

# 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.

## 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.

This will continue to be monitored, however reduced from a priority to a local issue.

Following engagement with local residents, the Local Neighbourhood Team have also been focusing on parking issues around the **Marston Green Junior and Infant schools**, working with the head teachers to improve this concern. Enforcement officers from Solihull Metropolitan Council and the neighbourhood team will issue **fixed penalty tickets** to those drivers parking inconsiderately and causing an obstruction to other road users and pedestrians.

The local neighbourhood team has also been responding to recent intelligence surrounding **drugs** in the area of **Marsh Lane Hampton and the Marston Green Tavern**, which continues to be an area of focus for officers.

## Crime in Your Area

October has seen a reduction in burglaries and vehicle crime in your area. However, please be vigilant and follow the below advice.

For helpful information about crime and policing in your neighbourhood, please visit: [www.police.uk](http://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

## Drain Gulley Thefts

There have been a number of drain gulley thefts in the local area. Can residents please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Solihull Contact Centre.



## 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 and Marston Green Tavern car park**. 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 - Hampton**  
10:00am – 12:00pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 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](http://www.solihullpolice.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/solihullpolice](http://www.facebook.com/solihullpolice)

### Neighbourhood Watch And Crime Prevention Advice

[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

[www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes)

