Broseley and Much Wenlock Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Update to Much Wenlock Town Council: 25/09/2025

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. The SNT comprises PC Emma Strangwood and PCSO Helen Scott.

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 for this period as:

Theft (from outbuildings). No reports this month. **Anti-Social Behaviour.** No reports this month. **Speeding.** No reports of Speeding.

A call was received by the fire service for arson involving a motorhome. Police were informed, and it is believed it had been stolen from the Church Stretton area.

Memories Antiques reported a theft of cash by two unidentified females and there have been seven reports of making off without payment from the garage.

Officers have assisted a vulnerable male and have also dealt with one report of malicious communication.

There have been seven reports for harassment, again from the same neighbours. I am relieved to report that STAR Housing are close to resolving this issue.

Officers have assisted with a broken-down vehicle and were called to a loose horse on the Shrewsbury Road.

William Brookes School required assistance for three incidents involving pupils: drugs, bullying and a missing student.

SNT have received several complaints regarding parking outside of the Primary School. I conducted a hi visibility patrol this week, only to be informed that the issue was at drop off in the morning, not in the afternoon. I spoke with staff and they have highlighted the concern in their newsletter. When shift pattern allows, I will conduct patrols in the morning also.

And finally, some good news, we have a rural crime sentencing update. Earlier this month seven men were sentenced at Shrewsbury Crown Court for their roles in the large-scale organised theft operation targeting rural businesses across Shropshire and Mid Wales. The equipment stolen was worth an estimated £5-£10 million. The group committed over 150 offences over a two-year period, primarily under cover of darkness. West Mercia and Dyfed-Powys Police used CCTV, forensics and mobile data to identify the suspects. The men were charged with conspiracy to steal and pleaded guilty.

Sentences below:

Andrew Baker, Shifnal, sentenced to four years and five months Christopher Downes, Broseley, sentenced to seven months Thomas Nutt, Broseley, sentenced to four years and five months Wayne Price, Cross Houses, sentenced to nine years Dean Rogerson, Broseley, sentenced to three years and one-month Neil Shevlin, Norton, Shifnal, sentenced to one-year and two months Ryan Taylor, Telford, sentenced to two years and six months