



## LOCAL POLICING REPORT

In November our Community Support Officer, Emma Burrows, left us to start a new job. Emma has been accepted as a Police Officer and will start her training in December. Emma has remained with West Mercia where she hopes she will have a local posting. I wish Emma all the best in her new career. More CSO 'S are being trained so I expect it will only be a short period of time before we have a full time replacement.

A major part of local policing involves engagement with the communities we serve and working with other agencies. It has long been recognised that the Police alone cannot solve all problems. That is why we work more closely now with partner agencies such as the local council and housing associations.

One of the aims of this partnership working is to improve the community's capacity to resolve community concerns. But what are your concerns? Is it litter, drugs, noise, crime, parking, or the fact that your neighbours dog barks all night?

We need you to tell us and that is why I have recently given out survey forms to places such as the Library for people to collect and fill in. The form is very simple and only takes a minute or two to complete. Forms can also be obtained from Upton Police station during opening times. You do not have to give any personal details.

I do not know what the weather has in store for us this winter but it does concern me when I see motorists driving with frosted up windows and trying to see through the small space they've cleared on the windscreen. On frosty mornings please take the time to properly clear all your windows before setting off. It's far better to arrive late than not at all. Be prepared for winter motoring and check that all your lights are in working order. It's far better to pay for a light bulb than a fine.

Christmas is a very joyful time for many families but it can be ruined if you are unfortunate enough to be the victim of a crime. Most crime is opportunist so the simple thing to do is to remove the opportunity, here are a few tips.

Don't leave valuables on view in you car, lock them away.

Don't leave your bags unattended in public places.

Don't carry large amounts of cash unless you really need to.

Don't use a cash machine if the card slot seems different to normal.

Don't open the door to strangers.

Do have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

PC Mark TAYLOR.  
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