

## Cuckoo Oak and Ironbridge Newsletter - 09 July 2018

### Community Messages

#### 12/07/18 - Officer commended for bravery in dangerous situation

#### **The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner has joined West Mercia's Chief Constable and the Chair of West Mercia Police Federation in commending a brave officer, who acted heroically to treat an injured person.**

PC Kimberley Morris, an officer in Shropshire, was only in her second week of independent patrol when she was called to a report of a disturbance and an assault. On arrival at the address she found two men, one with a neck wound, and one who she quickly deduced was the offender. The weapon was a herb cutter on the floor.

Kimberley remained calm whilst treating the victim, who was suffering from an arterial bleed and losing consciousness, whilst talking to the offender to keep him in sight and away from the weapon. The offender was arrested and sentenced to nine years in prison.

Kimberley has been nominated for a Police Federation of England and Wales Bravery Award, and will attend a ceremony in London tonight, with the Commissioner.

Commissioner John Champion said "Police officers are ordinary people, doing extraordinary things and Kimberley is a shining example of this. As part of my ongoing campaign, I am encouraging people to see the person behind the badge, and to understand the dangers that our officers face on a day to day basis. Kimberley ran towards danger in order to keep others safe, and on behalf of all our communities I would like to congratulate her for this courageous and selfless act, and commend her for this well deserved nomination."

Chief Constable Anthony Bangham said: "PC Morris demonstrated a perfect balance of compassion for a victim and bravery to enforce the law. Her courage is rightly being recognised with nomination for such a prestigious national award."

Sarah Cooper, Chairperson of West Mercia Police Federation said "PC Morris demonstrated selflessness, bravery and courage and was able to remain calm and professional whilst dealing with an incident involving huge levels of risk. She should be incredibly proud of this nomination."

For more information on the bravery awards: <http://polfed.org/bravery>

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Citizens in Policing

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/49204/Officer-commended-for-bravery-in-dangerous-situation>

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#### 12/07/18 - Industrial Premises burglary

OIS: 0163S 120718

BURGLARYHALESFIELD 18

BETWEEN 17.45 ON 11TH ~ 08.00 ON 12TH

An Electrical Engineering business was broken into via the roof. At this time it is not possible to ascertain what, or if anything stolen, due to the damage caused and the premises being trashed.

If you have information that you believe may be connection, please contact the Police on 101, quoting the OIS incident reference number given. Remain vigilant around your area and report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to the Police on 101. Information can also be given anonymously to the Independent Charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

Shelley Swinney Business and Rural Officer Telford

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/49187/Industrial-Premises-burglary>

## 11/07/18 - West Mercia Police plan ahead

**With the England football team having progressed so successfully in this year's World Cup, West Mercia Police is extensively planning to ensure that the appropriate numbers of officers and staff are on duty this week.**

Speaking today, Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, said: "You will not have failed to see the national headlines about the pressures on policing at this current time as a result of the World Cup football matches, the summer weather and many other local events and activities on going. We have also had to deploy a large number of our resources to London in support of the visit of the US President.

"Against this backdrop, this week will provide some significant challenges to West Mercia Police and therefore we have been working to plan and prepare for a busy and demanding week ahead.

"It is our absolute commitment to ensure that if you are in need of our help we will be there to provide this. We will be increasing the numbers of officers and staff on shifts throughout the week to try to maintain our emergency response times. However, we do also need the public's ongoing help and support and ask that you only call if absolutely necessary.

"We will have to prioritise our response to those in most need. We want to make people aware that during this week, incidents that people would hope for us to get to when they call 101 may take longer than usual. This is not because we don't care, it is simply because we are under high levels of demand and trying to prioritise how we respond.

**"Your help would be appreciated by only calling 999 in the event of a genuine emergency and only calling 101 when considering whether the incident is one that needs a policing response at that particular time.**

"We publish the contact details for all our Safer Neighbourhood Teams however these officers will also be working extremely hard to meet the high demands of the week so please allow additional time for them to respond.

"We want people to enjoy themselves and have fun this week, there is lots going on and England's progress in the World Cup should rightly be celebrated. We urge people to enjoy themselves but in a safe and considerate manner and we will continue to do our very best to keep our communities safe."

John Champion said: "England's World Cup progress has put a smile on all our faces, but there have been times when that excitement has gone too far. We have all seen the videos of people jumping off bus stops, damaging ambulances and getting into fights."

"That sort of behaviour has nothing to do with football. It creates unnecessary headaches for our police, ambulances and hospitals, and just ends up costing a huge amount of public money."

"I am reassured that our police are well prepared for the World Cup and I am confident that is the case for Wednesday's match too. I am grateful to all of the officers and staff who will be working hard to keep us all safe. A very small proportion of our community will go too far and place avoidable strain on our hard working emergency services. I would appeal to all fans to enjoy the football safely and responsibly".

Thank you.

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**Citizens in Policing**

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/49114/West-Mercia-Police-plan-ahead>

## 10/07/18 - Forensic technology helps tackle domestic abuse

**In a Countrywide first, cutting edge forensic technology is helping West Mercia Police tackle domestic abuse in Shropshire as a pilot scheme is hailed a success.**

The pilot scheme has seen SmartWater, a forensic traceable liquid provided by Telford based Company, SmartWater Technology, used at the homes of victims of domestic abuse.

The water based invisible liquid can transfer onto anything it comes into contact with - including skin and clothing. It is only visible under an ultra-violet light meaning those who come into contact with it could be unaware that it has left a mark on them. It stays on the skin for weeks and SmartWater Scientists only require a speck of the solution to be able to forensically determine where it has come from. SmartWater is also extensively used to mark property, making it uniquely identifiable.

Over the past year, police have been using SmartWater at the homes of domestic abuse victims in an effort to deter perpetrators from returning to the home and to provide victims with reassurance that their security has been enhanced.

During the pilot, which was made possible thanks to funding from West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, 20 victims of domestic abuse had SmartWater used in their homes with the perpetrator also informed that it had been used, potentially providing the police with irrefutable forensic evidence if they returned.

Only one victim saw a repeat offence, where an outbuilding was broken into and not the main building. The victim was not harmed.

Shropshire's Designing out Crime Officer Steve Loveridge led the pilot in Shropshire and has received the backing from the local Police Commander, Superintendent Jason Wells.

Supt Wells said: Victims of domestic abuse are some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and we want to make sure we do all we can to support them and make sure they are safe and feel reassured.

We know perpetrators will try to return to see their victim and often victims will be too fearful of reprisals to tell us, it takes great courage to report domestic abuse and we know many victims will have suffered more than the one incident they report to us.

By using SmartWater technology we are not only sending out a warning to perpetrators that we will know if they have tried to visit the home of their victim but if they do we will be able to prove it.

The initiative is one of the many measures we have in place to ensure victims of domestic abuse have the support they need. We have officers who have been specially trained and are dedicated to working with victims of domestic abuse, they understand the complexities of it and will ensure victims have the appropriate support and I would urge anyone who is a victim to get in contact with us.

SmartWater technology has traditionally been used to deter and prevent thieves, this is the first time it has been utilised to support and reassure victims of domestic abuse in England.

SmartWater's Director of Security Services, Gary Higgins said: Shropshire is the home of SmartWater, we are proud to be playing our small part in helping West Mercia Police and its Partners do everything possible to make some of the most vulnerable in our Communities feel safer in their own homes. Our products not only make property uniquely identifiable to its owner but can also categorically link offenders to the scene of their crime. We are delighted with the positive outcome of the trial, especially the fact that it has had such a dramatic impact on repeat offending. We look forward to seeing the initiative evolve and provide even more help where needed.

In the pilot the technology was only used with the victims consent and where the perpetrator was either charged or bailed away from the address.

For further information and details about the support available for victims of domestic abuse visit <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/5973/Domestic-violence-and-abuse>

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/49072/Forensic-technology-helps-tackle-domestic-abuse>

## Contact Details

Malinsgate Police Station  
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Telford  
TF3 4HW  
101 (In an emergency always call 999)



