

Community Messages

07/12/18 - Friday 7 December: #ThinkBeforeYouDrink

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Having a tipples or two this weekend? #ThinkBeforeYouDrink - limit pre-drinks, eat before you go out and leave your car keys at home #ChristmasPresence

Please share this message - stay safe.



<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54847/Friday-7-December-ThinkBeforeYouDrink>

06/12/18 - Thursday 6 December: #MakeTheRightCall

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Police? Fire? Council?

We get lots of calls on 101 and 999 which are not emergencies or police matters, but we understand it can be confusing who deals with what.

So to help you (if it's not an emergency) we've got lots of info/advice on our website for things like parking, dog fouling, noise, neighbour/civil disputes and flytipping: [westmercia.police.uk/maketherightcall](https://www.westmercia.police.uk/maketherightcall)

Thank you

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54837/Thursday-6-December-MakeTheRightCall>

05/12/18 - Update to the recently delivered ANPR development project

Automatic Number Plate Recognition

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology is used by Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality. It can also be a powerful tool in helping us tackle travelling criminals. The deployment of ANPR cameras assists the police in protecting communities from harm and allows law abiding drivers to continue with their daily lives unhindered, whilst simultaneously drawing police attention to those using the roads for criminal endeavours.



Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Policing have recently delivered an ANPR development project which has seen ANPR technology installed at key strategic locations. ANPR is now installed at 129 sites across the four counties. In line with national policy, the specific locations of cameras are not disclosed as to do so would be of potential benefit to criminals using the roads and in turn hinder the effectiveness of the policing purpose of ANPR.

Camera sites are determined following an in depth assessment to ensure that locations are and continue to be necessary, proportionate and in line with a pressing social need. We act in line with guidance from the Information Compliance Office to consider privacy issues when seeking to install cameras and will consult with individuals and organisations with a

reasonable interest in the proposal unless that would be contrary to the purpose of the development, namely to detect, deter and disrupt criminality. The in depth assessment is the essential source of information when reviewing ANPR deployments and data collection is ceased from sites which are no longer deemed to have policing challenges.

We have clear rules to control access to ANPR data which only allows permitted staff to conduct searches of the information gathered to confirm whether vehicles associated with a known criminal have been in the area at the time of a crime to support the investigation process.

Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police are committed to ensuring the deployment of ANPR technology across the alliance area is necessary and proportionate. We regularly review the location of ANPR cameras to make sure that its continuing use remains justified. All reviews include consideration of the impact on privacy.

Additional information can be found on the Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police internet pages

Further information

Any requests for information should be made to:

Detective Superintendent Head of Intelligence
West Mercia Police Headquarters
PO Box 55
Worcester
WR3 8SP

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54789/Update-to-the-recently-delivered-ANPR-development-project>

05/12/18 - Driving scheme makes young people 3.5 times safer than their peers

According to a survey, young people that have been involved in the driving initiative 'Pathfinder' have been found to be safer than their peers with a 1 in 17 first-year accident rate compared to 1 in 5.

Pathfinder, which is supported by Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion through grant funding, is designed to reduce the number of road traffic incidents and collisions, and convictions, among the most vulnerable driving group (aged between 17 and 24).



This is done by working with the young people before they are 17 and in an environment where they can develop appropriate understanding of road risk, a positive attitude to road safety and the essential technical driving skills.

Not only does the course aim to reduce the number of collisions, it also reduces the number of convictions. Of the survey participants, only one driver (2%) had been convicted of a traffic offence compared with nearly 24% of all drivers nationally.

PCC John Campion said: "It is great news to hear that the Pathfinder scheme is having a positive impact on those that have taken part in it. Giving young people the opportunity to learn key driving skills in an environment like this is invaluable. There are far too many accidents involving young people happening on our roads. Through projects like Pathfinder we can tackle this problem together and increase driver competence, attitudes and understanding."

Paul Silverwood, Chair of Trustees for the Under 17 Car Club Charitable Trust, said: "This latest survey is entirely consistent with previous surveys of our graduates. It proves that the disproportionately high numbers of young driver deaths, injuries and collisions are avoidable by applying the appropriate non-traditional training and education. If the Pathfinder programme was adopted nationally, the country would save billions of pounds in addition to the avoidance of family grief."

***End of Message ***

(Circulated- Community- WMP)

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54780/Driving-scheme-makes-young-people-35-times-safer-than-their-peers>

05/12/18 - Wednesday 5 December: Don't suffer in silence

On average a domestic abuse victim endures 30-35 assaults before seeking help. 1 time is too many - please don't suffer in silence: nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

-National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (free/24 hrs)
-Please call 999 in an emergency/if you're in immediate danger #Protect
#ChristmasPresence

There will be one post every day between 1-24 December on the [West Mercia Police Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [West Mercia Police Instagram](#) accounts using **#ChristmasPresence**.

(message circulated-Community-WMPs areas)



<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54776/Wednesday-5-December-Dont-suffer-in-silence>

04/12/18 - Tuesday 4 December: Stay safe online

If a Christmas bargain seems too good to be true it probably is so:

- Think before you buy
- Think when you're buying
- Keep your purchases secure #ChristmasPresence

Stay safe online: actionfraud.police.uk/individual-protection #Protect #ChristmasPresence

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Citizens in Policing



<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54769/Tuesday-4-December-Stay-safe-online>

03/12/18 - Force launches Christmas Presence campaign

Monday 3 December: 'Come and say hi'

We're increasing patrols over the Christmas period - our Special Constables will volunteer hundreds of hours of their own time to keep you safe #ChristmasPresence

With Advent starting, West Mercia Police is launching its own calendar containing a different piece of advice every day.



While Christmas is a happy time for many people it does present opportunities for criminals and certain types of offending traditionally go up over the festive period.

Advice will focus on a number of areas such as violent crime, personal safety and domestic violence. It will also include advice to ensure people access the right service to help the force prioritise and respond more quickly to emergency calls.

You can open a different door each day on the force's social media accounts on the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/westmerciapolice/>

<https://twitter.com/wmerciapolice>

<https://www.instagram.com/westmerciapolice/>

Chief Superintendent Kevin Purcell said: "Ensuring people contact the police in the right way and only use the 999 number in an emergency is one of our main areas of focus at the moment. This is more important over the festive period when there is increased demand on emergency services.

"We'll also be offering advice to help people stay safe over the festive period."

For crime and safety advice go to: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety>

For more information on the ways to contact police go to:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2325/Contact-us>

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/54695/Force-launches-Christmas-Presence-campaign>

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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

