

# On the beat in

# Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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## Where we work



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## Seven Site Recreation Ground

Due to the recent anti-social behaviour occurring in the Seven Site Recreation Ground, we are reminding people of the rules at the site:

By Law:

- Keep dogs on leads at all times
- Clean up after your dog

Rules for use of the field:

- No children over 12 on the play equipment in the play area
- No golf on the field
- No dogs in the play area
- No bicycles in the play area
- No skateboards in the play area
- Take your litter home.

Please be mindful of the rules and ensure you are following them.

If anyone is found to be in breach of these rules, you may be asked to leave.



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## Theft of Motor Vehicle

On the 26th of February 2024 police received a report from a member of the public about the theft of their 22 plate black Land Rover Defender company vehicle.

From CCTV checks including various domestic and business premises, SNT were able to obtain footage of both the vehicle and its occupants. This resulted in the offenders identified being arrested, remanded, and subsequently charged.

For some advice on how to keep your vehicle safe and reduce chances of theft, visit our website ; <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/> some key points are below:

### 1. Lock your vehicle

Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check you haven't left any windows or the sunroof open.

### 2. Keep the keys safe

Vehicles today are by and large more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them. Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door.

#### How to protect your keyless entry car

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.
- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second hand car.
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

### 3. Be aware of carjackers

The fact that you're in the car isn't always a deterrent to someone trying to steal it.

In traffic, drive with the doors locked and when queuing leave enough space in front of your vehicle to enable you to get out of a tight spot.

### 4. Fit good in-car security locks

Additional physical security can help to prevent your vehicle being driven away even if a thief gains entry.

### 5. Double-check electronic locking

Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away.

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## Use of stolen bank cards

On the 13th and 17<sup>th</sup> of May multiple reports were made of use of stolen bank cards at various stores across the SNT area. The purchases were all various packets of tobacco with the same offender described on each occasion.

From CCTV checks of the stores where the cards were being used and offender was identified by SNT resulting in the arrest of this person.

If you've been the victim of a scam, fraud or online crime (cybercrime) you can report it to Action Fraud, online or by calling 0300 123 2040

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## Warrant carried out – Goodrich Grove, Hereford

On the 23rd of April a warrant was carried out by SNT at an address on Goodrich Grove, Hereford. This was after the police had received intelligence of drug dealing taking place at the address.

At the address police found 1 male at the property who was arrested for various drug offences, including; the supply of Class A and Class B Drugs. Alongside this £1,100 Cash was seized and the male is currently on bail whilst inquiries ongoing.

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## Bicycle Theft

On the 14th of January police received a call from a resident on Wye Street Hereford of the theft of 2 bicycles from their garden shed overnight totalling a value of £7000.

From CCTV checks of business premises and the use of Hereford CCTV, a male was identified and arrested for the theft of the 2 pushbikes. The male received a caution and will be carrying out restorative justice requested by the victim with 1 of the 2 bikes also being located and returned.

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## 2 Arrested

2 people from Newton Farm/Redhill, Hereford have been arrested on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May in to 8 offences committed over the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. Offences include, 2x Attempted burglaries, 3x Theft from vehicle, Assault, Interference with a motor vehicle and theft.

The investigation is still underway for these matters.

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