

Wednesfield Neighbourhood Team



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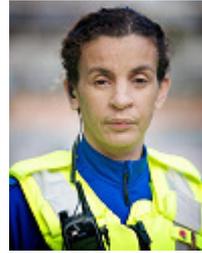
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Dear All,

Welcome to the May edition of the Wednesfield North/South Newsletter. I apologise for the slight delay in publication, there is a good reason!

I have been awaiting confirmation for authority; however I am pleased to announce that Wednesfield North/South Neighbourhood Policing Team, together with the local neighbourhood partnership and other community groups/associations will be holding a community day on the 27th July 2013 at the bottom shops, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton. Although based in Ashmore Park, community members across Wednesfield North and South are invited to attend and enjoy the day. We are still in the planning stage of the event and I will be able to confirm more in the next newsletter, however all involved will be busy to make sure the event is a success. The day will be a great opportunity for the whole community of Wednesfield to show the local community spirit!

Crime update

Burglary (dwelling).

During May there were two burglaries to houses in the Wednesfield North area, which is a decrease on the number in April. One of the offences involved the offenders approach the premises from the rear. Having forced entry, they stole a television. The other offence reported was to a void address. The offenders stole piping and metal from inside. It is believed the offenders 'weigh in' the items to sell to scrap metal dealers for cash.

In Wednesfield South there were two offences, which is also a decrease in incidents from April. In one offence, in the Broad Lane area, an offender knocked on the front door. When the occupier went to answer the front door he heard a noise come from the rear of the house. Items were stolen from inside.

Albeit any number of offences are too many, when considering the amount of dwellings within the Wednesfield area, the numbers continue to be very low.

Burglary other buildings.

Burglary other building offences in Wednesfield reduced through out May to ten offences from a peak of sixteen offences in April. Six of the offences were again of sheds or outbuildings, many of which were attempts and unsuccessful.

There was another incident recorded where an unsuccessful attempt was made at gaining entry to one of the premises at bottom shops Ashmore Park.

Two offences were recorded at the business premises close to Neachells Lane and one offence included the theft of a bouncy castle from a shed at the rear of a public house!

Neighbourhood Policing Issues.

Currently of concern to the community are the following issues:

Wednesfield South

Inconsiderate parking around Perry Hall School.

Anti social behaviour at the The Castle public house.

Anti social behaviour at Castlebridge Gardens.

Wednesfield North

Anti-Social behaviour bottom shops, Ashmore Park.

Speeding across the area.

Inconsiderate parking on pavements.

The Wednesfield South PACT meeting was held at Wednesfield High school on the 30th April where new policing priorities were set as above.

The team have continued with their initiative around inconsiderate parking at Perry Hall School. I am pleased to announce that we have now taken delivery of two banners designed by the school children, which will be used when they become mini PCSO's. Intrigued, watch this space!

We have also been working closely with the new landlord's of the Castle public house, a location highlighted as an issue during the last PACT meeting. The new land lady has been very supportive of the police during our evening

'walk through's' where a number of patrons have been stop checked and searched. I am pleased to say that we have not experienced any further reports of anti-social behaviour.

In order to combat anti-social behaviour at Castle bridge gardens, we have increased our patrols in the area. PCSO Ant Cook and PC Bethan PYE organised a 'drop in' surgery at the nearby St Chads church, to give members of the community an opportunity to voice their opinion. They advertised the surgery through leaflet drops and posters in the area. Unfortunately very few people took up the opportunity to meet team members. Disappointing!

PC Rich Miller has continued to organise speed watch and enforcement initiatives in the area. In May, he was supported by the mobile speed camera, controlled centrally, which spent time in Kitchen Lane. Further support has been promised in the Linthouse Lane and Griffiths Drive area. Please continue to drive considerately; otherwise you may receive an unwelcome letter with a fine!

Other Business

Due to the rising fuel prices, police have nationally witnessed an increase in theft of petrol over the past few years. Offenders steal number plates and attach them to their vehicles in an attempt to disguise the real identity. They fill up and drive away without payment!

PCSO Ant Cook and the team conducted a two day crime prevention initiative at the Tesco Express petrol station, Lichfield Road. The team approached drivers refuelling their car and offered FREE anti tamper screws for their number plates. The team even fitted the screws for them! The screws make it more difficult for would be thieves to take the number plates.

Watch out for our twitter page (above) for further dates to be announced.

PACT (Police And Communities Together)

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield South will be 25th June at 7pm, at Wednesfield High School.

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield North will be 2nd July 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 meeting 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.....

As the days are now getting warmer and you may have holidays planned, below is some straight forward advice to help prevent burglaries while you are away. Most burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves who will look for an easy way into your home. Around 20% of all burglaries are committed by people entering premises through an open or unlocked door or window, so it's a good idea to thoroughly check all doors and windows are locked and secure before you leave.

Whether you intend to go out for the evening or away on holiday for a few weeks you should aim to make your home look as though it's occupied and someone is in, for example, don't close the curtains - in the day time it shows the house is empty.

Even small precautions can help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime, leaving the lights, TV or radio on and using a timer switch can also help give the impression that someone's home.

Like everything in life, there are no guarantees, but by following a few simple rules may make all the difference in deterring that potential burglar:- Use the Royal Mail's "keepsafe" service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away Cancel the delivery of milk and newspapers.

Disconnect the telephone answering machine, or re-word your greeting message to give the impression that you are only temporarily unable to answer.

Ask a neighbour, friend or relative to keep an eye on your home for you, collect your post, open and close the curtains and if possible park their car on your driveway.

Cut the lawn and trim back plants before you go away.

Don't put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination. A house number and postcode will suffice if you want to label your luggage.

If you normally leave valuable bicycles or similar items in your shed, consider putting them in the house.

Make sure that you lock all outside doors and windows & set your burglar alarm if you have one. If you do not have an alarm, consider investing in a dummy alarm box. It may well be enough to deter the opportunist thief.

If you see anything suspicious while your neighbours are away, call 999 in an emergency or for non emergency, call your local Police Neighbourhood Team.

Regards

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