

# Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Malvern and Upton

Issue 3 - Bringing you updates from  
your local teams

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## In this edition ...

### A few changes to your SNT...

- The past three months have been an incredibly busy time for the team which has undergone some resourcing changes.

Sgt 1248 Geraint Perkins has moved from Evesham and Pershore Safer Neighbourhood Team and joined the Malvern and Upton team in place of Sgt 1153 Gordi O'haodha who has moved to a new role within West Mercia Police.



Sergeant  
Geraint Perkins

We have also welcomed PC 3879 Dee Stanley and PCSO 40422 Faye Allen-Carter, both of whom have moved from Pershore Safer Neighbourhood Team and will be operating as part of the Kempsey and Alfrick team.



PC  
Dee Stanley



PCSO Faye  
Allen-Carter

### Local Policing Charter...

- Over the past couple of weeks, each Parish Council will have received contact from your local policing team to ask for any revised policing priorities for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. As previously explained, these contracts are an agreement between the Parish Council and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams as to how we will maintain contact with you and it is a chance for you to identify the policing priorities for your area that you wish the teams to focus on.

For those who returned contracts last time, thank you. It has helped us plan our policing operations and patrol strategy in order to deliver the service you want and bring some positive results with it. For many Parish Councils, speeding has been a priority for their community and I am sure that the residents will have seen the SNT officers in uniform conducting speed

enforcement operations across the area and an increase in static speed enforcement vans through working with the Safer Roads team.



### Working hard to serve the community...

- The Malvern and Upton teams have been exceptionally busy in running various national and local operations, targeting the issue of drugs in the area, the theft of metal and personal property, drug activity within the town, speed enforcement, schools engagement and targeting poor standards of driving. We have also been in attendance at various community engagement functions.

- Op Close Pass

You will no doubt have seen the team cycling around the area as part of their daily patrol, engaging with members of the community, but you may not be aware of the added significance in this.

In our commitment to making roads safer for cycles and vehicles, officers are equipped with cameras at the front and the rear of the bikes and use footage captured to identify and prosecute drivers caught driving in a dangerous or careless matter.

PC Olczak had a lucky escape when a vehicle overtook him when it was not safe to do so, almost knocking him off his bike.



The driver has been reported for driving without due care and attention. The message is very clear; be aware of cyclists and give plenty of space!

- Tackling the theft of metal

As part of a week-long national initiative, the team have been offering the marking of property using Smartwater technology. This has been offered free of charge and the response from members of the public has been fantastic and saw the team marking bikes and power tools.



The team also delivered Smartwater kits to Hi-Q who applied them free of charge to customer vehicles.



Look out for future events advertised through our Neighbourhood Matters and social media platforms!

- Drugs

A message we have been keen to push to the community (and will continue to do so) is that our engagement with them and the information they provide is integral to our day to day roles.

In the past few weeks we have received information from members of the public

regarding suspicious behaviour and this has led to extremely positive results.

Information passed by the public enabled officers to obtain a drugs warrant for a property in Malvern which was then executed by members of the team. The result of this was a number of arrests being made and quantities of drugs, cash and electronic devices seized.

- Schools Tag Rugby

The Malvern team have been involved in a new partnership initiative with Worcester Warriors where their community coaches and our officers' deliver tag rugby sessions to local primary schools.

The sessions seek to inspire children to become involved and access sport through excellent coaching and an insight of what is offered locally through Rugby. This will in turn allow for a positive use of spare time and aim to prevent anti-social behaviour or crime in the future.

Safer Neighbourhood Officers will also seek to deliver sessions to the children around age-appropriate matters such as online safety, cybercrime, anti-social behaviour and county lines.

This initiative provides West Mercia Police an opportunity to engage with children and develop the trust with the officers and in policing; to break down barriers and see that the police are approachable.





- Tackling Alcohol Related ASB

With the milder weather upon us and the nights starting to get lighter, we have seen a rise in alcohol related anti-social behaviour across the area.

As part of our patrol strategy, we will be highly visible, both on foot and on push bikes, so we can access areas where ASB is occurring and we will take positive action where we can.

A fine example of proactive policing was where PCSO Tudge and other members of the Pickersleigh team conducted targeted foot patrol in the areas of Victoria and Elgar park, both of which have had reported incidents of ASB, and seized a quantity of alcohol from youths.

- Schools Engagement

PC Stanley and PCSO Allen-Carter have been engaging with the local primary schools to deliver the 'Online Safety' message which was really well received.

The officers look to engage with younger audiences wherever possible because it is important to build that relationship between them and the police – developing trust and knowing we are approachable and not to be feared.

The inputs were a great success!



## Community safety focus...

- Use of E-Scooters



This is a matter that has been raised with the team by a number of residents and I want to take this opportunity to reassure that this is something we are working to target and crack down on.

Although they are available to buy they are currently illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, pedestrian-only areas or any other public places. 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 at the moment 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.

*More information can be found at [www.gov.uk/e-scooter](http://www.gov.uk/e-scooter)*

- Theft of Fuel

With domestic energy prices due to rise dramatically as of 1<sup>st</sup> April and the ongoing

conflict in the Ukraine causing a sharp rise in fuel costs, everyone is finding themselves hit by costs.

There have been reports of the theft of fuel from commercial and private properties across South Worcestershire and it is something the team have been seeking to address.

The team would like to remind the community to review their current security measures and for further crime prevention advice, visit <https://wedontbuycrime.co.uk/>

## A push to parishioners...

- Over the past month or so, we as a team have been pushing the online tool, Neighbourhood Matters.

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.

- Twitter: @MalvernCops
- Facebook: 'Malvern Cops'
  
- **For crimes in progress call 999.**
- For non-emergencies report online:  
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/>
  
- West Mercia Police are utilising Neighbourhood Matters as our tool to engage with the community. If you haven't already, please sign up at <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> and please encourage your community to do the same.

