

Broseley and Much Wenlock Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Update to Much Wenlock Town Council: From 02/11/2023 – 01/12/2023

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. Currently, we only have a PC and a PCSO on the team. There are no PCSO's currently being trained and therefore no time frame can be given for the arrival of a replacement for the PCSO who left in September 2022.

Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is an 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 the service 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). There were three burglaries from outbuildings, one from a building site and two from commercial premises. Scenes of crime Officers and the Rural and Business Crime Officer have attended, no current lines of enquiry or forensic evidence were apparent. One vehicle linked to a burglary has been seized.

Drugs. SNT continue to patrol areas where there have been previous reports of incidents linked to drug related activity & submit reports when necessary.

Speeding. SNT Officers will continue to conduct speed surveys in relevant areas when other commitments allow.

Burglary/Theft. A building site in Callaughton Ash had a wacker plate and a road saw stolen. A commercial premises in the Underton area had five chainsaws, welding equipment, strimmers, a motorcycle and a quad bike stolen. A premises on the Ludlow Road had two trailers stolen, the vehicle involved in the theft of the trailers has been located and seized by Police.

Concern for Safety. There were three incidents involving people having a mental health crisis; Police working in partnership with the ambulance service dealt with two and the ambulance service dealt with the other on their own. A fourth incident was a medical incident that required entry to be forced to a building for paramedics. This was passed to the Fire Service as they have the same powers as the Police with regard to forcing entry to preserve life and there were no Police Officers available to be deployed.

Anti-social Behaviour. There has been one report of off-road motorcycles being ridden in the Falcons Court car park. Unfortunately the youths involved were wearing masks and had hoods up, so could not be identified.

Domestic Incident. There were five incidents reported, each was dealt with in an appropriate manner by Officers and referrals have been made to our partner agencies where necessary.

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

A deer was struck on the B4373, Officers were not available to be deployed and the road was not blocked.

A car reported to be being driven poorly was reported, unfortunately no officers were available to be deployed, local Officers have been informed and appropriate checks undertaken.

A car reported to be being driven by a person after drinking was reported, unfortunately no officers were available to be deployed, local Officers have been informed and a report submitted regarding the vehicle against which the allegation was made.

There were three Road Traffic Collisions (RTC); one involving a single car that hit a wall, one involving two vehicles, Officers were deployed to both of these incidents. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries and no motoring offences identified at these. The final RTC involved a single vehicle and resulted in the death of one of the two people in the car and the arrest of the other, investigations are underway into the circumstances of the incident.

There was a report of a car breaking down on the B4378 in the Bourton area, the driver arranged their own recovery.

There was an incident involving a dog biting at least two people, this is still under investigation. The dog involved was not one of those on the list of dangerous or outlawed breeds.

A single make off without payment offence from a garage was reported.

Suspicious circumstances. There were two incidents, in one a vehicle drove onto a remote driveway in the early hours of the morning, got out, looked around and then left. Checks have been completed on the vehicle, neither it or the person listed as the registered keeper and insured has come to Police attention before. A report has been submitted in case it comes to note again. In the other incident, a person found that their gate had been left open and a key safe appeared to have been tampered with.

There were two incidents at schools, one involved a Missing Person, fortunately they were located by parents before the Police were deployed. In the other, an incident between two pupils was reported and currently this is being dealt with by the school.

There was a report of a local fox hunt entering private property, a garden, without permission. This is a civil offence and the Police have no power to deal with trespass. No other offences were disclosed and Police were not deployed.