

Police Briefing Tuesday 8th October 2013

Golden Valley

Firstly we need to let you know that we have a new email address. This address has replaced the old Golden Valley address and it has already gone

live. goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Madley

Over the weekend our patrols have been in the Madley area, three males were found drinking in the designated no drinking zone at the tennis courts. The males were made to pour their alcohol away and given words of advice on this occasion. With the help of calls made to us from residents we have also dealt with a driver which had been driving on the grass in the playing field and the drivers of two cars which have been driving inappropriately through the village.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team are currently tackling parking issues around Madley, Clehonger and Ewyas Harold schools due to numerous complaints from residents. Please be mindful of how you are parking or you may well find yourself with a fixed penalty notice!!

Positive Policing: On September 26th Operation Wingspan took place throughout Herefordshire. This was part of the YOU SAID, WE DID campaign; an operation to target organised criminals such drug users/dealers and to act upon any intelligence that we have received regarding drugs/weapons and other crime. 32 warrants were executed and 20 arrests were made. It was an excellent operation based on information from members of the public.

SmartWater signs

If you have recently purchased a £20 kit from us, we have now had a delivery of A5 signs that we are giving free for each kit purchased.

Please get in touch if you would like one - this is only for purchasers of £20 kits.

Scams

One of our readers forwarded a text message that he'd received that read 'ATTENTION! We have tried to contact you. It is important that we speak to you today. Please call 0844 877 3014 quoting your reference ***** Thank you' I have tried to call that number (probably costing the force hundreds of pounds!!) and it was an automated response from a company calling itself NMS. They said they needed to speak to me but I was then put on hold for ages so I hung up. I suggest you ignore any such texts.

Below is another e-mail allegedly from HMRC that was forwarded to me by another of our readers - I won't need to tell you this is a scam!

Dear Applicant:

You have received a tax refund payment of 600.55GBP from HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) into your Internet Banking Account.

Please accept the tax refund request. The money will appear in your Internet Banking Account within 3-6 days. A refund can be delayed for a variety of reasons. For example submitting invalid records or applying after the deadline.

*Please click on [sign in](#) to Online Banking to accept your incoming funds
Best Regards*

HM Revenue & Customs

Warwickshire Police And West Mercia Police Announce

Local Policing Changes

From 30 September 2013, the delivery of local policing services serving 745,000 households across Warwickshire and West Mercia will change.

As a result of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review the forces are required to identify £30.3 million in savings by 2015. The new policing model is designed to deliver the maximum protection possible to communities throughout Warwickshire and West Mercia.

All areas will continue to be served by a locally based, dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) comprising police officers, police community support officers (PCSOs) and special police constables. Their primary role will continue to be to work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues of day-to-day crime and anti-social behaviour.

- Across West Mercia there are 82 SNTs
- Over 600 special constables will support SNTs across both forces

Managed by a police sergeant, each SNT will include one police constable and two PCSOs.

Thirty SNTs in areas of high demand (defined on the basis of reported crime, incident levels and community need) will have two police officers and four PCSOs. One of these PCSOs will be based at a local school as part of the forces' Safer Schools Programme. Response officers operating from 14 patrol bases across Warwickshire and West Mercia will also support Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

An important element of the changes being announced is an extension to the powers of and hours worked by PCSOs. In future their additional powers will allow them to play a greater role in tackling harm caused by drugs and alcohol and they will be allowed to patrol later in the evening. Experience suggests quality of life issues such as anti-social

behaviour, criminal damage and graffiti most commonly affect people and SNTs are trained to tackle and solve these issues.

The forces are also making a commitment to make SNTs and response officers as visible and accessible as possible including reducing the time they spend travelling to and from their operational base. In future they will be able to spend more time on patrol thanks to investment in mobile technology. 67 TETRATABS (a mobile tablet style computer) are being introduced which, using the latest technology, will allow SNT teams to remotely access information and complete paperwork on the go. Each SNT will be also be equipped with a Blackberry and three mobile police stations will be introduced to rural communities in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire whilst Warwickshire will use four mobile stations (two of which are privately funded). The forces also remain committed to seeking the views of and engaging with the communities that the SNTs serve. In future each SNT will be promoting their work and responding to local people's comments via dedicated Twitter accounts. Detailed SNT information relevant to local areas will be available on

- www.westmercia.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/

Please do not reply to me personally as I will be on leave for a week, please reply to the new team e-mail address as listed above.

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non urgent messages for us, the
not monitored when we are on
and your message may not be
for some time if we are away.

Non emergency number **101**