

# Wednesfield Neighbourhood Team



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Dear All,

Welcome to the March edition of the Wednesfield North/South Newsletter. Firstly I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that you have all given me since my arrival on the neighbourhood. The people of Wednesfield really are a friendly and warm spirited community. I have been met with numerous people that really want to help their community and improve each others lives.

Since the last edition of the Newsletter the team have been extremely busy with a number of projects. We are continuing to improve visibility in the Neighbourhood and effectively deal with the priorities that affect you most as raised through the PACT meetings. I will touch on these initiatives later in the letter; however I wanted to reiterate how important it is for you as community members to report anti-social or criminal incidents. I am then able to make informed decisions and appropriately resource the most important issues. Please remember though, if it is not an emergency, please contact the police by dialling 101 and following the instructions.

### **Crime update**

#### **Burglary (dwelling).**

During March there have been five burglaries to houses in the Wednesfield North area. This is a small increase on the number in February; however two of the offences were committed at unoccupied premises. One of the offences involved a male who visited a householder and offered to buy some items on behalf of the occupant. The male took the money but failed to return with the goods. Please remember, don't allow strangers into your homes. If a caller does not have identification they may not be who they say they are. Further still, you are not obliged to open the door. If the caller is legitimate they WILL have identification.

In Wednesfield South there has been only one offence. This is quite a reduction from eight offences in February. CID is investigating a positive line of enquiry!

### **Burglary other buildings.**

There were seven incidents of burglary other buildings during March. The majority of the offences comprised of items stolen from garden sheds. In another incident, offenders distracted a shop keeper before entering a part of the shop which was not accessible to the public. The till was opened and a quantity of money stolen from within. At the time of writing I am pleased to announce that a male and female have been arrested on suspicion of the offence.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Issues.**

Currently of concern to the community are the following issues:

#### **Wednesfield South**

Inconsiderate parking around Perry Hall School.

#### **Wednesfield North**

Anti-Social behaviour bottom shops, Ashmore Park.

Speeding in Kitchen Lane.

Anti-Social behaviour in Adey Rd.

The team have continued to conduct patrols outside Perry Hall School, in order to advise drivers regarding their parking. The planned initiative in partnership with the school and its pupils is in the final stages of preparation and will take place in the next few weeks. I hope to have a further update in the next newsletter.

Patrols have been increased around Adey Rd and the bottom shops at Ashmore Park. Community engagement has been really positive. As such, there have not been any further issues of anti-social behaviour reported at Adey Road.

Feedback from residents regarding anti-social behaviour at the bottom shops has also been positive since patrols were increased, though the problem has not been completely eradicated. The police recognise this and will continue to provide a strong visible presence.

Three further community speed watch initiatives have been conducted in Kitchen Lane, during the past month. I wish to thank the members of the community that have given up their own time in order to assist with the

initiative. Further warning letters have been issued, however days of enforcement are planned where people caught speeding will be prosecuted!



Having visited Neighbourhood watch schemes in the past few weeks, plans are afoot to conduct further initiatives at other locations across Wednesfield. Please remember to drive considerately!

If you are interested in assisting with the community speed watch initiative please contact us at Wednesfield police station using the 101 telephone number.

### **Other news**

Over the next few weeks the team are attempting to rekindle their relationship with local Neighbourhood watch schemes. Co-ordinators can expect a visit from a team member with relevant information to share. It is my intention to encourage new schemes to fill the vacant gaps. It is envisaged that we will hold regular meetings to keep Neighbourhood watch members informed. You are important to us!

If you don't know your local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, or you are interested in becoming a co-ordinator, please contact us using the 101 number or email address below.

The 'business watch' scheme which I mentioned in the February edition has received excellent feedback. Links have been made with the vast majority of companies in the Neachells Lane/Strawberry Lane area, which has provided us with some good information. I hope the relationship will continue to blossom and become beneficial for all involved.

### **PACT (Police And Communities Together)**

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield South will be 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm, at Wednesfield High School.

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield North will be 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Community Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park.

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, the meetings are open to all and usually last around an hour and a half. They offer an opportunity for members of the community to voice their concerns and meet members of their neighbourhood policing team and partner agencies. Please come along, your views are important. We are actively encouraging community members and group leaders to attend and have their opinion heard.

We realise that not everyone can attend these meetings so we are keen to circulate this newsletter as widely as possible. If you know any friends, family members or neighbours who would like to be included in this mailing list, please forward their email addresses to us via our email accounts which can be found on our neighbourhood website. (Follow below link).

<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/wolverhampton/nh.asp?ID=157>

We can also be contacted on Twitter via the link below:

<https://twitter.com/WednesfieldWMP>

The following link is to the Crime stoppers homepage where you will be able to access useful information for your area:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/in-your-area>

### **And Finally.....**

We are desperately hoping that the current cold snap will soon be over and Spring brings about some much needed sunshine and warmth!

When eventually the weather improves, people are outdoors working on projects like gardening, washing cars and (if we are lucky) hosting barbecues. It can be easy to forget to close a door or window, but if they are left open it creates an easy opportunity for an individual with dishonest intentions. Open garage doors, in particular, can be used by criminals to gain access to a home during the warmer months. As we go outside to do work don't forget to close doors. Opportunistic criminals may steal items from garages or sheds, which usually contains tools and other valuable belongings. They could also use the items as an easy way to get into your home. Once inside, they can grab an armful of things quickly, and run off without ever being noticed.

These incidents are a rare occurrence, but please be aware.

Thanks for reading,

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