



Wem Rural Parish Council

Crime and Disorder

The Parish Council has close links with all the Local Neighbourhood Team from Inspector Tracy Ryan to PCSOs Elizabeth Walmsley and Mark Davies. Sgt Claire Greenaway has attended the Annual Parish Meeting in 2015 and other Council meetings. Sgt Greenaway provides reports on criminal incidents in the Parish when requested. Rod Lake, Traffic Management Advisor Warwickshire Police & West Mercia Police, attended the Annual Parish Meeting in 2016 and spoke on the work of the Safer Roads Partnership. The Safer Neighbourhood Team's new PC, Liam Heathcote, is planning to attend a Council meeting within the next few months to introduce himself.

Links to the Local Neighbourhood Team's webpage of West Mercia Police website are on the home page of the Parish Council's website together with the Team's latest news.

The Council also receives the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's monthly newsletter and updates.

In July 2014 a 'Crime Awareness and Prevention Day' was held at Edstaston Village Hall with the Local Neighbourhood Team and local Fire and Rescue team attending.

The Council attended the Shropshire Business and Rural Crime Reduction Conference in Shrewsbury in January 2015.

Speeding traffic is often reported by residents similar to other rural parishes. The Council has paid for traffic monitoring at Quina Brook in order to provide evidence rather than anecdotal information. This has resulted in the Police and Safer Roads Partnership including the area in speed enforcement activities. The Parish Council is looking to provide communities with access to community speed monitoring equipment and training; made possible by working with another Parish Council to share the equipment.

The Parish is part of a low crime area of the County and, although rural, has not been subject to any significant level of rural crimes. The Council uses social media to share and warn parishioners of incidents of burglaries, suspicious vehicles and anti-social activity

Following the presentation by Sgt Ram Aston at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2019, the Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding to provide householders in the parish with Smartwater kits. This initiative, under the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Merica campaign 'We Don't Buy Crime', will be rolled out during the summer of 2019

The Parish Council is aware of its responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and will act as and when required or requested.

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