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Dear All,

Welcome to the latest Wednesfield North/South Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter. This edition will cover a summary of crimes and local policing team activity for August and September.

Firstly I would like to make you all aware that we have a new member of the team. PC Tariq Mahmood has 22 years of experience in all areas of policing and is a very welcome addition to the group. Hopefully you will see him on your travels and will be able to meet him in person in due course. His picture will be posted on Page one in the next edition!

Summary of crimes of note August/September 2013.

Burglary Dwellings

Wednesfield North – During August there was only one burglary to a private dwelling in Wednesfield North. Entry was made to the rear of an insecure property and a cycle was stolen.

In September, there were three attempt burglary dwelling offences where entry was attempted at the front of the premises and two full burglary offences where entry was made by smashing windows at the rear of the property.

Wednesfield South – During August there were four burglaries to houses and one attempt. In September, there were seven burglary's. There was no set pattern regarding the time of the day, items stolen or location of entry.

Hot off the press – a male has recently been arrested for an offence in Wednesfield South and is currently on bail pending further enquiries.

Since April 2013, both Wednesfield North and South are showing a reduction of over 15% in burglary dwelling offences.

Burglary Non-dwellings

Wednesfield North – During August and September there were ten burglaries to non-dwellings. Again the majority of offences involved breaks to sheds. Others were breaks to shops and a local school.

Wednesfield South – There were nineteen burglaries and 2 attempts. Eleven of the offences were break-ins to premises on the industrial estate around Planetary Rd and Neachells lane. The rest of the offences were a mixture of shed and garage breaks for garden items and pedal cycles. We would expect to see a reduction in these types of offences during the next couple of months as the colder weather sets in.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

As last period, there were again three vehicles stolen across Wednesfield North and South during August and September (Wright Ave, Strawberry Lane and Tithe Rd).

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Nine vehicles had items stolen from them during the same period, although three of the offences were committed at commercial premises. One premise in Strawberry Lane were the victim of two separate thefts in consecutive days.

Robberies

There were four robberies to persons in the Wednesfield area in August and September, all of which were committed in the South of the sector. Two offences occurred in open park spaces involving young people on school holidays. Two young males have since been arrested for those offences.

Neighbourhood News

Fishing Competition

In August, PC Rich Miller together with the team supported the annual fishing trip to Essington, which is sponsored and organised by Fatty's fishing tackle shop, Bottom Shops, Ashmore Park. Approximately one dozen local children attended the day, which I am told was a great success and enjoyed by everyone involved.

Operation 'NO DEAL'

You may have recently noticed increased police activity on your street. This is due to officers carrying out warrants as part of 'Wolverhampton No Deal', an anti-drugs and gangs campaign currently underway in Wolverhampton.

'No Deal' is all about working together with the community to tackle the issue of drugs and gangs which we know are a cause for concern for our residents. Together with our partner agencies, we are determined to tackle the issues that matter to you. We cannot do this alone and need your help to continue to make our communities safer.

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 27th August 2013. The meeting was again well attended.

Many different subjects were discussed during an open meeting, however it was decided that the community wanted the Neighbourhood team to focus their efforts around anti social behaviour/mini moto's/underage drinking drug taking place on the black path and open areas such as Ashmore park.

The next North Pact meeting is 29th Oct. 7pm at the Community Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park.

Wednesfield South held their last meeting on 20th August 2013. The community members attending raised their constant concern regarding driving through Wednesfield High St. I tried to reassure attendee's that the issue was an ongoing challenge for the Business sector team who would continue to focus their efforts to minimise the problem.

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 15th October. 7pm Wednesfield High School.

Neighbourhood Watch

As you are aware PC Bethan PYE and the team have spent a considerable amount of time revisiting local Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators with a view to increasing numbers and improving information sharing.

The process of recruitment has been successful and is on going, we have in excess of 50 volunteer co-ordinators in Wednesfield North and South. I feel this is a fantastic turnout and the volunteers should be proud of themselves for putting themselves forward. Well Done!!!

We have a meeting arranged at the end of October, where the co-ordinators can come together and share their experiences. I feel it will be a great opportunity to further improve the service we all offer to the local community and look forward to meeting a lot of you on the night!

And finally.....

Police officers and genuine bank officials will never phone and ask you to divulge PIN numbers over the phone or send couriers round to collect cards...this is the reminder we are issuing after officers across the country have seen examples where scammers claim a person's bank account has been hacked.

The bogus bank official will then advise you to hang-up and phone the number on the back of their card. However, because the fraudsters don't themselves hang up, the victim is unwittingly still on the line to them rather than their starting a fresh conversation with their bank.

They are then asked to hand over PIN numbers, either verbally or by keying them into the handset, and are told a courier will arrive to collect their cards. And of course armed with the cards and PIN the account is at their mercy.

These calls are all being made to elderly, vulnerable residents - the types of people the offenders believe are more likely to fall for their scheme or that they can confuse into handing over bank details.

Our advice is always to be wary of unsolicited callers, whether on the phone or in person. If in doubt, hang-up or close the door and call police.

Anyone who believes they've been targeted by fraudsters should call police on 101 or if a crime is in progress dial 999.

We ask that you help us share this safety message with elderly friends and family members. Thank you

Regards

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