

On the beat in

Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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Wildlife Crime

The SNT are carrying out more patrols in the rural area due to an increase in reports from members of the public.

Wildlife and animal crime can be a complex area to understand.

To find out what wildlife crime is, go to [our wildlife crime page](#).

Crimes involving animals that aren't wildlife crimes, include:

- livestock worrying
 - livestock theft
 - hunting
 - animal cruelty
 - dogs being out of control in public places
 - banned dogs
 - dog theft
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✳ Domestic Violence and the World Cup ✳



**FIFA WORLD CUP™
2026**

With the World Cup kicking off this evening West Mercia Police is reminding people how to spot the signs of domestic abuse.

Data from the National Centre for Domestic Violence revealed that incidents involving domestic abuse increases by 26% when England play and 38% when England lose.

The data also shows that domestic abuse increases by 11% the day after England have played dependant on the result.

As part of the force's response to the World Cup, it will be taking part in the national campaign aimed at preventing and tackling domestic abuse during the tournament, which started Thursday 11 June.

People will also see an increase in police in city and town centres across Herefordshire, during matches, and officers will be working closely with partners to reduce further harm to victims.

Even if you can't see them, our officers will be there, keeping an eye out and helping keep the public safe, including our usual work with partner agencies.

Detective Superintendent Leanne Lowe, from West Mercia Police's Protecting People Unit, said: "For most people, the World Cup is an exciting time to come together, enjoy the football and support your team with friends and family.

"However, for a small minority, we want to be clear that it is never acceptable to take your emotions or frustrations out on others, particularly those closest to you, such as your partner.

"Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home. We encourage anyone who is experiencing domestic abuse to come forward and speak to police or access support services.

"We're not here to stop people enjoying the tournament, but we do urge everyone to drink responsibly, look out for one another."

PCC John Champion added: "The spectacle of the World Cup is a moment of excitement for many - but for some, it brings fear. Too many women and girls across West Mercia are subject to abuse, often behind closed doors, and that is simply unacceptable.

"No one should ever suffer abuse. But to achieve that, we need a cultural shift - one that tackles harmful attitudes at their root and challenges behaviour long before it escalates into violence.

"As PCC, I remain absolutely committed to protecting victims and survivors. I will continue to invest in specialist services, strengthen prevention, and ensure those who experience abuse get the support they need and the justice they deserve."

Anyone who believes they are affected by domestic abuse is encouraged to reach out, whether directly to police or via local support services:

- [Report domestic abuse | West Mercia Police](#)
- [Home - Women's Aid](#)
- [Homepage - National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)
- [Clare's Law](#)
- The Police and Crime Commissioner funds a range of domestic abuse and sexual violence services: [What are we funding? | West Mercia PCC](#)

Help is available throughout the World Cup tournament and beyond.

Op Snap



As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form.

[Submit footage](#)

This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Please note; issues with number plates, windscreens and minor traffic offences are unable to be dealt with via Op Snap.

Please DO NOT report road traffic collisions through Operation Snap. These should be reported online at [Road collisions and incidents](#)



General parking complaints (other than illegal parking on zig zags) should be raised with the relevant local authority.

Notification of untaxed vehicles can be reported directly to DVLA, reports of no MOT or no insurance should be logged to 101, not via the Op Snap portal.

Your submission will be sent to West Mercia Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of our road traffic police officers.

One statement is required for each submission/offending vehicle. We are unable to process multiple offences sent as one submission.

We will strive to update each submitter regarding the outcome of their allegation. All submissions are dealt with pro-actively to help reduce risk taking and poor driving on our Counties roads. Any footage submitted through the portal can be used by us to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

Please note - if you operate a recording device in a public place, you may have obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is in your interest to familiarise yourself, and comply with, any such obligations as apply to you. If you are in any doubt as to your obligations, please obtain independent legal advice to ensure you do not put yourself at risk of prosecution. By submitting footage, you acknowledge you have read and understood this before proceeding.

For more information, please email OpSnap@westmercia.police.uk

Stay Hydrated

Proper hydration is essential for regulating body temperature, maintaining energy levels, and supporting digestion. Most adults should aim for 6 to 8 glasses of fluid daily, but you can easily meet your target by sipping water steadily, eating water-rich foods, and tracking your intake

Actionable Tips to Stay Hydrated

- Carry a bottle: Keep a reusable water bottle on your desk or in your bag to sip throughout the day.
- Eat your water: Snack on water-rich foods like watermelon, strawberries, cucumbers, or celery.
- Add flavour: If plain water bores you, infuse it with fresh lemon, berries, or a splash of sugar-free cordial.
- Set reminders: Use apps on your phone or smartwatch to remind you to prompt regular sips.
- Vary your drinks: Tea, coffee, and lower-fat milk all count toward your daily fluid intake



When to Increase Intake

You should significantly increase your fluid intake if you are exercising, experiencing hot/humid weather, or unwell. If you are engaging in intense sweating, consider sports drinks or electrolyte powders like to replenish lost minerals.

Recognizing Dehydration

Be mindful of the early warning signs of dehydration, which include a dry mouth, headaches, dizziness, fatigue and dark, strong-smelling urine.



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