

# Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Hereford Rural North

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## In this edition ...

Preventing burglaries, scams and speeding!

### Safer Homes

#### Keeping your home safe in hot weather

We've seen some very hot weather recently and we're all looking to find ways to keep cool both during the day and night. Unfortunately there are some individuals who will look to exploit the open windows and doors to steal from your home. There are a few things you can do to keep you and your home safe.

- Shut windows and doors if you leave a room – it only takes a second for someone to lean in through an open window and steal a set of car keys.
- Keep ground floor windows and doors closed at night.
- Close and lock windows and doors if you leave the house.
- Remove garden furniture, ladders etc that could aid a burglar in entering your home.
- Consider investing in security accredited window opening restrictors.



### Safer People

#### Don't fall victim to scams

A number of scams are still doing the rounds with reports of "courier fraud" in Herefordshire. Courier fraud is where scammers will ring an individual and pretend to be the Police, HMRC or another agency and attempt to convince you that they need to come and collect your bank card and/or money. The Police will never ask for your bank details or money. To keep safe we advise the following:

- If someone rings purporting to be from the Police you can hang up and either ring 101 from a different phone or wait 5 minutes before trying from the same phone the call came in on. Scammers will often keep the phone line open.
- Never hand over bank details to anyone you don't know. The Police nor your bank will ask for PIN numbers over the phone.
- Report these calls to the Police and Action Fraud.



## Safer Roads

### National Speed Enforcement Campaign

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July marks the start of 2 week campaign to target speeding across the UK. You'll see an increase in officers from Roads Policing, Road Safety Team and Safer Neighbourhood Teams conducting speed enforcement across the county. Hereford Rural North SNT are targeting areas identified by Parish Councils as areas of concern for speeding with positive results.



Op Snap is the Police campaign that targets drivers whose poor driving is caught on CCTV, dash cam and video. You can submit footage here: [www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap)



## Neighbourhood Matters

July 2021 marked the launch of Neighbourhood Matters, a new messaging service that allows Police to send alerts relevant to you and where you live, offering crime prevention advice, appealing for witnesses and letting you know what the Police are doing in your area. Sign up at [www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)



### What we've been doing recently:

Seizing vehicles for no insurance, no licence, SORN and using red diesel.

Visiting burglary victims and providing SmartWater and offering reassurance and crime prevention packs to neighbours.

Conducting patrols and visiting businesses, offering advice, reassurance and support.

Acting on community concerns raised by Parish Councils as part of the Local Policing Community Charter.

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