

Newsletter

August 2017

South Wye
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

About your team

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Where we work

South Wye SNT is based at South Wye Police Station, Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm, Hereford, HR2 7DB, we work around the areas of **Rural**: Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham; Bolstone; Callow; Dewesall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton; Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone; Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch; Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dewchurch; Orcop; Pencoyd; Pontrilas; St Devereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch; Thrupton; Treville; Wormbridge; Wormelow.

Urban: Hinton, St Martins, Putson, Redhill, Lower Bullingham, Belmont.

Your team

Sgt Emma Freer, PC Kirsty O'Brien, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Hayley Cohen, PCSO Christina Howard, PCSO Adam Westlake and PCSO Christopher Yarwood.

How to get in touch

- ☎ 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime
- ✉ herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
- 🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk
- 📘 Herefordshire Cops / [@southsidecops](https://twitter.com/southsidecops)

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

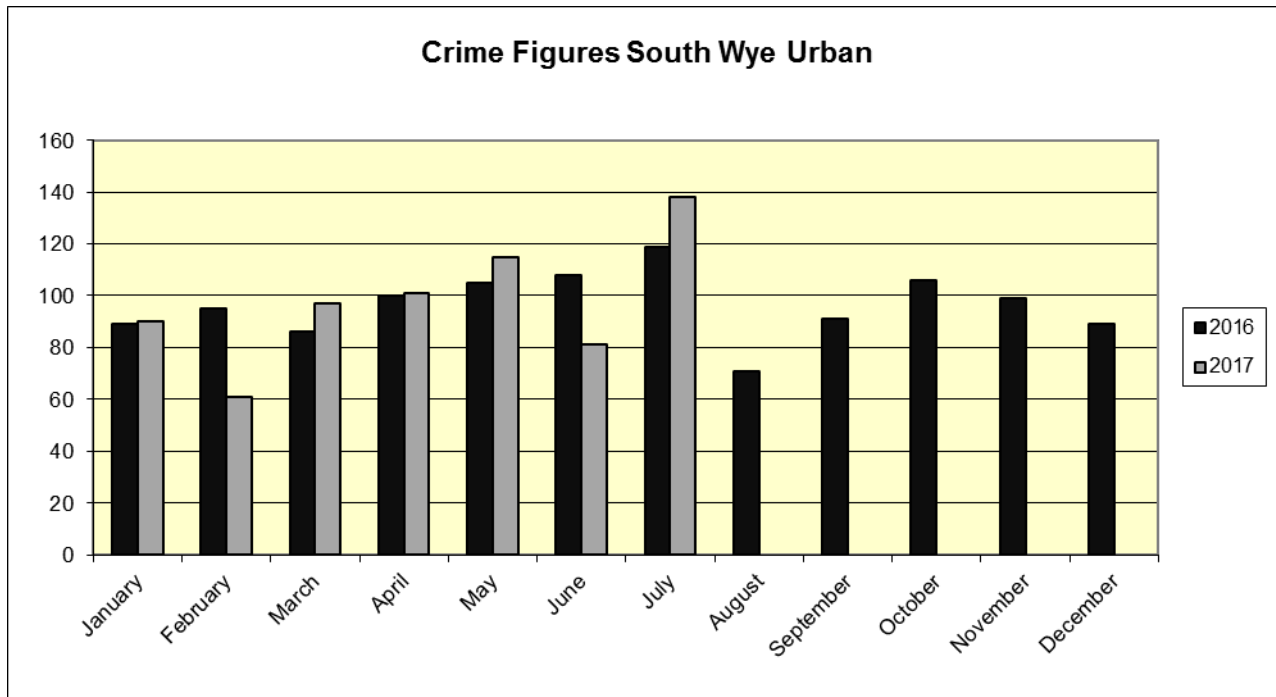
Incidents within South of Hereford - Urban

In **July 2017** there were **536** incidents reported from the South of Hereford to West Mercia Police. These reports were attended and dealt with by either your SNT or by response officers.

83 of these incidents were "**Grade 1**", which means **999** was dialled in an emergency; an incident that is either life threatening or a crime is in progress.

Of these incidents, **138** crimes were recorded. These crimes relate to; **21 Thefts**, **24 Assaults**, **11** reports of **Criminal Damage**, **4 Burglaries** and **78** of crimes recorded relate to **Miscellaneous crime**.

Crime trends for 2016 and 2017



Incidents of note

Northolme Community Centre

South Wye SNT have had an increase in reports relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the late hours at the Northolme Community Centre. We have had numerous reports in regards to vehicles driving dangerously, playing loud music at night and being a nuisance in the area. Police have been working with residents and have seized two vehicles for ASB in the area.

Saxon Hall

OIS 0814S 170717 – A woman was reported for entering a premises without permission to do so. The woman was found by officers and it was discovered that she was wanted for theft in 2016 in the area of London; this resulted in her arrest.

Tesco, Belmont

OIS 0431S 170717 – A male made off with goods from Tesco in Belmont. Staff took pursuit of the male where he was caught and arrested by officers. The goods were returned to the store.

Grosmont Grove

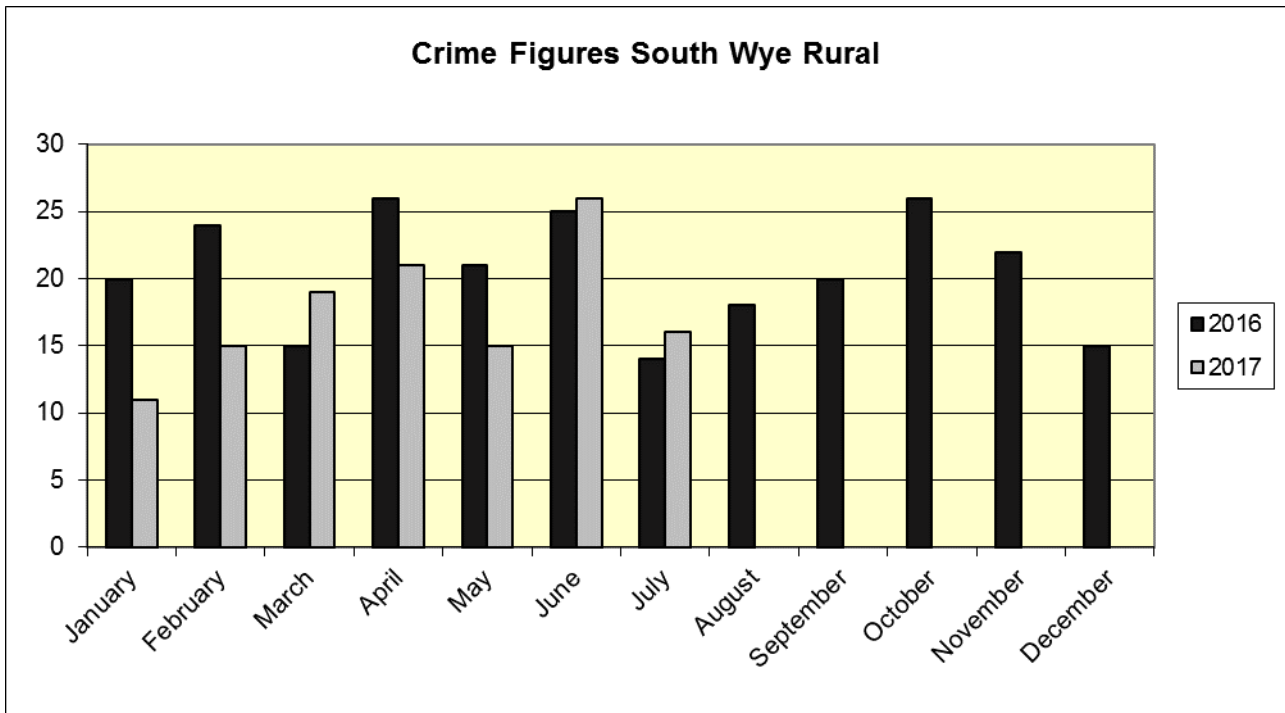
OIS 0557S 130717 – At approx. 16:00 on the 13/07/17, it is believed young person's threw a log over a bungalow in Grosmont Grove which then hit the front window of a camper van, smashing it. No persons have yet been identified. Any information please call 101.

If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Hereford Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Incidents within South of Hereford - Rural

In **July 2017** there were **109** incidents reported from rural areas in the South of Hereford to West Mercia Police. These reports were attended and dealt with by either your SNT or by response officers. **12** of these incidents were “**Grade 1**”, which means **999** was dialled in an emergency; an incident that is either life threatening or a crime is in progress. Of these incidents, **16** crimes were recorded. These crimes relate to; **2 Thefts**, **3** reports of **Criminal Damage**, **2 Burglaries** and **9** of crimes recorded relate to **Miscellaneous crime**.

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Items of note

Thurxton

OIS 0163S 250717 – Between 23:00 of the 24th July and 06:00 of the 25th July, a plain white catering vehicle was stolen from a farm in the Thurxton area. Other outbuildings the farm were also searched. West Mercia Police would like anyone with information to please come forward calling 101.

Rotherwas

A vehicle had been reported as suspicious by local businesses in Rotherwas. The vehicle was checked by officers and followed up; luckily the owner of the vehicle was innocent and not up to anything criminal. We would like to thank the businesses in Rotherwas for being proactive in fighting crime in their area, and notifying local police on activity. Keep it up.

Kingstone

OIS 0629S 230717 – Persons unknown have gained entry into the back garden of a property in Kingstone and have stolen a red mountain bike. Police would like anyone with information to come forward. Please call 101.

Grafton

OIS 0147S 190717 – Between 19:30 of the 18th July and 08:20 of the 19th July, unknown persons have stolen a catalytic converter from a works vehicle parked outside the Travel Lodge. No persons were seen. Did you see anything or have any information? Please call 101.

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Thank you to a Proactive Public.

As you may be aware, there are building works going on where the Ship Inn pub used to stand. There's lots of expensive building equipment and machinery, which we know is a favourite of criminals. On a recent evening, a member of the public saw two males in a white van pull up on to the site; these men were dressed in High Vis clothing and wearing hard hats. Most people would have thought this normal and that the builders were working late; Not to this member of the public. It was suspected that these men were up to no good, and officers were called. On arrival the 'acting builders' ran away, however one did not get far and was arrested on site, the other shortly after was found hiding in ASDA. The vehicle was listed as stolen and was on cloned plates, and one of the men was wanted for incidents in the Birmingham area. Both men from the West Midlands have since been charged with burglary.

Thank you to the public to staying proactive and calling the Police to suspicious behaviour; most of the time it may be innocent, but that one time it could be something much more and a call could prevent criminal activity.

What are drones and are they legal?

Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are essentially flying robots. The aircraft can be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously using inbuilt software controlled flight plans. Designed for designated purposes by the military, they are becoming increasingly popular among members of the public.

If you are considering using a drone for recreational purposes, we would advise that you consider the guidance below:

- You must not fly the drone above 400 feet in altitude or further than 500 metres away from you horizontally.
- If you wish to fly one that exceeds the limits above, you will need to seek permission from the CAA.
- Avoid flying it within 150 metres of a congested area or 50 metres of a person or vehicle.
- Use your common sense and fly safely - making sure you can see the drone at all times.
- If you are using one with a camera, make sure you inform people before you start recording and be aware of your surroundings.

Misuse of a drone can lead to a criminal offence being committed



Where we will be in August.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is always out and about, whether we're on patrol or attending an incident. This month you can come and visit one of your SNT officers at any of the following events across the south of Hereford.

2nd August – 11:00 – 12:30 – PCSO Howard will be at Hinton Community Centre.

3rd August – 10:00 – 11:00 – PCSO Westlake will be at St Weonards Post Office.

5th August – PCSO Yarwood will be out in the rural community offering crime prevention advice.

6th August – 08:00 – 17:00 PCSO Cohen & PCSO Yarwood will be at the Hereford Country Fair.

8th August – 12:00 – 13:00 PCSO Anderson will be at Pontrilas Post Office.

12th August – 14:00 – 16:00 – PCSO Cohen will be at Little Dewchurch fete.

22nd August – 11:00 – 12:30 – PCSO Howard will be at Hinton Community Centre.

28th August – 10:00 – 10:30 – PCSO Anderson will be in the area of Saxon Gate.

View of the month - Llanwarne



The stunning ruins of the Church of St John the Baptist, hidden away in Llanwarne. One of our favourite places in the South of Hereford; a beautiful place to visit.

Police Open Day 10th September 2017

POLICE OPEN DAY

Leominster

Sunday 10 September 2017
11am-4pm | FREE event

WEST MERCIA POLICE
CELEBRATING



YEARS 1967-2017

- Longtown Mountain Rescue
- Water Rescue UK
- VOSA
- Smartwater
- 4x4 Response
- Marches Housing Association
- Police motorcycles
- Stop That Thief
- Safer Roads Partnership
- Vintage police vehicles
- Run against a speed gun
- Water safety
- Kit throwing competition
- Wanted poster
- Finger printing

...and much more!



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