

West Mercia Police

Leominster

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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About your team:

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Where we work:

Leominster SNT is based at Enterprise Way, Enterprise Park, Leominster, HR6 0LZ.

We work around the areas of:

Leominster, Ivington, Brierley, Brimfield, Little Hereford, Orleton, Ashton, Eye, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Kimbolton, Leysters, Byton,

Moreton, Luston, Norton, Yarpole, Eyton, Yatton, Kingsland, Wigmore, Aymestrey, Leintwardine, Kinsham, Lingen, Willey, Combe Moor, Combe,

Burrington, The Hundred, Richards Castle, Lucton, Leinthall Starkes, Leinthall Earls, Elton, Walford, Brampton Bryan, Downton, Byton,

Adforton, Leintwardine, Burrington, Stapleton,

Get in touch



101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime.



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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Your team:

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For Oct 2017:

You said your priority was:	Anti social behaviour in Gas Works, Central, Etnam St, Spar Car parks. Vehicles congregating within the car parks, causing anti social behaviour and leaving litter.
Date set: Date completed: Reopened:	01/08/2014 01/06/2016 01/03/2017
We undertook:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High visibility patrols by the safer neighbourhood team with a view to disrupting this behaviour, identifying persons responsible and dealing with them accordingly. • Several council exclusion letters from the car parks have been served on drivers, conducting the above behaviour. • <u>Update 13/10/2017</u> No further complaints received within the location, patrols have continued by SNT to act as deterrent. <u>This priority is now closed</u>
You said your priority was:	Anti Social Behaviour, Criminal damage and reports of drug use in The Grange, Etnam Street Car Park, Sydonia and The Priors with surrounding areas including the town centre.
Date set:	01/02/2017
We have undertaken:	<p>High visibility patrols targeted in those areas by the SNT with assistance on response officers.</p> <p>SNT are working closely with Leominster town council, Leominster in bloom and local business / resident in respect to issues identified as well improving youth provisions within the town.</p> <p><u>Update 13/10/17</u></p> <p>SNT - patrols have continued within these areas due to on-going complaints.</p>

The West Mercia Police area and especially North Herefordshire remains low crime. That said a number of incidents have occurred during the month and I would ask you to have a look at these to see if you could help with any information which may assist us in bringing the offenders to justice. Let me know if you need any crime prevention advice.

For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via www.westmercia.police.uk.

Should you wish to review crime and anti-social behaviour trends in your area over a longer period this can be done by visiting www.police.uk

Theft of tools

Throughout August and September we had a number of reports concerning tools (electrical / petrol powered) being stolen from vehicles / vans within Leominster town and throughout North Herefordshire. No damage has been caused to gain entry to the vehicles where this incidents have occurred either during the day or night time hours.

If you have no choice but to leave tools in your vehicle whether this is overnight or in an area where you are working during daytime hours, there are a couple of things you should consider.

1. If you are able to, reverse your vehicle into a parking space against a wall/garage door.
2. Ensure you have good security lighting/CCTV covering the area.
3. Property mark your items making them unique to you. Smartwater property marking kits are available at a discounted rate through our website, search for 'We don't buy crime' and there is a link on the page for Smartwater. A marker pen or UV pen are just as good and can be a visible deterrent.
4. Register your items for free on www.immobilise.com
5. Check your vehicle insurance policy covers you for the quantity of tools that you have stored in the vehicle and for the real cost of those tools. Also that the insurance company takes into account where the vehicle is being parked overnight.
6. Most of the tools stored in vehicles are worth a considerable amount of money, so it may be worth investing in extra security for your vehicle such as armoured style locks.



If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Leominster Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this newsletter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not wish to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Stay safe this Halloween

**Sorry
NO trick
or treat**



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It is not just Halloween when unexpected callers turn up on your doorstep

- Remember official visitors should always make an appointment beforehand
- Look through the door view or window to see who is outside
- If you decide to open the door. Put the chain or bar on first
- Check the caller's details before you let them into your home. Telephone the relevant organisation to confirm the callers identity
- Do not rely on a phone number that the caller give to you
- Do not feel pressurised into buying items on your doorstep and be wary of callers who may offer repairs or gardening. Report any unexpected traders to Consumer Direct on 08454040506

Report any crimes or suspicious incident to the police on 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Limited supply of posters can be found at:

Leominster Police Station
11 Corn Square – Tourist information/ Town council offices
Leominster Library

Yarpole Community Shop
Orleton Post Office
Wigmore Community Shop
Leintwardine Community Shop

Or alternatively contact your Safer Neighbour Team or visit www.westmercia.police.uk to download a copy.

Unwanted / nuisance callers

Throughout the start of October within North Herefordshire we have had numerous calls concerning person's attempting / selling items from door to door including domestic items such as cleaning products or kitchen utilities.

Any member of public selling door to door needs a pedlars licence. These licences or certificates are issued by the Chief Constable of the pedlars home county, are valid for a 12 month period and allow the pedlars to operate anywhere in the country. If the caller on your doorstep does not produce a pedlars certificate then they should not be selling goods and are probably up to no good!

Some pedlars have produced an A4 laminated card with their picture on it and will tell you that the law requiring them to have a Chief Constable issued pedlars certificate has been repealed and they no longer need a licence / certificate. THIS IS NOT TRUE.

In some of the cases reported the pedlars have used "verbally aggressive" tactics in the bid to try and sell items.

Should you find you are being visited / called by such person's here are some basic advice:

Before they get a foot in the door.....

STOP – Are you expecting anybody?

CHAIN – Secure the door chain or bar before opening the door

CHECK – Always check the callers ID Card

IF IN DOUBT.....KEEP THEM OUT!

Contact the Police – Non emergency 101 or Emergency 999.

Home security

Throughout July, August and September there have been a number of burglaries reported throughout North Herefordshire. This includes houses, outbuilding, garages, sheds. Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, as a burglar may see an open window or other easy point of entry and take their chance.

Tips to consider

- If you are installing new doors and windows get ones that are certified to British Standard BS 7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors).
- Window locks especially on older windows will help stop people getting in.
- Securely lock all doors and windows before leaving the house. It's easy to forget when you're in hurry, but it's the simplest way for a burglar to enter your home.
- Never leave keys anywhere near the front door, including your letterbox; burglars know where to look.
- A home that looks empty is far more likely to be targeted by a burglar, so it's worth making sure your home looks occupied.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn on a light and perhaps a radio when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours.
- If you're away for longer periods of time, cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries.
- Visibly and permanently marking your belongings helps you and the police identify them if they are stolen. It can also make it difficult for the thief to dispose of the property.
- Fit padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Ask a neighbour or relative for help could they clear the post away from the door mat and open and close the curtains.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing locked gates, 2 metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.
- Security lighting can be used to make offenders feel vulnerable and observed. It is suggested that you use dusk to dawn lighting.
- Visible burglar alarms are a deterrent

Surgeries/Event with Leominster SNT:

11 Corn Square. Tourist Information Centre / Leominster Town Council from 1030-1130

Friday 20th October 2017
Thursday 26th October 2017
Friday 3rd November 2017
Friday 10th November 2017
Friday 17th November 2017
Friday 24th November 2017
Friday 01st December 2017
Friday 8th December 2017
Friday 15th December 2017
Friday 22nd December 2017
Friday 29th December 2017

Leominster Library from 1030-1130

Monday 6th November 2017
Monday 4th December 2017

Wigmore Community Shop

Friday 3rd November 2017 from 10am-11am
Monday 27th November 2017 from 3pm-4pm
Friday 8th December 2017 from 10am-11am
Friday 22nd December 2017 from 3pm-4pm

Local events

Remembrance Parade (Leominster)– Sunday 12th November 2017 from 1045-1230

Leominster Christmas lights switch - Saturday 25th November 2017 from 1600-2000

Victoria Street Market - Saturday 9th December 2017 from 0900-1800

Property marking events.

If you have any tools or property that you would like marking, your SNT will be available at the following locations on Thursday 26th October 2017.

Travis Perkins, Bridge St, Leominster (car park) 0930 - 1030
B@Q, Mill St, Leominster (car park) 1045 – 1200

(There will always be an intention to attend and support these events, however due to the nature of policing, attendance by a member of the Team is not always guaranteed)

