

# On the beat in

# Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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## Where we work



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## Vehicle Nuisance

Antisocial use of a vehicle, such as street racing, street cruising or off-road use is more than a matter of noise pollution – though this can be the most noticeable problem.

Common types of vehicle nuisance include:

- Street racing
- Street cruising
- Riding unlicensed powered vehicles
- Misusing vehicles off-road
- Performing stunts or tricks

Some people regard this kind of vehicle use as harmless fun. However, regular antisocial vehicle use can have a wider impact on a neighbourhood or community than simply nuisance noise.

The effect of dangerous or reckless use of a vehicle can lead to criminal damage of roads, other vehicles and surrounding property.

Drivers and riders also risk injuring themselves, other road users, cyclists and pedestrians as they do not have full control of their vehicle and their full attention on their surroundings.

Driving or riding in this way can also be used as a form of intimidation, either to other road users or the community. Loud noise from engines and music, and deliberately creating large amounts of exhaust or tyre smoke can also be seen as an aggressive act.

The police have certain powers which can be used to combat vehicle nuisance. A widely used one is Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, which starts off as a warning to the driver. If the driver is caught by police again driving in an anti-social manner, the vehicle can be seized.

For more information see: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/vehicle-nuisance-involving-cars-bikes-and-mopeds/>

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## Asda : Anti-Social Behaviour

There has been a recently increase in anti-social behaviour incidents in/near to Asda, Hereford. We are carrying out regular patrols of this area, in a bid to deter any persons engaged in anti-social behaviour.

We have seen an increase in youths accessing the tunnels, underneath Greyfriars Bridge. We have been working alongside Herefordshire Council to now secure the access to the tunnel.

There has also been an increase in vehicle nuisance in the overflow car park. This is private property, any persons not shopping at Asda will be asked to move along.

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## Abandoned Buildings

Across South Hereford there has been an increase in youths accessing abandoned / derelict buildings. We would like to remind people that these are private properties and forcing access to these properties could be illegal.

There are also concerns over the structural integrity of some of these properties. A range of these are unsafe to be accessed by unauthorised persons.

We have already spoken to a range of people who have been found inside some of these buildings.

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## Snus Pouches

It has come to our attention that an increased number of children are starting to use 'Snus Pouches'.

Snus is a tobacco product which is similar to Nicotine Pouches but are actually illegal to sell in the UK.

As we all know, there are a range of risks associated to tobacco and nicotine-based products, particularly for children. Parents should remain vigilant ensuring their children do not have access to these or similar products.

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## Cub Talks

Over the last few weeks, the team have attended 2 Cub sessions, with 4<sup>th</sup> Hereford St. Martins Scout Group. This was a great opportunity for the children to meet their local officers and to ask any questions about the police which they had. We also discussed how to stay safe online and how to call the police in an emergency. After the talks the Cubs were given the opportunity to look around one of our police vehicles, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all accounts.

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## Fit and Fed

Over the Easter half-term, Fit and Fed will be back offering free activities for children. Activities include, Cheerleading (Thanks to 3Degreez), Dancing (Thanks to Melody Dance), Drama (Thanks to the Cracked Slipper Company) and Boxing (Thanks to South Wye Police Boxing Academy). These activities will be hosted at the Hinton Community Centre.

If you would like to register for your child/children to attend, please fill out the form at the following link <https://forms.gle/9JJnR8V2X1t9WdrF8> or scan the QR code below on your smart phone.



Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

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## School Fetes

If you are planning a School Fete this year, we'd love for you to get in touch with us to let us know how we can support the event. Should that be bringing down one of our police vehicles or some of our 'Top Dog' playing cards.

We are always looking for events we can attend to engage with the attendees. If you are aware of any/planning any, please contact us via email at: [herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk) with the details.

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## Neighbourhood Matters

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters your brand-new community messaging service.

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Sign up now at: [www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)





Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

3Degreez Cheerleading – 14:00-  
14:45

Melody Dance – 15:00- 15:45

Both in the HALL

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Cracked slipper Company – drama-  
13:00-13:45

Melody Dance – 14:00- 14:45

Both in the HALL

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Southwye Police Boxing Academy

13:00- 13:45

In the Gym

