

Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch Group



Update - Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council Meeting, 16th May 2019

Residents are advised to take all the usual precautions to safeguard your property and vehicles at all times and to report anything suspicious or out of place to the Police on 101 or, if you see an incident happening call the Police using 999. Thank you. (See the local crime reports below.)

Tibberton targeted by “Hi Neighbour!” Scam – Several residents received a letter through the door on 26 April with a printed and franked 2nd class stamp on it addressed specifically to their house suggesting they join a free private online network called “Nextdoor Edgmond & Ercall Magna” with a link and joining code provided in the letter. Several residents have received similar letters since that date, all delivered in the normal post. The Police have advised us **THIS IS A SCAM!** (An expensive one to set-up and deliver.) **The advice from our PCSO Kristin Wills is simple:** *“Please can you encourage residents to report this (and any other similar incidents) to Action Fraud this can be done online or by calling 0300 123 2040. It may also be worthy to note that the Action Fraud website has a lot of useful information regarding the latest scams to be aware of.”*

Traffic Speeds in Tibberton – The **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** was operating on the entry into the village from Bobaston Bank within the 30mph zone by Wrekin View for a 6-day period early in April, monitoring the speeds of the traffic entering Tibberton. Here are the headlines of what it ‘observed’.

- 3,392 vehicles entered the village past the device over the 6 days; 565 per day
- 1,683 vehicles passed the sign at over 30mph; **280** vehicles per day, **49.6%** are speeding
- The highest speed recorded, at 4:30am each morning, was 51mph... each day
- The highest speeds are regularly seen around 6:30-8:15am, 3:15-5pm and 8pm each day; the fact that this was vehicles entering the village is interesting.

The SID was relocated to Back Lane in the week up to Easter, the results show 1/3rd the incoming traffic there of the approach from Bobaston but the same ratio of people using Back Lane are driving over 30mph when passing the SID; which is 100+ plus yards past the start of the 30mph zone.

Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team Update – PCSO Jack Beddall has joined PCSO Wills in looking after the village, both will be back in the village in May for anyone to speak with on matters of concern.

Recent Local Crime Reports – We’re shocked to report that a dressage horse was found badly mutilated in a field near Tibberton and had to be put down, in an incident reported to West Mercia Police on Friday, 15 March. A vet has said the horse could not have injured itself. Anyone with information is asked to call WMP on 101 and refer to incident number 0557s of 15 March; thank you.

On the subject of animal crime, WMP say: “There have been recent reports in Shropshire and Warwickshire of sheep in fields being mutilated and slaughtered.” Please do call the Police on 101 to report anything suspicious you may see or be aware of; or on 999 if you see something actually happening. Thank you.

Judging by the number of alert emails we have been getting there is a marked increase in crime in and around the Market Drayton and Wellington areas– covering vehicle crimes, both break-ins and vehicles being stolen, plus thefts of bicycles, machinery and burglaries; and in Newport - with vehicles and equipment at building sites around Audley Avenue being targeted. Several of these reports mention 2 men being seen around the time of the incidents.

We Don’t Buy Crime / SmartWater – A proposal is to be discussed with representatives of the Parish Council and, possibly, West Mercia’s Police and Crime Commissioner’s office in the next few weeks.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs – The signs are still in production. I can confirm that the cost of the 4 signs is £125, including £25 VAT.