

Update to Much Wenlock Town Council: From 01/11/2021 – 01/12/2021

Update on Police and SNT activity in the area. In addition to the Officers in the Safer Neighbourhood Team, there is a team of Response Officers based in Bridgnorth Police Station who attend incidents in the area. It should be noted that the Police Constable for the team has still not been replaced.

Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is a new online messaging service operated by West Mercia Police. SNT Officers are sending Crime Alerts and other locally relevant information out to all those who join the service. Please encourage everyone to check out what is available by following the link - <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

West Mercia Police has signed up to the Local Policing Community Charter. The Council has outlined its three main Policing Priorities as:

Theft (from outbuildings). SNT Officers continue to actively patrol the area when on duty, both the urban and rural areas. Reassurance calls were made to a victim of a heating oil theft.

Drugs. Two locations in the town that have been reported as locations where suspicious activity has been observed are being regularly patrolled (bus stop on Queens Street and the Priory Car Park).

Speeding. A speed survey was conducted on vehicles travelling on the A458 on 15/11/2021 between 13:30 and 14:00, 65 vehicles of all types were checked and the average speed recorded was just over 25 mph.

Coronavirus Regulations. The national lockdown measures all ended on 19/07/2021, although there is still legislation in place that covers travel and self-isolation. In addition, from Tuesday 30/11/2021 new regulations came into force concerning the wearing of masks in certain locations. There were no reports regarding any breaches of the legislation.

Burglary. There was one report of a burglary in which heating oil was stolen from an exterior tank.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB). Patrols have been conducted in a number of locations where there have been previous reports of anti-social behaviour. There have been five reports of anti-social behaviour, one involving off road vehicles.

Arson. There have two reports of arson, one in which a bench in a public area was destroyed.

Safeguarding. With the lockdown over the Police have been able to work even more closely with our partner agencies. There have been five reports to the Police regarding concerns for the safety of people within our communities. Each has been dealt with in an appropriate manner and most involved working with our partner agencies, such as the Ambulance Service or the Local Council.

Road Traffic Issues. There have been a number of incidents regarding incidents on the roads, including:

Six reports of Road Traffic Collisions.

One report of possible drink driving.

Nine reports of the road being blocked (2 livestock, 3 trees, broken drain cover, 1 dog, a broken down car, an electricity cable and a possible drunken male).

Theft. There were three reports of drivers making off without payment for fuel.

999 Calls made in error. There were five incidents in which members of the public accidentally rang 999, mostly though "pocket dialling" errors.

There were six reports of Missing people.

Engagement. Following the end of the lockdown measures, SNT Officers are now able to engage in person and are hoping to increase their level of interaction. SNT Officers attended the Much Wenlock Christmas lights Switch on and will be at the Christmas Fayre.