

Community Messages

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."

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

22/05/18 - We Don't Buy Crime - Smartwater - Volunteering Opportunity

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"We Don't Buy Crime" is a partnership between Warwickshire Police, West Mercia Police and Smartwater.

Smartwater, one of the country's leading crime deterrent companies, is helping people across the region protect their property and make life more difficult for burglars.

We aim to reduce the number of burglaries by improving detection, ending the market for stolen goods and encouraging people to take steps to protect their property.

Marking valuables with products such as Smartwater helps police to identify burglars and link them to crimes.

We are aware that acquisitive crime, including burglary, robbery and theft harms our communities. A person's home and possessions often carry an emotional attachment and when a criminal interferes with this, it can have a long lasting impact on victims. Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police are committed to protecting people from these crimes.

"We Don't Buy Crime" demonstrates this commitment, by taking an innovative approach to reducing and disrupting the market for stolen goods and protecting your home and possessions by making them less attractive to the would be criminal.

West Mercia Police are currently looking for a number Volunteers to assist with the "We Don't Buy Crime" Project across Shropshire, Telford, South Worcester and Hereford. The volunteers will be attending community Events across the county alongside the Project Manager, to support this force Initiative. These Events usually taking place on a Saturday. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and full training even.

If you would like to find out more about this exciting new volunteering opportunity please visit the West Mercia Police Website/ Jobs and Opportunities/ Police Support Volunteers or please click this [link](#).

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47324/We-Dont-Buy-Crime---Smartwater---Volunteering-Opportunity>

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

John Campion 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 Campion 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>

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 Campion 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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