



On the beat in

Stourport-On-Severn

January
2026

What have the team been doing?

Violence Against Woman and Girls (VAWG)



The final session of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) self defence programme took place this week on the 17th December at Areley Kings Village Hall, marking the successful conclusion of a multi week initiative designed to empower women and girls across the Wyre Forest. Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion attended the final session to show his support

and observe the training in action. This programme was delivered by the Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Police Team with funding and backing from the PCC.

The initiative has been delivered in partnership with Unite Tae-Kwon-Do instructors Kai and Sarah, with additional support from Areley Kings Village Hall and St Michael's Church. Over recent weeks women and girls have taken part in the free sessions, contributing to the programme's success and helping to drive forward local efforts to prevent violence against women and girls.

WARRANT executed a drugs warrant at an industrial unit on the Sandy Lane

WARRANT | Police executed a drugs warrant at an industrial unit on the Sandy Lane estate in Stourport this morning (Thursday) following community concerns around suspicious behaviour.

Officers from Wyre Forest Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) were supported by Task Force and CID teams at the raid.

Inside the building they found a quantity of cannabis plants at various stages of maturity and an electrical rig that had bypassed the original power supply to the unit.



No-one was inside the property, and no arrests were made but an investigation has been launched.

Local Priorities Road Safety Issues Update

A vehicle was reported to us as being abandoned on Areley Common, Stourport. Checks showed that the vehicle did not have the appropriate documentation to be legally on the road and was in an unroadworthy condition. It was therefore removed, and the owner will be hearing from us in due course.

Vehicle seized



On 11th December officers from Stourport Neighbourhood Team discovered a vehicle that was on Witley Way, Stourport. The vehicle was not displaying VRM plates, had no insurance, no valid MOT and no Tax. The vehicle has been seized, and an investigation has commenced.

Parking outside schools

Stourport SNT joined forces with the Civil Enforcement Officers yesterday and today ticketing drivers that are parking illegally outside schools. We will be on patrol with them this week visiting other schools in the Wyre Forest area. Parking inconsiderately puts children's lives at risk.



Vehicle seized



Stourport SNT seized a vehicle on Linden Ave yesterday due it not having any tax. Police are constantly on the lookout for vehicles being driven illegally and will take action.

Good news

We're Recruiting!



At West Mercia, we believe in creating an inclusive and dynamic culture to allow our officers and staff to provide a quality policing service. We are committed to providing a quality police service to our communities within Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, one of the largest jurisdictions in the country of over 2,800 square miles.

You'll work with dedicated, passionate and caring professionals who, like you, joined the force to make a difference and protect people from harm. Irrespective of the department you'd like to join, your skills and experience will help us shape the future of policing.

When you work for us, you will join a fantastic team of police officers and staff who care about our communities; about our colleagues; about making a difference and about continually developing our force to be the best we can be.

For more information visit www.westmercia.police.uk/careers

Electric scooter seized



An electric scooter was seized from Bridge Street.

Carols at St Michael's church

Stourport Safer Neighbourhood Team joined in with the festivities at St Michael's Church memory club/warm space. There were mince pies and carols. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



Tag Rugby for kids

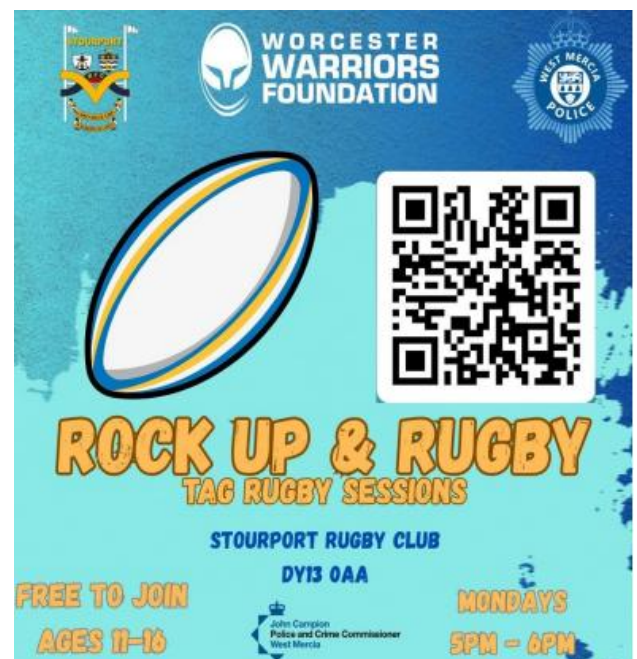


Worcester Warriors coach Matthew Cowdrey and local kids met for a tag rugby training session held at Stourport Rugby club. He taught them how to handle a rugby ball then progressed onto the rugby pitch for

further training. If you are aged between 11 - 16 and would like some coaching from the professionals the following dates are still available:

Monday 12th January 2026, Monday 19th January, Monday 26th January, 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



Ride Along Scheme

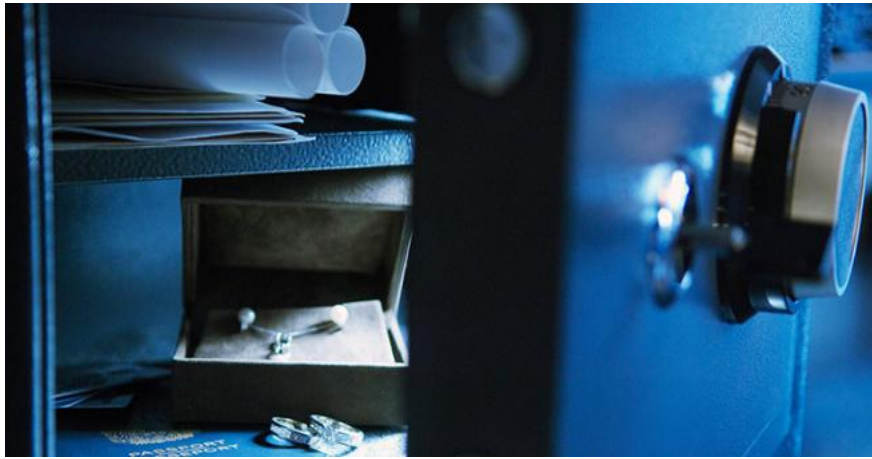


Ride Along Scheme West Mercia Police invite residents to join an officer from their Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) on patrol and experience firsthand how they work to resolve issues and concerns in the local area. The Ride Along scheme is re-launching in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire and 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 Crime prevention advice for this newsletter are:

1 Keep it safe- If you have high value items such as jewellery, watches, passports, credit cards, computer data and identification documents, you may want to consider storing them in a safe.



There are two options – either a home safe or a safety deposit vault.

Should you opt for a safe in your home, ensure it is fire rated. Home safes are also insurance rated according to the type and value of items designed to be placed inside, so check with your insurance company first to ensure you are adequately covered.

Position the safe carefully so it won't be easily discovered.

Don't place it in your bedroom as this is the first place a burglar will look. Be sure to effectively secure your safe by bolting it to a wall or floor.

2 Mark it- A determined burglar can be difficult to discourage. Good-quality doors, windows and locks are excellent deterrents, but there's even more you can do to slow down burglars in their tracks.

Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light. This can take the form of a special marker using ink or paint. Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your address. All these measures help police identify stolen goods, making it harder for thieves to sell. So make your mark. For information on police approved marking products, visit the [Secured by Design website](#).

Property marking isn't only for things like electrical items and bikes, you can also mark high value belongings like antiques. However, we recommend that you seek specialist advice.

If you have forensically marked your property, tell the criminals about it using stickers or posters that are usually provided with the forensic marking kits.

3- Cold Mornings- Every winter the force receives a number of reports of cars stolen after leaving the engine running, while they defrost the windscreen.

Some vehicle owners nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of their breakfast coffee - but that's all the time an opportunist thief needs.

West Mercia Police advises motorists to:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper
- Sit in vehicles while the heater de-mists the windscreen

Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for likely targets - when they spot a vehicle with its engine left running on a drive or outside a home, it's there for the taking.

One person will be dropped off, gets into the target vehicle and simply drives away.

Many of the vehicles are never recovered, and some - especially high value models such as Mercedes, BMW and Audi - may be shipped overseas.

If your car is stolen when keys have been left in it, you may find your insurance will not cover you. If your house keys are stolen along with your car, your home is then vulnerable too.

Appeals for information

- We are appealing for information following an assault on a dog walker in Stourport on 14th December.

The incident occurred around 2pm when a man was walking his dogs on the common land just off the B4196, near Areley Kings. Please contact PC Lunnon by emailing elliott.lunnon@westmercia.police.uk

- Anyone who believes there may be an illegal grow or criminal activity in their community is urged to report it to us via our website <https://orlo.uk/ZC936> . Always call 999 in an emergency.
- Alternatively, if you have information but don't feel comfortable speaking to police, you can speak to the 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 online or by calling 0800 555 111.

Police Surgery dates Sept

4th January - 1pm-2pm **Wyre Forest Food share**, Linden Ave, Stourport
6th January - 6pm-7pm **Outside Queens Road Stores-** Queens Road, Stourport DY13 0HB
9th January - 1pm-2pm **B&M Store**, Tannery Retail Park, Stourport, DY13 8EY
13th January – 10am – 11am **Stourport Library**, Martins Way, Stourport, DY13 8UN
14th January – 10am – 11am **St Richards Hospice**, Tannery Retail Park, Stourport DY13 8EY
15th January – 11am – 12.30pm **Wyre Forest Food Share**, Linden Ave, Stourport, DY13 0EG
16th January – 1pm-2pm **B&M Store**, Tannery Retail Park, Stourport, DY13 8EY
19th January – 10am – 11am **TSB**, High Street, Stourport, DY13 8DA
21st January – 6pm-7pm **Co Op**, Areley Common, Stourport, DY13 0NG
25th January – 1pm-2pm **B&M Store**, Tannery Retail Park, Stourport DY13 8EY
28th January – 1pm-2pm **B&M Store**, Tannery Retail Park, Stourport DY13 8EY
30th January – 6pm-7pm **Tesco**, Severn Road, Stourport, DY13 9FB

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/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

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