West Mercia Police

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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About your team:

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Where we work:

Kington and Weobley SNT is based at Kington Police Station, Churchill Rd, **KINGTON**

We work around the areas of:

Almeley, Brilley, Birley, Dilwyn, Eardisley, Eardisland, Huntington, Kington, Kinnersley,

Knill, Letton, Lyonshall, Monkland, Monnington, Nash, Norton Canon, Pembridge, Rodd,

Sarnsfield, Shobdon, Staunton-on-Arrow, Staunton-on-Wye, Stretford, Titley, Upper Hill,

Weobley, Winforton, Willersley, Whitney-on-Wye,

Get in touch



101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime.



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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Your team:

PC 3911 Jo ELLIS Mobile 07977 098394

PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD Mobile 07968 462523

PCSO 40067 David BODEN

P-phone 999 only if

O- offenders r nearby

L - life is at risk

I- injury caused/threatened

C- crime in progress

E- everything else call 101

Please do not report crime via your local safer neighbourhood teams mobile phones.





NEWS/APPEALS

(Please note that the below is not every incident/crime reported for Kington Safer Neighbourhood Team)

Weobley:

Between the 29th of July and the 31st of July 2016 persons unknown have stolen a trailer from a car park in Weobley. The Trailer is described as 6ft by 4ft and made of aluminium; it has a ladder rack on the front bearing the partial registration number: S640.

PACT SURGERIES:

Thursday 11th of August 2016

Weobley Shop 9.30am -10.30am

Pembridge Shop 11.00am – 11.30am

Eardisley Shop 12.00pm – 12.30pm

Lyonshall

George Car Park 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Eardisland 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Shobdon PACT Surgery: held in Shobdon post office and store.

Saturday 27^h of August 2016 9.30-10.30am.

Kington & Weobley safer neighbourhood team will be in attendance at Kington annual show on Saturday 10th September 2016.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding FREE_Overt Property Marking events.

Bring all your power tools, hand tools and pedal cycles to

Kington Cattle Market.



<u>On</u>

Thursday 11th of August 11:00am until 12:00



Action Fraud is supporting <u>Scams Awareness Month</u> - a national campaign launched by Citizens Advice to help people avoid falling prey to scams. The campaign urges people to take three steps to avoid being ripped off - get advice, <u>report them</u> and tell others about it. Research conducted by Citizens Advice finds fraudsters are using a variety of tactics to get people to part with their cash, with people losing an average of £2,500.

Scam methods include <u>Vishing</u> whereby scammer's cold-call people in a bid to get their bank details, and offers of fake services, such as telling people their computer has a virus which they can fix remotely. Investment scams carried the highest price tag, with people investing in fake diamonds or bogus stocks and shares losing of on average £20,000 each.

Spotting scams, a fraudster may:

- Contact you out of the blue.
- Make promises that sound too good to be true if something sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Ask you to pay for something up-front for example, they'll ask you to pay a fee before
 you can claim a prize.
- Ask you to make a quick decision by saying things like 'if you don't act now you'll miss
 out'. This puts you under pressure and doesn't give you time to think.
- Be over-familiar and over-friendly with you.
- Tell you an offer has to be kept secret.
- Ask for your bank account details. Never give your bank details to people you don't know, especially people you meet online.
- Give a mobile number or PO Box number as the contact for their company- these are
 easy to close and difficult to trace. It may be a sign that the company doesn't exist or isn't
 legitimate. Check out the company's details with Companies House or look on the internet for
 more details about them.

If you think something might be a scam, don't reply - then throw it away, delete it or hang up and get further advice. Please note that Action Fraud is not responsible for the content of external websites.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use our <u>online fraud reporting tool</u>.

Sign up for free to Action Fraud Alert to receive direct, verified, accurate information about scams and fraud in your area by email, recorded voice and text message.

~ Crime prevention advice/ tips can be found at www.westmercia.police.uk, or contact the team here in Kington with any crime prevention queries.

**** IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING ALERTS PLEASE READ ****

On 31 August 2016, the two alert services (VC Relay and DOT Mailer) will be switched off permanently and the new Community Messaging Service (CMS) will be the sole provider of all your vital messages from your local police teams.

To make sure there is no disruption to your service, you will need to sign up to the new service by clicking on this link for the Warwickshire Police website, or clicking this link for the West Mercia Police website

Signing up is easy and will only take a few minutes. The new service and new format have lots of new features and allow you to decide what messages you receive and when.

So, head over to the <u>Warwickshire Police website</u> or the <u>West Mercia Police website</u> and sign up today! Remember; from the 31 August both the VC Relay and DOT Mailer services will be switched off, so get switched on to the CMS today!

Fraudsters are impersonating telephone service providers and contacting their clients offering a phone upgrade on a low monthly payment contract. The fraudsters will glean all your personal and financial details which will then be used to contact the genuine phone provider and order a new mobile phone handset. The fraudsters will either intercept the delivery before it reaches the victims address or order the handset to a different address.

Protect yourself

Never provide your personal information to a third party from an unsolicited communication.

Obtain the genuine number of the organisation being represented and verify the legitimacy of the communication.

If the offer is too good to be true it probably is.

If you have provided personal information and you are concerned that your identity may be compromised consider Cifas Protection Registration.

If you have been a victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/

Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste. Householder - http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf

- □ Businesses http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf
- Landowners http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf

Useful Contacts

Victim Support 01432 347208
Childline 0800 1111
Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 7831359

National Drugs Helpline 0800 776 600

National Neighbourhood Watch Association

02079 630160

Herefordshire Road Safety Hotline 01432 364582

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Hfd Neighbourhood Watch: www.communigate.co.uk/here/hfdsneiwatch/