

Newsletter

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**Golden Valley
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
Newsletter**



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Crime Trends

1st – 31st December 2018

A stable in the grounds of an isolated dwelling outside **Madley** was broken into sometime between Monday 26th November and Monday 3rd December. A petrol strimmer, hedge cutter and chainsaw were among items stolen.

Incident ref 428-s-031218

Overnight on Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th December, two hubcaps were stolen from the rear wheels of a Ford connect van whilst it was parked on the driveway of a dwelling in **Ewyas Harold**.

Incident ref 203-s-121218

A car was damaged whilst parked in Elmdale, **Ewyas Harold**, between 3pm on Friday 21st and 3pm on Saturday 22nd December. An object had been used to leave scratch marks all around the vehicle.

Incident ref 541-s-211218

Two containers on a farm in **Clehonger** where construction work is being carried out were broken into sometime between Friday 21st December and Monday 24th December. Items were stolen but details are as yet unknown.

Incident ref 288-s-241218

If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.

You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway.

Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area, and are over a whole month. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Arrests

Two youths from **Kingstone** were arrested for theft from a store and were later charged and bailed to court.

A 19 year old female from Hereford was arrested in **Madley** on suspicion of assault, she was later charged and bailed to court.

A 46 year old male from Hereford was arrested for drink driving near Locks Garage, **Allensmore** and has been charged and bailed to court

A 26 year old female from **Vowchurch** was arrested in Hereford on suspicion of drug driving, she has been released under investigation.

A 32 year old female from **Madley** was arrested for causing a breach of the peace but was later released without charge.

A 21 year old male from Hereford was searched following a vehicle check in **Peterchurch**. He received a street caution for being in possession of a small amount of cannabis

View from the Office

We are very lucky to travel around The Golden Valley every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer. This photo was taken from a footpath in the Craswall area.



Off-road motorbikes

Following reports of sightings of off road bikes in the Craswall and Olchon Valley area, we have cut and pasted this advice from the West Mercia Police Website.

What does the law say and why?

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and off road motorbikes

Riding off road motorbikes can be a popular pastime. However, these vehicles can also be used in a dangerous, noisy and anti-social way, generating lots of complaints to police.

This can result in prosecution for the rider and in some cases the parents, who are held accountable for the actions of their children.

It is illegal to ride any motorbike in public open spaces such as parks, play areas and on pavements.

West Mercia Police regularly receive complaints concerning the anti-social use of off road motorbikes. Ambulance crews are regularly called out to children and young adults who have sustained serious injuries as a result of using these bikes illegally and without wearing any protective clothing or a helmet.

Don't let your child be the next casualty. Make sure off road motorbikes are used safely and legally.

To reduce the harm to individuals and communities, police operations are carried out in your area and can result in illegally used off road motorbikes being seized.

You can only ride an off road motorbike legally if it is on private land and you have the land owner's permission. Land owned by the local council is not classed as private land.

Not everyone using off road motorbikes does so illegally and there are a number of specialist sites where they can be ridden legally.

What does the law say?

In law, off road motorbikes are regarded as motor vehicles which must be constructed to a specific standard in order to be ridden on a public highway. Most off road motorbikes do not meet this standard. Visit the Department for Transport's website www.dft.gov.uk for more information.

In addition to meeting construction requirements, off road motorbikes also need the following if they are to be used on a public highway:

- DVLA registration (log book)
- Road tax
- A valid MOT
- Fitted with lights
- Fitted with registration plates
- Type approval
- The rider must also:
 - Be aged 17 or over (or 16 if the vehicle meets the definition of a moped)
 - Hold a valid driving licence
 - Have valid motor insurance
 - Wear suitable safety equipment (e.g. a motorbike helmet)

If the above conditions are not met, it is illegal to ride an off road motorbike on the road. If you own or ride one of these vehicles it is your responsibility to know the law.

Failure to comply is a criminal offence and may result in prosecution under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Police Reform Act 2002.

How can local communities help?

Are off road motorbikes causing a nuisance in your neighbourhood? Do you have any information about the use of these vehicles, where they're being ridden and who by? Call your local police on **101**.

If you want to provide information anonymously, contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

Information that can help police may include:

- The name and address of the owner of the off road motorbike
- Where the bike is stored
- When and where the bike is being used (e.g. days, times and routes)
- Any other useful information such as a description of those who use the bike and its make/model/colour

Gathering evidence

Talk to the police officer or council anti-social behaviour officer handling your complaint before taking any photographs or filming people, places or vehicles you suspect are causing a nuisance in your neighbourhood. Also consider:

- Your recording device may be seized as evidence - this includes mobile phones.
- People can get the wrong idea about what you're filming and why, potentially leading to a volatile situation.
- Legal restrictions are placed on photographs or video footage of children 16 and under which are defined by law as indecent.
- Private spaces, such as the home, are also protected and this could result in an invasion of privacy if ignored.
- Evidence from people who have seen or experienced anti-social behaviour first-hand is more compelling in court than photo or video evidence.

Where is PC Badger?

Last month PC Badger was sitting outside Clifford Church, we had three correct answers - Candida from Clifford, James from Dorstone and William from Clifford.



Any ideas where he is this month?

How to Contact Us

 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

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 www.westmercia.police.uk

 @GValleyCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Where We Work



Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llancillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Esley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestone, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of).