



On the beat in

## Stourport-On-Severn

October  
2025

### What have the team been doing?

#### Partnership working

Each year we are invited to attend Stourport Town Councils VAS speed sign working party. The meeting consists of representatives from Stourport Town Council working party, Cllr Morris, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Dawes, The Town Council Clerk Sue Saunders WFDC district councillors, Cllr Griffiths & Cllr Sutton, WCC Cllr Perks and WCC Highways liaison Officer Dean Caswell and PC Maher & PC Roberts from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The meeting focusses on analysing the data that is collected by the Stourport Town Council owned VAS Signs that are rotated around the area of Stourport over the previous 12 months. Discussions are held regarding current locations and any new locations to include based on data and recent community concerns.

Stourport Town Council secured funding from the PPC road safety fund and has purchased two newer versions which are in the process of being installed as designated locations.

This year WCC Karl Perks installed a newer version VAS sign on Lickhill Road and has transferred this to the Town Council to incorporate the data results into the working party.

The signs act as a visual reminder, prompting drivers when exceeding the speed limit, or highlighting the legal limit of a given area which are markedly proven methods of speed reduction. This visual reminder prompts drivers to adjust their speed and adhere to the posted limits. This improves compliance with speed regulations, promoting safer driving behaviour.

The signs also allow for the collection of valuable insights into traffic patterns such as identifying areas with excessive speeding and evaluating the effectiveness of current speed limit enforcement measures. Additionally, this information can optimise traffic management strategies, identify high-risk areas, and develop targeted interventions to enhance road safety.



## Drugs Warrant

Two people were arrested on suspicion of drug dealing when a warrant was executed at an address in Stourport this morning (Friday 12 September).

Officers from Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), supported by colleagues from Wyre Forest SNT, Task Force and a dog handler entered the property in Chequers Close on the Walshes estate following intelligence around suspected dealing of illegal drugs.



Inside the property, they found

and seized significant quantities of class A drugs believed to be crack cocaine and heroin as well as suspected MDMA tablets, knives, illegal drug production paraphernalia, imitation firearms, mobile phones, and hundreds of pounds of cash.

One man in his 40s was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and a woman in her 30s was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. Both are currently in police custody.



## Wednesday Walk About

Stourport SNT, in partnership with Wyre Forest Community Housing and County Councillor Karl Perks, conducted a community walkabout on the Walshes estate in Stourport today.

The initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen community engagement, identify local concerns, and work collaboratively to improve safety



and wellbeing in the area. Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team joined representatives from Wyre Forest Community Housing and Cllr Perks to speak directly with residents, listen to feedback, and assess environmental and safety issues



## Good news

- Two people have been arrested for Robbery in Stourport on Severn. SNT officer assisted Patrol colleagues locate the offenders. After a short foot chase the male was detained and arrested.
- Two people have been charged in connection with a number of offences in the Stourport-on-Severn and Kidderminster areas.

Thomas Harris, aged 38 of York Street, Stourport-on-Severn has been charged with fourteen offences in connection with the below incidents:

7 thefts from shops spanning between April and September this year:

Spar, Stourport: 27 April

Asda Service Station, Stourport: 9 May

Tesco Express, Bewdley Hill, Kidderminster: 2 June.

ReGenerate, Kidderminster: 17 June

Tesco, Stourport: 9 August.

Mid Counties Co-Operative Store: 28 August and 5 September.

Assault at Spar on Lower, Lickhill Road, Stourport on 27 April

Robbery on Stourport High Street on 18 May.

Causing racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress at Morrisons Daily, Worcester Road, Stourport on 11 June.

Possession of Class A cocaine on 18 June.

Intimidating a witness on 14 July.

Attempted theft from Select and Save on 11 August.

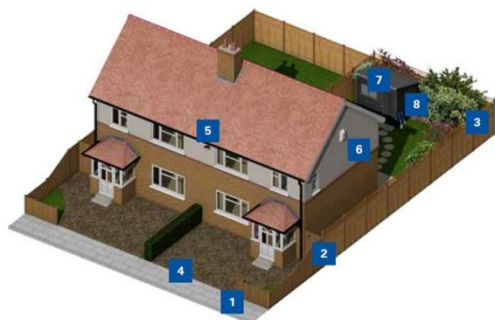
Robbery on York Street, Stourport on 7 September.

Natalie Wood, aged 45, also of York Street, Stourport-on-Severn has also been charged with robbery in connection with the incident on York Street, Stourport on 7 September. She is also charged with theft from ReGenerate in Kidderminster on 17 June.

- Two 17 year old males have been arrested in connection to an offence of Attempted Murder. Enquires are ongoing.
- A stolen Jagua XF was located and seized by SNT whilst on patrol on the Walshes. Enquires are ongoing.

## Top 3 Crime prevention advice for this newsletter are:

### **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.

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## Have a safe halloween

-  Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
-  Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
-  Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
-  Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
-  Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
-  Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'.

### The five golden rules to keep your vehicle safe



1. Park in well-used and brighter locations
2. Hide your stuff away
3. Protect your windows
4. Pick your car park carefully
5. Make space

## Appeals for information

- We are appealing for witnesses following a collision involving a Yamaha XJR1300 motorbike on the A451 Minster Road heading away from Stourport last night (Friday 12 September).

Police, fire, ambulance and air ambulance all attended the incident but sadly, the motorcyclist, a man in his 50s, was pronounced deceased at the scene a short time later.

We would like anyone who saw the collision (or has dashcam footage or CCTV) or witnessed the motorbike around the time to get in touch with police.

Please contact [sciusouth@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:sciusouth@westmercia.police.uk) quoting 431\_i of Friday 12 September.

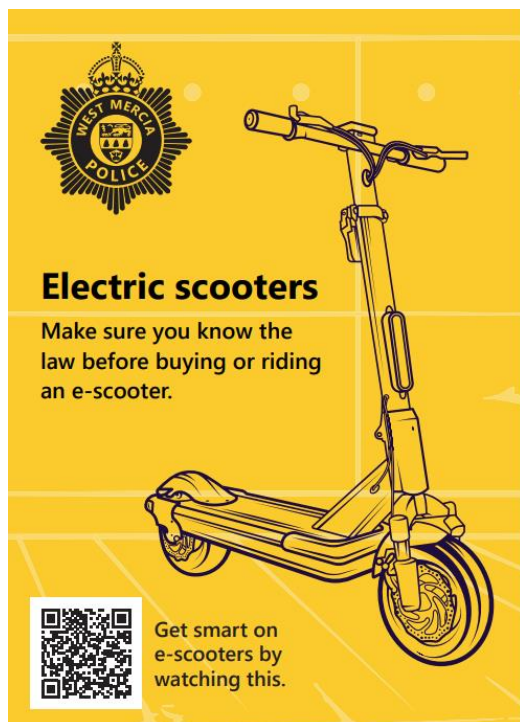
## Electric Scooters

Did you know that while it is not illegal to buy an e-scooter, 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?

There are no legal schemes in place in the counties covered by West Mercia Police, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, so across the force e-scooters can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the landowner.

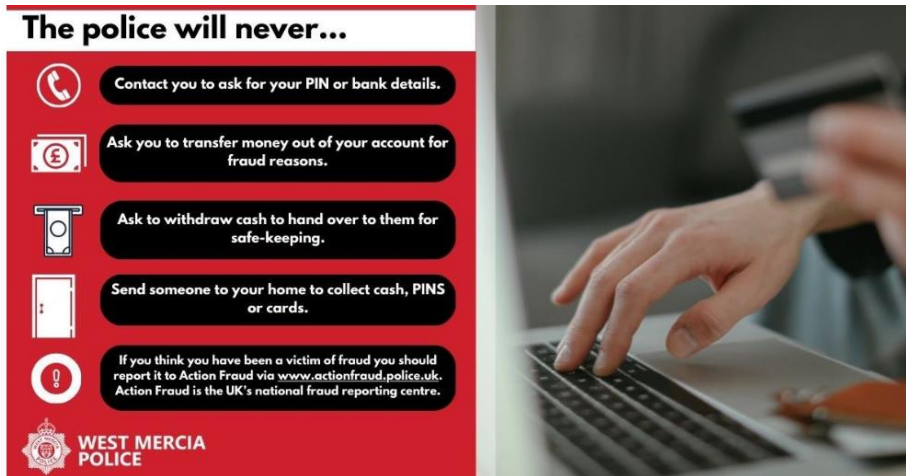
E-scooters are currently classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) by the Government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles in terms of requiring insurance, tax, MOT, licence and registration.

There is no mechanism in place currently 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.



Visit [westmercia.police.uk/operation-snap/](https://westmercia.police.uk/operation-snap/) for more and to submit footage

# Warning to be on your guard against courier fraudsters



Members of the public are being reminded to be on their guard against criminals claiming to be from the police in a scam known as 'courier fraud'.

The warning follows an incident in Bromsgrove this week where a man rang a woman in her 80s and pretended to be a police officer from London.

On Tuesday (23 September) a man

claiming to be from "Paddington police station" asked the woman to go to her bank and withdraw £5,000. A 'courier' then attended her address to pick up the money.

Courier fraudsters will attempt to convince people they are legitimate police officers, often claiming to be from the 'fraud squad' or 'New Scotland Yard' for example.

But they are not genuine officers. They are in fact the very criminals they claim to be targeting when they target their potential victims.

Tactics often deployed by these con artists include attempting to persuade people to part with cash or expensive items like watches which are later collected by a fake courier such as a taxi driver who is working with the bogus police officer on the phone.

The caller will tell their victim to call 999 or 101 to confirm the details to police, except they stay on the phone so when they pick up again thinking they have dialled police, they instead speak to another person pretending to be an officer.

Other ways they attempt to deceive are to claim to be a police officer calling to say your bank card had been used for a fraudulent transaction.

The fraudster would then lie about an investigation being conducted, that they would cancel the victim's cards but to do this they had to hand them over to be collected by a fake colleague.

They can sound convincing as they might mention an address and basic details about bank accounts before asking them to place cards in an 'safe place' outside their home or another specified location.

Incidents like these are being tackled as part of Operation Prospero, which directly targets offenders posing as police officers, working in conjunction with Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre.

For more information about door-to-door and courier fraud please visit [Door-to-door and courier fraud | West Mercia Police](#)

Anyone who thinks they may have been contacted by a bogus police officer should call **101** or report it via our website [Report a crime | West Mercia Police](#). Always call **999** in an emergency.



## Police Surgery dates Oct

02/10/2025- 3pm-5pm- The Severns Club, Lickhill Road, Stourport, DY13 8SB  
03/10/2025- 1pm-2pm- B and M Stores, Lombard Street, Stourport, DY13 8DR  
06/10/2025- 10am-12pm TSB Bank, 10-11 High Street Stourport, DY13 8DA  
08/10/2025- 12pm-1pm- Village Hall, Areley Common, Stourport, DY13 0NB  
08/10/2025 - 1:30pm-2:30pm- The Civic Hall foyer, New Street, Stourport, DY13 8UN  
09/10/2025- 10am-12pm- St Richards Hospice, Lombard Street, Stourport, DY13 8DR  
15/10/2025- Over 50's Showcase- The Civic Hall, New Street, Stourport, DY13 8UN  
16/10/2025- 6pm-7pm- Queens Road Stores, Queens Road, Stourport, DY13 0BH  
21/10/2025 -10am-12pm-Wesley Methodist Church, Parkes Passage, Stourport, DY13 8BP  
25/10/2025- 6pm-7pm, Community Centre, Hermitage Way, Stourport, DY13 8RW  
28/10/2025- 6pm-7pm, Queens Road Stores, Queens Road, Stourport, DY13 0BH

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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](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)

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Follow us on social media:    

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

[www.westmercia.police.uk/area/your-area/west-mercia/north-worcestershire/stourport](http://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](http://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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