

Cuckoo Oak and Ironbridge Newsletter - 17 December 2018

Community Messages

21/12/18 - Police are appealing for the public's help to locate a man they would like to speak to

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Officers are keen to speak to Patrick McDonagh, 31, from Craven Arms, about an assault that happened on 28 November. Please see the attached photograph.

Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact West Mercia Police on 101 quoting reference 534s 281118.



<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/55451/Police-are-appealing-for-the-publics-help-to-locate-a-man-they-would-like-to-speak-to>

21/12/18 - Teenager jailed for Telford man's murder

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A teenager has been sentenced to ten years for the murder of Telford man Derek Whyteside.

Earlier this year, in the afternoon of Monday 18 June, Derek Whyteside, who was 42 and from Chesterfield Road in Dawley, was hit over the back of his head with a cricket bat in Withywood Drive in Malinslee. He was knocked unconscious and taken to hospital with serious injuries, sadly he died on June 20.



Police launched a murder investigation which saw a 16 year old boy charged with murder. He was found guilty in November.

The teenager can now be named for the first time as Jimmy Owens from Lawnswood in Malinslee.

The murder investigation was led by Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Inspector Mark Bellamy.

He said: "I'm pleased with this sentence and hope it brings some kind of justice for Derek's family and friends as they continue to come to terms with his tragic death and our thoughts remain with them at this time.

"I would also like to thank the local community for their support and cooperation throughout our investigation."

William Owens, 41, of Boulton Grange, Randlay and Gareth Edward Owens, 39, also of Boulton Grange in Randlay were both sentenced to 20 months for affray.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/55449/Teenager-jailed-for-Telford-mans-murder>

18/12/18 - Vehicle crime, Bicton Lane, Bicton

Registration plates were removed from a White Volvo C30 motor vehicle parked on a driveway on a private property in Bicton Lane, Bicton. The vehicle was a 2012 model and it appears that the thieves were attempting to remove the front and back number plates but were disturbed and left prior to completely removing the front number plate

Please report all incidents of this nature as these stolen number plates are often used for other criminal activity

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/55365/Vehicle-crime-Bicton-Lane-Bicton>

17/12/18 - PCC Proposes Additional 115 Officers for West Mercia

John Campion is proposing to add a further 115 police officers to West Mercia's ranks as part of future budget plans.

The extra recruits would be additional to the PCC's previous commitment to increase officer numbers. If the proposals go ahead, it would take West Mercia Police's establishment up to around 2,150 officers. The highest level the force has seen since 2012.

The plan is part of the Commissioner's budget proposals for the coming years. The investment would be funded by an increase in central grant funding from Government, as well as an increase in council tax of around £1.63 per month for the average household in 2019/20.

John Campion said: "I have listened to feedback from our communities in West Mercia who have been very consistent: People want more police officers, and they want to see them out on the streets, tackling crime and keeping us safe."

"I believe my budget proposals deliver on that. It ensures the additional capacity for our hard-working police to deliver an even better service to communities, as well as an increase in dedicated resources for rural crime."

"I promised I would ensure the public's money is spent as efficiently as possible before asking for any more, and have delivered on that promise with the lowest council tax increases in England and Wales in the last two years. With a clear commitment to invest this extra resource directly into additional frontline officers, I hope the communities of West Mercia will support my proposals".

A consultation on the draft budget has now started, and will close on 20th January 2019. Details can be found on the PCC's website - www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

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