

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Malvern and Upton

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your local teams

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Welcoming a new member to SNT...

- The past three months have been an incredibly busy time for the team in terms of operational policing and there have been some personnel changes.

PC Andy Burbidge has left his post within the Link & Dyson team following success in the promotion process. He has been promoted to the rank of Sgt and has been given the post of patrol Sgt in Worcester. Andy was with the team for a number of years and we wish him well in his new posting.

Andy has been replaced by PC Luke Prew who has joined from the Warndon SNT in Worcester. Luke brings with him a wealth of experience and has good knowledge of the area and the community, having been based within Malvern and Upton as a uniformed patrol officer.

Luke is incredibly enthusiastic and will be looking to continue the good work of Andy.



Following changes in personnel, new team posters will be distributed to each Parish Council shortly.

Developing crime prevention within communities...

- Kempsey Smartwater Initiative

The Police Crime Commissioner and Malvern Hills District Council are partnering for a scheme which makes Kempsey a 'Smartwater community'

Events have been held with members of the community invited to engage with the SNT and council officers where they will receive crime prevention advice and a free Smartwater pack which they can utilise and register themselves.

The whole community will receive Smartwater packs and there will be further events in the coming months.



For further details, please contact PC Dee Stanley and PCSO Brandon Knight - ka.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Working hard to serve the community...

- The summer months are always an incredibly busy time for the SNT with community engagement events and our day to day policing responsibilities.

It is fair to say that this summer has been somewhat demanding with the heatwave and the high demand placed on the officers. That said, the team have all worked fantastically hard and produced some high quality work and community engagement.

- Test Purchasing

The team have focussed the patrol strategy on addressing anti-social behaviour in open spaces and with much of this, alcohol is a contributing factor. What is more

surprising for us is that we are finding a higher proportion of persons under the age of 18 who are in possession and influence of alcohol.

We were joined by our partners from Trading Standards and made use of the West Mercia Police Cadets who were more than willing to undertake some real-life operational policing.

The teams identified stores around ASB hotspots and the cadets attempted to purchase alcohol and cigarettes. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of the stores we made test purchases at requested to see identification and refused service/sale when none was provided.

Two independent stores who did permit the sale of alcohol were then confronted by SNT and Trading Standards officers who recorded details of the offence and have subsequently issued summonses to appear in court.

- Tackling Drugs Within The Community

We have been working hard to develop relationships with areas of the community where we believe there is drug related activity but we don't necessarily receive much information.

I am delighted to report that following information provided to the team, drugs warrants were obtained and two premises in Malvern were entered and searched.

The first property resulted in two arrests and seizures of large quantities of class A

and B substances, paraphernalia consistent with supply of drugs and large quantities of cash.

The second property was a terraced property that had been greatly modified inside, the electrics tampered with and left empty with every bit of space in every room filled with cannabis plants that had matured and were due for harvest. The seizure of these plants were worth thousands of pounds and mean these drugs will not see our streets.

A fantastic effort from the team and it really highlights why engagement with the community; developing trust and confidence is so key in order for us to be successful.

- Rogue Traders

Malvern & Upton SNT ran a successful operation in partnership with Trading Standards.

The area was trawled and tradespersons were engaged with to ensure fair business practice and owners of properties spoken to in order to ensure there was no coercion or advantage being taken, particularly amongst vulnerable members of the community.

- Queens Baton Relay

Prior to the commencement of The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the Queens baton was delivered across the country by way of a relay of nominated

volunteers who have contributed greatly to a cause or their community.



It was fantastic to have the event pass through Malvern and Upton and great to see so many members of the community coming out in support of the event and to cheer the participants.

- Rural Patrols

The summer drought meant a lot more of our patrol through the summer months took us to areas that ordinarily, we may not have allocated so much patrol time.

The quarries were heavily patrolled and I happy to report that we had no incidents in any within our policing area.

The number of persons using the hills and surrounding areas increased greatly and the careless actions of some brought with it the risk of fire and injury but, the diligence of the team meant we kept a heightened visibility and footprint across the area.

The officers certainly got use of the e-bikes in various terrain!



The Autumn Show at Three Counties Showground:



• Engagement in Local Events

The summer months have meant that the Malvern and Upton teams have been exceptionally busy and engagement calendars have been full with fayres, festivals and shows, all while managing policing operations.

The below photographs illustrate just some of the engagement we have performed throughout the summer months and you will notice that 'Peeler' our mascot, has had his fair share of community enjoyment!

Malvern Food Festival:



Barnards Green Street Festival:



Malvern Classic Mountain Bike Event:



We are always thinking what strategies we can implement to try and prevent such crimes and offer protection to the community and with that, we are seeking to start a scheme called 'Nominated Neighbour'

With this, we encourage elderly residents to 'nominate' a willing neighbour that trades persons go and provide identification to for the neighbour to check. This provides an extra barrier for criminals and allows the vulnerable to hear from a trusted voice.

As this scheme develops, we will push details out through Parish Councils.

Community safety focus...

- Looking after the vulnerable within the community

Autumn is here and winter is very much fast approaching! The long scorching summer we experienced now seems a distant memory as the mornings get chillier, the nights draw in and the rain familiarises itself with us once more.

The change in season often brings with it a different type of crime with the cover of darkness and it is this time in particular when we see residential crime increasing. This could come in the form of distraction burglaries with persons posing as trades persons (British Gas or BT engineers are common).

A push to parishioners...

- We continue to advertise the benefits of the Neighbourhood Matters system.

This is a free service available to all and it is where West Mercia Police will provide community messages, crime prevention advice and details of community engagements.

You can sign up to receive messages via this link <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> and we would be grateful if you could push this message to your respective parishes.



Upcoming events...

- Please look out for the dates advertised on Neighbourhood Matters, Twitter and Facebook.

Keep in contact with your SNT...

- Email the teams:

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- Facebook: 'Malvern Cops'

- **For crimes in progress call 999.**
- For non-emergencies report online:
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/>