

Bromsgrove North and Rural Newsletter - 21 May 2018

Community Messages

26/05/18 - ALVECHURCH PARISH PICNIC IN THE PARK 2018

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Tomorrow Sunday 27th May 2018

A great family day out.

The Picnic in the Park is a community event for the residents of the Parish of Alvechurch incorporating Alvechurch, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Weatheroak and Bordesley. It is an event intended to provide a day and evening of entertainment, fun and activities for all the family to enjoy. Whilst any profits we raise go to local charities (The Lounge and The Meadows) we do not organise the event as a fundraiser but as a vehicle for other charities to raise money and for business and organisations to raise their profile. It is all about local people, local businesses, local groups and local charities.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47538/ALVECHURCH-PARISH-PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK-2018>

24/05/18 - PCC Welcomes Home Secretary's Commitment to Frontline Policing

The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner has welcomed a message from the new Home Secretary Sajid Javid as he promised to stand with officers on the frontline, and give officers the tools, powers and back up they need to get the job done.



Speaking at the Police Federation conference today, the Home Secretary drew on personal experience, talking about the impact the job can have on family life and the times his brother was assaulted. He acknowledged that police work can take its toll on mental and physical health and said that officers

"deserve to be respected and valued"

He talked about his own experiences, in the West Mercia area, recognising the work of officers locally, and made a commitment to working with PCCs to ensure police are properly resourced.

Commissioner John Campion, who was at the Police Federation Conference said "The Home Secretary's commitment to frontline policing, echoes my own commitment to communities locally.

Assaults on police officers aren't acceptable and I am pleased that Sajid Javid has highlighted this. In West Mercia alone, there are on average two assaults on officers and staff every day. I have been campaigning for people to see the person Behind the Badge, and it's important that the police are respected for their hard work, professionalism and all they do for communities.

I am pleased to hear West Mercia officers being recognised. I have seen first hand how our police do an extraordinary role, and I agree with the Home Secretary that we must protect and be proud of the police.

I look forward to working with the Home Secretary in the future, to deliver safer, more secure communities for the public and the police."

END OF MESSAGE

(message circulated to all WMP areas).

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Citizens in Policing

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47432/PCC-Welcomes-Home-Secretarys-Commitment-to-Frontline-Policing>

22/05/18 - Commissioner Welcomes Pursuit Protection for Police

John Champion is welcoming changes that will offer greater protection to police pursuit drivers.

The Government has outlined new plans to change the current legal test for officers, to take account of their high levels of training. It comes following a trend for crimes committed on mopeds in some of the UK's big cities. This is exceptionally rare in West Mercia, but the reforms will still benefit both local officers and communities in other pursuit scenarios.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Champion said: "I believe strongly in giving our police the tools to do their jobs more effectively and this is an example of that. The Government has listened to our police and come up with a common sense solution that will benefit all parties."

"Police pursuit drivers are highly trained and exceptionally skilled. I hope this change will give officers the confidence to do their jobs even more effectively. I also hope it shows how much we all value their work to keep us safe, which I have worked to highlight through my [#BehindTheBadge](#) campaign."

End of message.

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47314/Commissioner-Welcomes-Pursuit-Protection-for-Police>

22/05/18 - Farm Crime Prevention Event - Chadwich Manor Farm, B61 0QG

West Mercia Police would like to invite you to our **FREE FARM CRIME PREVENTION EVENT** on **WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY, 10-1pm**

Hosted by
Lizzie's Farm
at
Chadwich Manor Farm,
Chadwich,
Bromsgrove, B61 0QG

- * Crime prevention advice specific to the farming community and residents of rural areas
- * Information on security solutions tailored to farms and rural outbuildings will also be available on the day.
- * Meet members of your local policing team

For any information on the event please contact:

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47311/Farm-Crime-Prevention-Event--Chadwich-Manor-Farm-B61-0QG>

21/05/18 - West Mercia Police bucks national trend as criminal charges increase

Victims of crime are getting an improved service from West Mercia Police, with a 12% increase in criminal charges brought over the last three years.

The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, and Chief Officers have welcomed the home office figures which show West Mercia Police is bucking the national trend of an overall decrease of 11%.

Earlier this month it was revealed that although crime in West Mercia is increasing, this is at just a third of a rate of the national levels with notable successes around robbery, burglary and vehicle crime.

Commissioner John Champion said "I made a commitment to always put victims first, ensuring they get the service they deserve. It is pleasing to see more offenders being brought to justice, and our communities should be reassured by the force's commitment and professionalism. Whilst there are always areas that we can improve on, I promise to ensure West

Mercia Police have the resources to continue this good work."

Deputy Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman said: "This is positive news which we welcome. We work extremely hard to protect our communities from harm and deliver justice for victims of crime. The rise in people charged is testament to the dedication and professionalism of our officers and staff.

"It is also testament to the confidence our communities have in the service we provide; they play a key role in helping us to gather intelligence and providing information that leads us to arresting suspects and ultimately putting them before the courts."

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47304/West-Mercia-Police-bucks-national-trend-as-criminal-charges-increase>

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