

In Our Neighbourhood

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Improvements to Neighbourhood Policing

Since the beginning of June Solihull Police has undergone a number of changes to improve the service delivered to communities and the way in which we work with partner agencies, while identifying and reducing waste, duplication and inefficiency.

Newly restructured Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) will as part of these changes remain focused on community engagement at a local level; dealing solely with local neighbourhood priorities and issues.

There are now a few new faces on the Bickenhill NPT patrolling the streets. In the next issue there will be a photo of the new team.

What Have We Been Doing?

Officers from the Bickenhill and NEC team have continued to tackle the issues of anti-social behaviour in **Willow Way, Marston Green**. This has involved a multi-agency approach to tackling some of the underlying issues.

The local neighbourhood team has also been engaging with local schools and attended **Marston Green Junior and Infant School** at the end of September. Officers are also focusing on the parking issues and working with the school and SMBC to improve the problems. Parents are requested, however, to be considerate towards local residents and other vehicle users by parking considerately, or a short distance away from the school. Some are putting **children's safety** at risk by poor driving around the school.

The local neighbourhood team has also been responding to recent intelligence surrounding drugs in the area, which continues to be an area of focus for officers.

Crime in Your Area

During September there were a number of shed and garage burglaries and vehicle crime in Marston Green and Hampton in Arden.

For helpful information about crime and policing in your neighbourhood, please visit: www.police.uk

Enter your postcode or street name in to the search box and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data.

You can view the figures of crimes by the specific type: burglary, ASB, robbery, vehicle crime or violent crime.

To help reduce the likelihood of you becoming a victim of crime please follow the crime prevention advice below.

Burglary Crime Prevention Tips

- . Fit timers to lamps to give the impression that somebody is at home when you are out in the evening
- . Always ensure doors/windows are locked
- . Never leave spare keys outside in a convenient place, like a flowerpot or under a doormat
- . Fit a lock to your shed/outhouse and secure bikes to a wall or floor security device
- . Property mark your valuables with your house number and postcode, especially bicycles

Scrap Metal Thefts

Scrap metal collectors are operating in the area. Please do not leave any property outside that could be mistaken for scrap metal.



Bickenhill Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Bickenhill, Meriden & NEC neighbourhood policing team leader is:

Sergeant Tony Hanlon

The officers who work in your neighbourhood to help reduce crime and protect you from harm are:

- PC Bill Woodward
- PC Carole Vickers
- PC Paul Forty
- PC Chris Traves
- PCSO Andy Burton



Local Policing Issues

We have received reports of youths congregating in vehicles and smoking Cannabis at the **cemetery in Marston Green**. Officers have been targeting this area and have subsequently dealt with a number of individuals for drug offences.

If you have any issues relating to your neighbourhood that you feel we need to know about, please let us know by using one of the contact methods detailed opposite.

Beat Surgeries in Marston Green and Hampton in Arden

The neighbourhood team will be holding Beat Surgeries 'Naughty Nicks Tea Rooms, High Street, Hampton and at St Leonards Church Parish Hall, Marston Green. Please pop down to talk to us.

Tuesday 11th October 2011 - Hampton
10:00am – 12:00pm

Monday 17th October 2011 – Marston Green
5:30pm – 7:30pm.



In an emergency dial 999 - For police purposes an emergency is when there is danger to life, there is a risk of serious injury, or when there is a crime in progress or is about to happen.

In a non-emergency dial 0345 113 5000 – Our helpdesk deals with all non-emergency calls and can assist you in offering advice, providing crime reference numbers and taking details of incidents that need our attendance.

Speak to the Team

0345 113 5000 ext: 7922 6286

Email Us

bickenhill@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Visit Our Websites

www.solihullpolice.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Watch And Crime Prevention Advice

www.ourwatch.org.uk

www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes

