

# Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch Group



## Update - Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council Meeting, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Successes** – Our Police Community Support Officer Kristin Wills and a colleague attended the Village Hall again on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon with the Mobile Police Station. A further visit is planned in the coming weeks; maybe just by a patrol car. PCSO Wills is hoping to attend the Parish Council meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

On behalf of the community, I'd like to say a very BIG "THANK YOU!" to the two women who, while getting some exercise walking around the village, take time to pick up litter and dispose of it properly; putting to shame those who discard it so inconsiderately. I'm sorry, I don't know your names, but you know who you are... Thank you!

**Concerns** – We are aware there were some concerns about a police presence in the village on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, with comments of 3 to 6 vehicles being seen around Back Lane and Old Smithy Road; depending to whom one is speaking! PCSO Wills told me: *"I understand the concern of the residents. Officers were dealing with a concern for safety which was safely resolved. I would be unable to divulge anything further than that."*

**Inconsiderate driving** – Several people have mentioned that speeding seems to have increased through the village in recent weeks. There have also been several reported incidents of dangerous driving at the junction of Back Lane and Cherrington Road which has come close to causing collisions and injury, with other drivers and cyclists.

The three unknown drivers have been driving a white, a grey and a black SUV. All seem to think it is a neat idea when driving from the village centre and turning left into Back Lane to first veer across the road into the oncoming traffic's lane to get around the corner into Back Lane more quickly. The incidents have happened around 7:30am, 3:30pm and 5:30pm in the last 3 months.

There have also been several instances reported of people driving from the centre of Tibberton towards Cherrington cutting the same corner to get around it more quickly, forcing oncoming vehicles to emergency stop.

In both scenarios, it is NOT a neat idea to veer into the oncoming traffic's lane at that corner; which is a blind bend when travelling in both directions. We would ask all drivers to please show more regard for other road users and more consideration for everyone's safety, there and throughout the village. Thank you.

### Recent Crime Alerts (25-Jan)

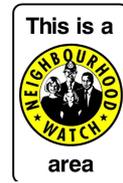
- A group of males, with lurchers, were seen Hare Coursing in a field near Edmond, they left in a 52 plate Mitsubishi Shogun.
- Over the past weekend, a mechanical digger had diesel fuel and the battery stolen, Newport.

**NHW Signage** – We have now got the new roundel covers from West Mercia NHW and are chasing them for when the Tibberton and Cherrington NHW new signs (on the next page) may be available. If we have more information by 31<sup>st</sup>, we'll let you know. Once they have been received, the new signage will go up; when the weather allows.

**We Don't Buy Crime / SmartWater** – We have had 56 positive (and 2 negative) responses to the WDBC/ SmartWater survey among the parishioners; 290 surveys having gone out with the magazines. To qualify for the full discounted price of £8.90 per set, with **290** households in the Parish, we need to get **203** people signed-up. We're so far aware of two residents who already have SmartWater; so, we can include them in the numbers.

Anything the Councillors can do to encourage their friends, neighbours and all parishioners to sign up would be much appreciated. That said, we have had only 4 Parish Councillors sign-up, out of 9; not the

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expected level of support we expected from. Don't Panic! We will have blank forms at the meeting for you to sign; or through which to notify us if you already have SmartWater.

After speaking with Rachael Oakley at SmartWater, Nick G now has the following information to share:

## Numbers and Rollout

- SmartWater are happy to work on the basis of a phased rollout across the Parish, ultimately covering at least **203** i.e.70% of our 290 households
- SmartWater need a letter signed by both the Parish Council and NW Scheme to confirm that the Parish is committed to a full rollout after the initial phase.
- **WMP** and **SmartWater** need an initial **40% coverage (116)** out of **240** households have SmartWater) before any signs go up.
- **Phase 1** would, therefore, be **116** kits at **£8.90** each = **£1,032.40**.
  - Note 1: Kits provided by SmartWater at £8.90 each to the Parish Council cannot be sold on at a higher price to residents, e.g. £10.00 per kit.
- The WM Police and Crime Commissioner's offer is 25% of the total 290 households (**72**) would get free kits; which we **cannot** sell to residents.
  - Note 2: Mick Simpson at WMP has since advised that this offer has **only** been used where the council **buys** the kits and then **gives them free** to residents. It has **not** been used for cases like us and other councils are now in: where they wish to take up the WMPCC offer but cannot fund free kits for all.
  - Note 3: There is no agreed criteria for who gets free kits and who pays for one; the Parish Council would have to develop one.
  - Note 4: WMP are looking again at their overall criteria for this offer of 25% feel kits being made.
  - Note 5: We are not the only Parish in Telford and Wrekin wanting SmartWater: surrounded by other councils/parishes with SmartWater; which has a low crime rate, yet people do not see the benefit of SmartWater in sufficient numbers. WMP (Mick Simpson's Superintendent) are looking further into what to do in these situations; the decision may take a few weeks yet.
- The Parish Council **can** go to builders of new housing in the Parish, e.g. Shropshire Homes, to provide funding for kits under the Crime Prevention Act (see below).

## Next Steps

1. Rachael will provide us with:
  - Printed SmartWater leaflets for distribution across the Parish.
  - Headlines of the benefits which parishes in Shropshire with low crime rates, like our own, have seen from SmartWater use.
2. Rachael will confirm:
  - That the WMP Superintendent responsible for SmartWater is happy for us to proceed as outlined above; including signage.
  - The route by which the Parish Council asks builders for funding.
3. It is suggested a Parish meeting is arranged for late-Feb / early March (26th or 5th TBC) to discuss the project with those who have declared an interest and those who haven't yet; Rachael and Mick have agreed to attend.
  - The SmartWater flier to be included with the next Parish Magazine with something printed on the reverse to advertise the Parish meeting.

## Finances - A Possible Solution...

1. From the £600 agreed to be used for NW signs, £140 is kept for that purpose.
2. The £460 balance goes towards the £1,032.40 needed for the initial 116 kits; leaving £572.40 to find.
3. The Parish Council and NW apply to Shropshire Homes and other local builders to make up that amount; Shropshire Homes have asked in the Shop what they can do for the village; they were thinking about a defibrillator...
4. Any shortfall is then covered with an application to the Village Shop for an award.

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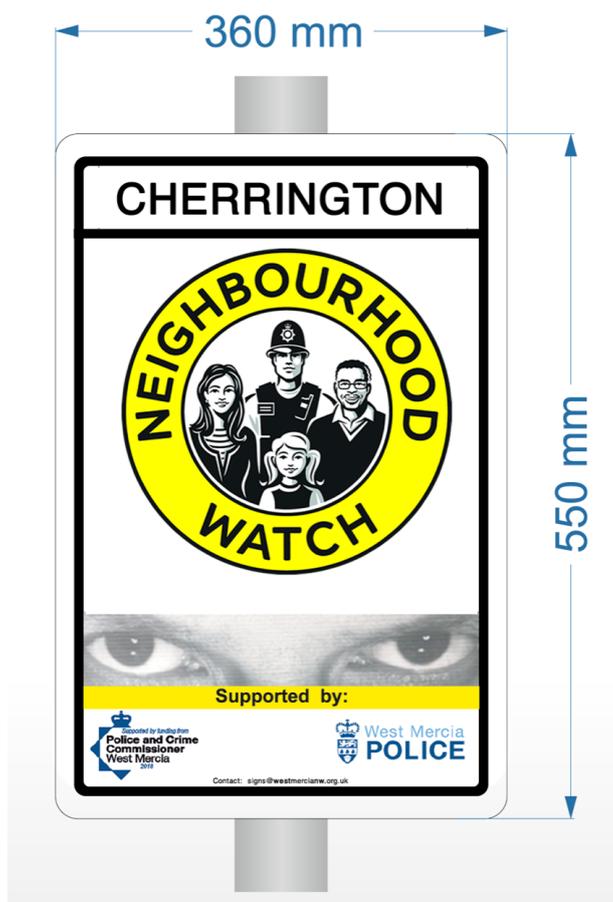
Waters Upton did their SmartWater rollout in two hits, the money raised by the sale of the first batch of kits being used to fund the purchase of the second batch. (Huw Roberts their NHW lead has provided us with excellent advice on how to proceed with WMP and SmartWater.)

**West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Town and Parish Council Survey 2018 –** Nick G has, either directly or via John Major, already emailed you copies of this and we have attached headlines below for discussion at the meeting. We're sure that Kristin and Mick will be able to answer any questions you have on the developments from the report's publication and take any further feedback you may have back to their colleagues

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29<sup>th</sup> January 2019





## West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner’s Annual Town and Parish Council Survey 2018

### Executive summary

- In total 107 town and parish councils responded to this survey, this is approximately 23% of the total number of towns and parish councils in West Mercia. This report only reflects the views of those councils who submitted a return. It is not possible to conclude that the findings are representative of all town and parish councils within West Mercia.

### Local Policing

- Around 60% of councils consider the police to be doing a good or fair job in the local area but police visibility was rated as poor or very poor by around 64% of councils.
- Mixed responses have been received for how well the police work with the council to identify and address local crime disorder issues.
- The councils generally show that they had confidence in the police to resolve crime and disorder issues.

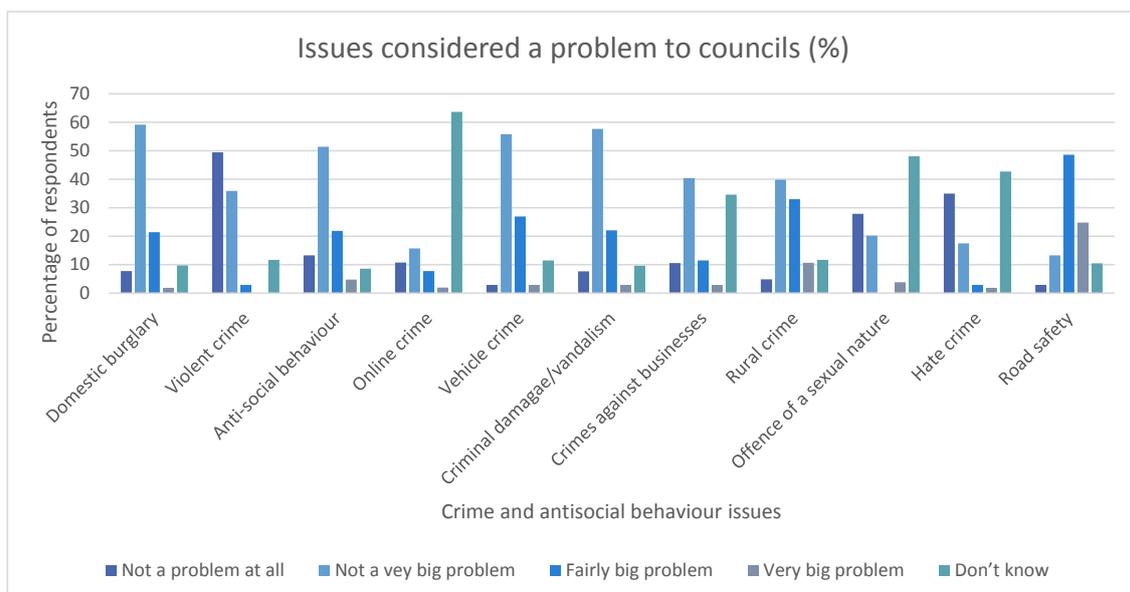
### Contact and engagement

- The majority of councils suggest that it is fairly easy to contact the local policing teams with emails being the most common method to contact the police.
- A majority of the councils suggest that they are familiar with their local SNT team
- Around 27% of councils suggest that police never attend council meetings whereas around 26% state police attend every 2-6 months.

### Crime and antisocial behavioural issues

- Over 60% of towns and parish councils suggested that crime and antisocial behavioural issues were not a problem.
- Rural crime and road safety were highlighted as being a very big problem by towns and parish councils.

**Completion rates**      Shropshire 42%      Telford and Wrekin 11%



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## Shropshire

- In total, 45 of the towns and parish councils that responded were from Shropshire.

### Local policing

- The police were seen to be doing a fair, good or excellent job by most of the Shropshire councils. However visibility was rated as poor or very poor by 62% of councils and only rated as fair, good or excellent by 36%.
- Views of confidence in the police to resolve crime and disorder issues were disagreed with by 36% of councils with 29% neither agreeing nor disagreeing and only 27% agreeing.
- The police response to crime and disorder issues raised by the council was seen as fair, good or excellent by 47% of councils whilst 31% stated that they didn't know or that it was not applicable.
- Councils suggested that it was easy to contact the local policing teams, and access relevant information for the local community from the police.

### Contact and engagement

- Around 46% stated that they thought the level of contact with the police was poor or very poor whilst 40% thought it was fair, good or excellent.
- The police response to requests for information and meetings were rated as fair, good or excellent by 45% of councils.
- Around 40% of council's state they are never proactively contacted by the police to raise awareness of local issues and to share information.
- Although the majority of councils state that the SNT are somewhat familiar or very familiar to them.

### Crime and antisocial behaviour issues

- Crime and antisocial behaviour was rated as being not a very big problem or not a problem at all by 67% of councils.
- Road safety was deemed a very big problem by 8 councils and violent crime was deemed not a problem by the majority of councils. Extra issues raised include concern for safety, drink driving, fly tipping and speeding and HGV's.

## Telford & Wrekin

- Overall, 12 towns and parish councils from this survey were from Telford & Wrekin. **Local policing**

### Local policing

- In Telford 42% of councils suggest the police are doing a fair, good or excellent job. However, the same amount also suggest the police are doing a poor or very poor job. Police visibility in Telford was rated by the majority (83%) as either poor or very poor with only 17 % rating it as fair. No council rated it as good or excellent.
- Most councils disagreed that they had confidence in the police to resolve crime and disorder issues with only 25% agreeing that they had confidence in the police.
- The police response to crime and disorder incidents raised by the council were generally rated as either fair, good or excellent. The majority also stated that it was easy to contact local policing teams.

### Contact and engagement

- The level of contact with the police was rated as fair, good or excellent by 58% of councils.
- Police response to requests for information/meetings were rated by 42% of councils as being fair, good or excellent. However, 42% also said it was poor or very poor.
- Around 33% of councils say the police never proactively contact the council to raise awareness of local issues, although 33% also say they are contacted every 2-6 months.
- SNT's were not well known or totally unknown to 58% of councils.

### Crime and antisocial behaviour issues.

- Crime and antisocial behaviour was rated as not being a problem for 58% of councils. However, 6 out of 11 councils stated road safety was a very big problem. Extra issues flagged as a problem include parking and persistent offenders on A41 through the village doing excess speed.