Wednesfield Neighbourhood Team







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Dear All,

Happy New Year to all readers, I hope you had a great festive period!

Welcome to the first Wednesfield North/South Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter of 2014. Due to a number of reasons I have been unable to produce a Newsletter for the last couple of months. Apologies for that, however rest assured I will be keeping you all right up to date with a bimonthly edition during 2014. In addition, I am hoping to make the Newsletter more colourful and easier on the eye in future months.



PC Tariq Mahmood

You will remember that in September I introduced a new member of the team. Hopefully you have had chance to meet PC Tariq Mahmood out and about on the streets. Tariq has settled in really well with the team and has proved to be an asset since his arrival.

I am also pleased to announce that we are gaining a further two PCSO's to the team, though unfortunately PCSO Sarah Acaster will soon be moving on to Walsall police.



PCSO Ian Kerrigan

PCSO Ian Kerrigan has returned to Wednesfield from Wolverhampton Central police station. Some of you will remember that Ian previously worked at Wednesfield South. Ian has already started with the team and has naturally settled back in very quickly. The second community officer is due to start with the team in early February. Expect an introduction in the next edition!

On the positive side, in the past six months we have gained a police officer and a community support officer which is great news for Wednesfield.

Summary of crimes.

Year to date (April 2013-Jan 2014), the amount of offences recorded in Wednesfield North and South is showing a slight increase in number against the previous record breaking year. This is to include numerous crimes generated and recorded as a result of Operation NO DEAL, which was a proactive approach to drug abuse and dealing. Therefore, the overall scenario continues to be positive!

One significant area of improvement is Burglary dwelling offences. Wednesfield South has witnessed a 19% reduction in offences recorded, whilst Wednesfield North has seen a massive 58% reduction in offences year to date. The team have spent numerous hours over the Autumn and Winter months trying to educate residents regarding crime prevention in the home. I am sure the hard work has had an effect on the reduction of offences recorded.

Offences involving motor vehicles have a mixed review. Wednesfield south boasts an almost 6% decrease in offences, whilst Wednesfield North is showing an increase in offences. Though we aim to achieve a decrease in the numbers, or better still no offences at all, the difference over the period is relatively small and equates to only eight offences. The Wednesfield team recognises the negative effect of any crime on the community and will continue to strive to reduce the number of offences and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Burglary other building offences (sheds, shops etc) has also witnessed a mixed review between Wednesfield North and South year to date. Wednesfield North has a 2.5% decrease in offences, however Wednesfield South is showing an increase of twenty eight offences. This was due to a series of shed burglaries during October and November, prior to which Wednesfield South was also experiencing a reduction in offences.

I am pleased to report that three males were arrested in connection with the crimes and found in possession of some stolen property. Since the arrests, the number of offences more than halved. Wednesfield South again saw a reduction in offences in December.

Neighbourhood News

As previously reported, the team have spent numerous hours offering crime prevention advice during visits to victims of burglary dwelling offences. As part of a recent initiative we have been distributing over one hundred property marking packs to residents which contain the latest and most advanced technology to mark property.



PC Bethan Pye

We have also been visiting residents across the area to canvass opinion regarding policing priorities, which has been greatly received. The team will continue to visit residents who may not normally have contact with the team or who are unable to attend PACT meetings. The visits offer people a chance to have their say regarding any issues that they may have in their area.

The team have also been focussed on patrols around schools in the area and inconsiderate parking at the start and end of the school day. Inconsiderate

parking not only causes obstructions and damage to the grass verges etc, it is also a real danger for young children on their way to school. The patrols will be followed by a mini PCSO scheme and finally a period of enforcement. Please remember to park considerately close to schools and ensure the safety of all.

Operation 'NO DEAL'

You will remember me reporting the activity around operation 'NO DEAL' in my last edition. Many of the defendants are due to be sentenced regarding the operation. For further update in the next edition.

If you have any concerns or information, no matter how small you think it is, you can contact the team on 101 - and ask for your local police station. We will treat all information in the strictest of confidence.

Alternatively, you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111. They will never ask for your name or personal details.

For updates on the Wolverhampton No Deal operation, please visit your local police website www.wolverhamptonpolice.org.uk or you can search for #WVNoDeal on Twitter.

PACT Meetings

Wednesfield North held their last meeting on 17th December 2013. The meeting wasn't as well attended as previous meetings though I am sure the weather had a great bearing on attendance.

As usual, numerous issues were discussed however it was decided that the community wanted the Neighbourhood team to continue to focus their efforts around the issues previously highlighted at the last PACT meeting.

The North PACT priorities were agreed as:-

- 1. ASB Black path and open areas.
- 2. ASB Top and bottom shops, Griffiths Drive.
- 3. ASB Whitehouse Crescent, weekend nights.

The next North Pact meeting is 11thth Feb 2014. 7pm at the Community Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park.

Wednesfield South held their last meeting on 10th December 2013. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, therefore PC Bethan Pye stood in on my behalf. The business sector were also represented which gave residents an opportunity raise their constant concern regarding driving through Wednesfield High St. Again the attendance was also down due to the inclement weather.

The South PACT priorities were agreed as:-

- 1. ASB in Castlebridge Gardens
- 2. Drug use and dealing in and around the Castle public House
- 3. ASB in and around the Moat House estate.

Next South Pact meeting is 4th December 2014. 7pm Wednesfield High School.

If you can get along to either of the next two meetings please do so. It will help me to mould the priorities for the future months.

And finally.....

LOCK it or lose it - that's the message from police as drivers are warned to take care of their vehicles during frosty mornings.

With temperatures set to plummet below zero officers are reminding people across the force area to never leave their vehicles with the engine running.

Last winter a total of 48 cars were stolen from driveways while their owners popped inside leaving them to warm up outside their homes.

Andy Gregory, Force Crime Reduction officer, is reinforcing the warning to never wander off and leave your car running to defrost.

He said: "It may be surprising but we continue to see people leaving their cars with the keys in on their drives on icy mornings. It takes an opportunistic thief just seconds to jump into a vehicle and drive it off so it really isn't worth the risk.

"Car security has a come a long way but by leaving keys in the car and the engine running it couldn't be easier for someone to steal it.

"Sometimes people think they are being security conscious by locking the door of the car with a spare set of keys, while leaving the other set in the ignition.

"However thieves will quickly and happily smash a window in order to drive away in your vehicle."

In addition to the loss of a car, insurance companies will often refuse to pay out when vehicles have been stolen in this way, adding to the stress.

If your house keys are taken as well, drivers are also making their homes vulnerable.

The advice is to clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper and sit in your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call 101. If you see a crime being committed call 999.

Anyone who has any information about vehicle crime can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Regards

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