

# On the beat in

# Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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## Where we work



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### Information Appeal – Redhill & Newton Farm

Police are investigating an incident that took place on the 30th April 2024 in the Redhill and Newton Farm area. At around 7pm – 8pm a group of what is believed to be youths, were seen wearing their hoods up with face coverings, including masks. This group proceeded to target two locations where the incidents occurred.

We are appealing to the public to help identify those persons involved. The group consisted of up to 12+ individuals, who are known to have been in and around the Pentwyn Avenue and Hillside Avenue area before going to the area of The Oval in Newton Farm.

We are aware that the images we are sharing may be difficult to identify however, parents or responsible persons are likely to recognise the clothing those involved were wearing. One distinctive person was seen to be wearing a gorilla mask and a light blue chequered shirt.

We would also like to appeal to anyone who may have CCTV on their homes who may have captured footage of this group to please come forward and support with our enquires.

If you recognise any of the persons in these images, or have any information relating to these incidents, please contact the police quoting incident 22-37164-24, by emailing the South Wye Safer Neighbourhood Team on [herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk).

*Please see our Facebook page, Hereford Cops, for full-size images.*





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## Kingstone Arrests

This month, Southside & Rural SNT teamed up with the Young Hopefuls from Kingstone Primary School and The Parish Council to conduct a litter picking run through Kingstone Village.

The children did an amazing job and managed to fill 4 bags full of litter in 1 day.

The Young Hopefuls are a group of 15 pupils, from years 3-6 who applied to be part of the group. This included an interview process where they explained why they wanted to be part of the group.

These successful pupils now do a range of positive things in and outside of school to support their fellow pupils and local community.

They are very keen to help more in the community. If there is anything you feel that the Young Hopefuls can assist you with, please email PCSO Warne on: [Hayley.warne@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:Hayley.warne@westmercia.police.uk)



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## Marlbrook Primary School Boxing Lessons

This month Year 3 pupils from Marlbrook Primary School have started their boxing lessons in collaboration with South Wye Police Boxing Academy.

Not only do the children have a chance to learn new skills, but also receive various inputs throughout their session. One input they received was 'Respect' and how important it is. The children were tasked to complete a piece of work illustrating 'Respect'.

Here is just a few examples of their fantastic work and what Respect means to them.





If you would like your school to take part in some Free sessions, please email PCSO Warne on:  
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## Top Dogs

Schools across West Mercia are being decked out with a new card game which aims to be used as a tool for officers and children to engage with each other.

Top Dogs cards will be distributed by Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) to primary school aged children across all three counties in the force area – Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

There are 56 different trump cards to be snapped up, each featuring a different West Mercia Police dog with their statistics and a fact about the canine.

The aim is for children to collect all 56 cards – whether they approach an officer for a game of Top Dogs, or swap cards with their friends, but ultimately the aim is to have fun.



Superintendent Edward Hancox, Head of Prevention, said: "This is a fun tool for us to use within our communities, encouraging children to engage with officers and build positive relationships. Previous schemes have proven very popular.

"We are hoping these cards will be snapped up by primary schools or at community events; basically anywhere there may be children.

"Each SNT will have cards they can distribute amongst the area they serve. If you see our officers out and about please don't be afraid to approach us and ask if we have any Top Dogs."



## How to play

Starting your collection:

Children will be given five or six cards by officers or PCSOs to get their deck started. Using their starter deck they can play a game of Top Dogs with their friends or even our officers and PCSOs

There are 56 cards to collect, so children can even use them to swap with their friends, officers or PCSOs if they have a duplicate. The aim is to collect all 56 cards.

Gameplay:

To win a card the player will select a category from their card; e.g., speed, strength, bark. Their opponent will then reveal the same category from their top card, and the player with the highest value in that category will then win that card.

The player who won the previous round can then start the next round by choosing a new category.

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## Neighbourhood Matters

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