

Newsletter

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**Golden Valley
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
Newsletter**



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Crime Trends

1st - 30th October 2020

A Timberwolf forestry chipper and an Ifor Williams trailer were stolen from a farm in **Madley** overnight on 2nd/3rd October, but were later recovered from a bridleway in Kilpeck due to the chipper having a tracker installed. Also taken were three chainsaws and three strimmers which have not yet been recovered. A 27 year old male from Clehonger was arrested in connection with the theft and is on police bail under investigation.

Incident ref 103-i-031020

Damage was caused to the fence around **Clehonger** playing fields on Birchhill Road sometime between Thursday 1st and Monday 5th October.

Incident ref 305-i-051020

Sometime between 4th and 10th October a hardened plastic sign indicating a permissive footpath was stolen from a field in **Eaton Bishop**. I

Incident ref 533-i-131020

If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.

You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously.

Please be aware that any information provided within this newsletter 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, and are over a whole month. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Protecting road users from uninsured drivers

Motorists in West Mercia are being reminded of the consequences and implications of driving without valid insurance.

‘Operation Drive Insured’ - a week-long campaign developed by MIB (Motor Insurers’ Bureau) and supported by the National Police Chief’s Council (NPCC) will see increased roads policing activity to detect and seize uninsured vehicles across the region.

Each year in the UK over 130 people are killed and 26,000 are left injured in collisions caused by uninsured and untraced drivers, linking to nearly one in every five road traffic collisions. Evidence also shows drivers without insurance are more likely to be involved in other crimes, be it using a stolen vehicle, driving while disqualified or substance abuse.

£322 million has been paid in compensation in 2019 to provide support to victims of uninsured and untraced collisions, with figures from the Department for Transport indicating these collisions cost the economy a further £2 billion a year in emergency services, medical care, loss of productivity and property damage.

Superintendent Mel Crowther of West Mercia Police said; “Whilst the majority of road users in West Mercia comply with the legislation around insurance for their vehicle unfortunately there are some

using our roads that do not. Driving without valid insurance is not only against the law, it also devastates the lives of many other road users each year. Supporting this national campaign with increased education and local enforcement activity is part of our commitment to our overall *Safer Roads* priority to help improve road safety for all, reduce the amount of people that are killed or seriously injured on our roads and to deny criminals the use of the roads”.

The consequences of being caught without valid insurance can lead to drivers having their vehicle seized and potentially crushed along with a £300 fixed penalty notice and six licence points. They can also face court and receive a driving ban and an unlimited fine.

View from the Office

We are very lucky to travel around The Golden Valley every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer. This was taken from near Walterstone Common towards The Skirrid on a stormy afternoon.



Halloween advice

We are asking those of you planning to take part in Halloween activities to be “s-careful” and follow Covid-19 regulations.

Whilst Halloween is going to be different this year, for obvious reasons, we are sure that many of you are still hoping to seize the opportunity to have a good time.

Along with asking you to keep following the Coronavirus regulations (as the vast majority of you have been for the last eight months) we are also asking you to be “frightfully thoughtful” to those living around you. Some people, particularly those that live alone, can find parts of Halloween behaviour intimidating, so please be mindful of this. We have also produced our annual posters to help prevent visitors; these are available from our Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Chief Superintendent Sue Thomas said: “We want to get the balance right between ensuring everyone is doing their bit to prevent the spread of coronavirus by following the law whilst not stopping people from having a good, safe, time.

“As in previous years, we will have an increased number of officers on duty and will be carrying out additional high visibility patrols to ensure that anti-social behaviour remains low. We will also be engaging with those out and about and encouraging them to act responsibly and reminding them to follow Covid-19 laws. Where we need to though, we will take enforcement action.

“Perhaps most importantly, please remember that if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been told to self-isolate you shouldn’t take part in any in-person Halloween festivities and shouldn’t give out sweets to trick-or-treaters. There are, however, lots of other ways that you can still make a memorable evening for your family.”



Where is PC Badger?

Last month PC Badger was outside All Saints Church at Old Clehonger - he was spotted by Merv from Vowchurch, David from Hereford, Joyce from Allensmore and Chris and Linda from Old Clehonger.

Where is he this month?



How to Contact Us

 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

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

Where We Work



Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llanillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Escley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestone, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of).