

# On the beat in **Shropshire**



## Welcome from your local policing commander

As your local policing commander I am committed to making sure you are kept up to date with what is happening in your local area which is why I'm delighted to introduce our first quarterly newsletter. My command team and I know how important it is for you to know there are police officers in your local area who are able to deal with the issues that affect your local residents the most. I'm really pleased to be able to say that West Mercia Police is currently in the process of its biggest recruitment drive in its history. A significant number of these new officers have been allocated to Shropshire and will be out and about in the community and starting to make a difference over the next six months. This recruitment drive will help us to increase the visibility of our Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs). Our SNTs play a vital role in the community and are absolutely at the heart of

local policing which is why West Mercia Police is committed to investing in neighbourhood policing.

As this is our first newsletter, I wanted to introduce myself and give you an overview of policing in the county, however your next updates will come from your local Safer Neighbourhood Inspector who will keep you updated on local issues and initiatives that are specific to your area. Their contact details are below if you would like to contact them. Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support in helping us to achieve our overall aim to protect people from harm and make our communities safer.



***Mo Lansdale, Superintendent  
Shropshire local policing commander***



### **Burglary**

We know the devastating impact being a victim of a burglary can have on not just victims but their neighbours too.

### **Burglary of the of home has fallen by 17% across Shropshire**

(year to date compared to 2018)

### **What have we done?**

Right across the county, towns and parish councils have signed up to We Don't Buy Crime utilising SmartWater forensic technology to protect whole communities from burglars and thieves. Earlier this year Bayston Hill became the latest village to sign up with free SmartWater kits offered to all residents so they can protect their property. Academic research has shown the initiative is having a significant impact on reducing crime and offers reassurance to local residents.



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### Travelling criminality

We know many of the crimes committed in Shropshire are criminals coming into the county from elsewhere.

### What have we done?

Operation Vulture is run frequently throughout the year to target criminals on the roads in the county. The initiative sees vehicles on key roads through the county stopped by police at checkpoints and high visibility patrols in some of our most rural communities. The aim is to send a clear message to those coming in to the county to commit crime they are not welcome.



### Serious and Organised Crime

We know drug dealers are targeting vulnerable people in the county and using them to deal drugs, in a practice known as county line.

### What have we done?

In partnership with our partners in the serious and organised crime joint action group we have made great strides in targeting county lines drug dealers with a number of proactive operations and significant arrests and drugs seized. However, we are not just carrying out enforcement activity and have again worked with our partners to raise awareness of what county lines is and how to spot the signs. We are also working with those people we have identified who could be vulnerable to being targeted to make sure we are doing all we can to protect them.



If your parish or town hasn't signed up to We Don't Buy Crime and would like to please contact Sergeant Ram Aston.

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