



## Wem Rural Parish Council West Mercia Police Autumn 2021 Update



Welcome to the first Wem Rural Parish Council's West Mercia Police update. Over the past few months the Council has been working with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams covering our area and has met with Graham Donaldson, Police, Rural and Business Crime Officer, to understand his role. The Parish Council will be following up issues discussed at that meeting directly with Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion and Inspector Claire Greenaway in a private meeting in December. We will provide an update in our next edition of Rural Review.

Ruth Williams  
Chair, Wem Rural Parish Council

### New Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Sergeant

I'm really happy to introduce myself (or re-introduce myself) as your new SNT Sergeant. This role has been created in addition to the SNT sergeant at Oswestry who I am aware has been covering the whole of North Shropshire for some time now.

Some of you may remember me as the SNT Officer for Whitchurch and then the SNT Sergeant for North Shropshire in 2015-16. Since then I've qualified as a detective, have been substantively promoted and have been running one of the CID teams in Shrewsbury as a Detective Sergeant, supervising investigations into the most serious and complex crimes. I've also worked on the local organised crime and proactive teams targeting burglars, car thieves and county line drug dealers. I'm also one of three drug experts for the Shropshire local policing area.

I'm hoping that this experience together with that of other roles I've carried out over the last couple of decades will benefit the team I'm now in charge of and the communities of North Shropshire.

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### Shropshire Rural and Business Crime Team

The Shropshire Rural and Business Crime Team are based in Shrewsbury within the Problem Solving Hub. The team consists of two police officers, PC Darren Jukes and PC Phil Nock, and Graham Donaldson, police staff. Our primary function is to liaise with victims of rural and business crimes, particularly repeat and vulnerable victims, to provide reassurance and to promote and encourage crime reduction information and advice to help communities protect themselves. We work with partner agencies and policing colleagues to identify and reduce threat harm and risk to our rural communities and attend meetings with our rural communities to promote crime prevention information and advice. The team are available to attend any community meetings within the county to discuss rural issues, and can be contacted at [ruralcrime@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrime@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)



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If you can answer YES to any or all of these questions, then West Mercia's IAG needs you.

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## Scams

In this first update, Police Community Support Officer Jamie Robinson would like to bring your attention to Scams, (noun: a dishonest scheme; a fraud). Jamie writes....

Scams are very prevalent at the moment and it is good practice to be aware of the scams that exist and what you can do about them.

### Ten golden rules to prevent fraud

Remember these ten golden rules to help you prevent fraud and beat the scammers.

- Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
- Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
- Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
- Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
- Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
- Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
- Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
- If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help.
- Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

### Get help or report a scam

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040) or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

Call us on [101](tel:101) if you know the suspect or they're still in the area.

Reporting crime, including fraud, is important. If you don't tell the authorities, how do they know it's happened and how can they do anything about it? Remember that if you're a victim of a scam or an attempted scam, however minor, there may be hundreds or thousands of others in a similar position. Your information may form part of one big jigsaw and be vital to completing the picture.

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