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## LOCAL POLICE REPORT

I am pleased to say that we now have an additional Community Support Officer for Upton. Jemma Coates started in May and she will work alongside myself and Lucy Rowbotham in tackling issues both in Upton and the more rural areas.

Parking is still a concern in the Town with many motorists ignoring the prohibition of stopping in the bus stop. This is further compounded by vehicles ignoring the parking restrictions along High Street. If you have to park in Town please park legally, that way you could save yourself a £30 fine. Damage has recently been caused to the picnic tables situated by the bridge on East Waterside. Some wooden sections were removed and thrown in the river. We would obviously like to hear from anybody who might have witnessed the damage taking place.

West Mercia Constabulary are currently highlighting the issue of Distraction Burglaries and bogus callers. Whilst incidents of this nature are low in our area I feel it is necessary just to make people aware of this particular type of crime. The people who commit these crimes tend to pick on the elderly and vulnerable. They will call upon a resident stating that they are from the Water board, or Gas board. They will persuade the occupant that they need to enter their home to check their water or gas etc. Whilst the occupant is distracted an accomplice will steal cash or valuable items left in view. It has also been known for drawers to be quickly opened and searched. Often the victim will not discover the loss until sometime later.

If there is any doubt about a caller to your home, don't let them in and call the Police straight away. Please remember that we do not have Gas or Water Boards anymore so if anybody says they are from one you should immediately become suspicious.

On a final note. Community survey forms are now available at the Town Council reception desk at the Memorial Hall. If you have a concern about your Community these forms give you the opportunity to raise the issue. A post box is provided to place completed forms in. For the more rural communities I will be placing similar boxes and forms in Post Offices this summer.

PC Mark Taylor,  
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