdley Bypass between 8am and 9.30am to please check dashcam footage to see if they captured the three men involved. I would also like to hear from anyone who has any information to help with our enquiries to please contact me."

You can email DS Pritchard here: lance.pritchard@westmercia.police.uk

Alternatively, information can be reported 100% anonymously through Independent UK charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

- Illegal off-road bikes and e-scooters – As the weather starts to improve, we have started to receive an increase of reports illegal bikes being ridden illegally and in an antisocial manner around Stourport. We ask that anyone who has information about the persons committing these offenses please contact Stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk or Alternatively, information can be reported 100% anonymously through Independent UK charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Anyone who believes there may be illegal cannabis grows or criminal activity in their community is urged to report it to us via our website www.westmercia.police.uk/report . Always call 999 in an emergency.

Alternatively, if you have information but don't feel comfortable talking to the police you can speak to independent charity Crimestoppers. It is 100% anonymous they never ask your name, and they cannot trace your call or IP address. You can contact them by:

Online - crimestoppers-uk.org

By phone - 0800 555 111

They'll ask questions about the crime but won't ask about you. If you're concerned your call could be traced, dial 141 before 0800 555 111, this will block your phone number.

0800 numbers are free from a landline and don't show up on BT or cable phone bills.

Crime prevention advice for this newsletter:

Protect your property against vandalism

Vandalism is where property is maliciously destroyed or damaged - frequently without theft being involved. Safeguard your property with our advice below.

Keep it visible

It might feel like your house is more secure behind a high wall or fence but the fact it can't be seen from the street could make it a more tempting target.

Make sure your property can be easily seen by your neighbours and the public by ensuring hedges, fences and walls at the front are no higher than one metre. That way, you're not giving an intruder anywhere to hide.

Clever use of lighting can also help to keep burglars at bay. We recommend dusk-till-dawn, low-level white lighting, especially in vulnerable, low visibility areas such as the side or the rear of the property. Lights should be a minimum of three metres above ground with vandal-resistant casings.

Create a boundary

By doing this, you're laying out your patch, marking your territory – and anyone crossing that line uninvited or unauthorised is trespassing.

You can do this in a number of ways, such as a low fence, wall, hedge, flower bed or small bushes. Best to avoid a rockery or large stones as they can be used by vandals.

And if you're having your driveway done, make it a different colour to that of the road.

Protect what's yours

Be sure to safeguard vulnerable points such as ground floor windows with one-metre high sharp, prickly bushes. Nature's barbed wire, can offer protection and look good too.

Security film – a clear or opaque covering that can be stuck onto windows – makes it harder to smash the glass.

White walls attract vandals with spray cans but anti-graffiti coatings that prevent paint from bonding to surfaces are great deterrents.

Don't make it easy for them

There's more to security than keeping gates closed and doors, windows and sheds locked.

First off, if you have a surface which anyone can sit on – like a ledge or a low wall – make sure it's not 'bottom-friendly'. For example, planters with prickly plants look nice but are a pain for anyone just hanging around or any uninvited guests. Also, secure the side and rear boundary of your property with a two-metre high fence topped with a trellis, which is lightweight and unable to support a person. What's more, it makes an awful racket if anyone tries to use it to gain access.

Keep it tidy

It's a fact that rubbish attracts rubbish. If a property is messy, some people won't think twice about adding to it or simply hanging around in the area.

A neat and tidy property conveys a sense of order. That's why we advise not to leave rubbish, ladders, wheelie bins or anything else that could be used for burglary or vandalism lying around.

Police Surgery dates for February

- Co-op, Areley Kings, Stourport 5th March 6pm-7pm
- Lidl Police Surgery, Vale Road, Stourport 14th March 6pm – 7pm
- SNT office Old Ford Walk surgery 18th March 12pm-1pm
- TSB, High Street, Stourport 23rd March 1pm-2pm
- St Richards Hospice. Tannery Retail Park, Lombard Street 24th March 1pm-2pm
- Foodshare, Community Centre, Linden Avenue 26th March 10am-11am
- Library, New Street 27th March 3pm-4pm

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters



Follow us on social media:



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 www.police.uk or follow the link below:

www.westmercia.police.uk/area/your-area/west-mercia/north-worcestershire/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

Stourport SNT (stourport.snt@westmercia.police.uk)

 <p>PC Mark Bennett 07890 512300</p>	 <p>PC Sam Maher 07773 043099</p>	 <p>PC Mike Roberts 07773 044574</p>	
 <p>PCSO Lisa Hopkins 07773 042025</p>	 <p>PCSO Jane Hardy-Richards 07968 508113</p>	 <p>PCSO Sue White 07773 044188</p>	 <p>PCSO Shelley Wilcox 07773 046794</p>