

Partnerships - how we are working together to make you feel safer



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Hello and welcome to our newsletter

Here in Birmingham South we are working together to ensure your city is a safer place to live, work and visit. This leaflet showcases a few of the many partnership initiatives that are happening in your area.

For more information, please visit our websites:

www.west-midlands.police.uk
www.saferbirmingham.org.uk

Community Payback

Community Payback can be given to offenders as part of a 'community sentence'. Offenders carry out up to 300 hours of unpaid work, which not only benefits the community but also means the offenders pay back the community for their crimes.

Projects can include removing graffiti, picking up litter, repairing community centres, clearing undergrowth from paths and other public areas or working on environmental projects.

Offenders must wear bright orange high-visibility jackets marked 'Community Payback' while they're working, so you can see they're paying back for their crimes.

To nominate a project speak to your neighbourhood team or phone: 0121 248 2688 or visit the website www.swmprobation.gov.uk

Come and meet us

Web: www.west-midlands.police.uk
Tel: 0345 113 5000
to find out more about meetings with police and partners

Some recent examples include:

- Removal of graffiti in Longbridge
- A litter and street clean-up in Billesley
- Removal of graffiti and litter in Northfield Town Centre
- Carriageway and undergrowth clearance in Bournville
- Clearing of moss on the pavements in Selly Oak
- Litter clearance in Quinton



Community Resolutions

Community resolutions allow police officers to use their professional judgment when dealing with offenders. They aim to resolve crime complaints quickly, to the satisfaction of the victim.

An example of this was when a 15-year-old boy with no previous convictions sprayed craft paint on four parked cars. Officers located and detained the youngster, and asked the community how they would like the incident to be dealt with.

It was agreed that the boy's parents would be in attendance while he cleaned the paint off the cars. This was supervised and completed with all parties happy with the outcome.

A proactive approach to parking problems

People in Edgbaston told police that they were concerned about parked cars that were obstructing roads for emergency vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances, putting people's lives at risk as well as causing inconvenience to pedestrians.

Residents told police which roads were badly affected, including: Vicarage Road, Frederick Road, George Road, Elvetham Road, and Edgbaston Park Road.

In response, officers who continue to patrol 'hotspot' locations issued specially designed advice tickets, explaining to vehicle owners the problems caused by inconsiderate parking. Safety banners, letters and leaflets, outdoor signage and fixed penalty notices have also been used to bring about a marked improvement.



Nominate a good neighbour

Good neighbourliness is at the heart of our scheme, which requires a neighbour to manage doorstep enquiries for a nearby older resident. This means that people who feel uncomfortable about opening the door to an unknown caller no longer have to quiz that person on their doorstep and feel afraid of becoming a victim of a bogus official or fraudulent tradesman. It forms part of wider work to keep vulnerable residents safe with the support of our partners at the Safer Birmingham Partnership and Bournbrook Community Safety Project. Together we are providing residents with secure homes and information to help them to keep safe.

Bartley Green launches boxing club for young people

Activities that give young people something to do, keep them off the streets and reduce anti-social behaviour are frequently asked for by communities. For this reason, Sergeant Simon Elks of Bartley Green neighbourhood team sourced financial support to help set up a local boxing club.

The boxing club was set up by local man, Darren Meddings, last year. It now has over forty members, which include boys and girls of between 10 and 16 years. The club runs sessions three times a week. Darren refurbished an old, derelict building as a base for the club and raised funding to buy equipment.

Sergeant Elks had often heard residents cite 'kids hanging round the streets' as one of the issues that caused them most concern. He recognised the impact this sort of club could have on people's confidence in the area and therefore put up a request for funding from the 'Community Cashback' project. Sergeant Elks was successful in securing the funding, which uses recovered criminal assets to pay for community projects.

You can see a video, which was launched on www.west-midlands.police.uk/pctv/ and YouTube to reflect the work of everyone who was involved in the project.





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Creating Stronger Safer Neighbourhoods in South Birmingham

Useful Contacts



West Midlands Police
0345 113 5000
www.west-midlands.police.uk

West Midlands Fire Service
0845 5000 900
www.wmfs.net

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Anti-Social Behaviour Actionline
0845 605 2222

Victim Support
0845 303 0900
www.victimsupport.org.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Birmingham Council
0121 303 1111
www.birmingham.gov.uk

West Midlands Police Authority
0121 626 5143
www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk

MyNeighbourhood

You can view the most recent crime patterns and anti-social behaviour (ASB) information for your neighbourhood on this interactive site. It also provides useful links to police and partnership agencies at: www.myneighbourhood.info

Directgov

Public services all in one place

Find out what's happening with your police

All police forces in England and Wales have a responsibility to work closely with you and to keep you safe. Find out what you have a right to expect from them, how to get in touch with them, and more: www.direct.gov.uk

In an emergency always dial 999

West Midlands Police Authority

We make your voice heard in policing

The Authority has nine councillor and eight independent members. We set the strategic direction of the police – including the budget – monitor performance and hold the Chief Constable to account. We use what you tell us to make policing better.



We recently ran a 'Listening Campaign' to hear people's views on policing. Police Authority Chairman Derek Webley spoke to people across the West Midlands. You can find out what people said at www.wmpa-listeningcampaign.co.uk

An effective police authority responds to the public we serve – the issues you face and problems that need fixing. Our website not only tells you what we do, but includes a 'Tell us your views' page. Use this to get your point across: www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk
You can also contact us by phone on 0121 626 5143.

Working for you to ensure your police service can effectively meet your needs

Crime figures for your area

Latest crime figures for South Birmingham policing area show:



TRUST & CONFIDENCE

The number of people who agree that police and partners are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime that matters within their area.

81.5%

It is measured by our Feeling the Difference annual survey of 21,000 people across the West Midlands. The target is 85%.



DOMESTIC BURGLARY

2007-08	2,387
2009-10	2,166



VEHICLE CRIME

2007-08	3,577
2009-10	2,713



ROBBERY

2007-08	676
2009-10	898

HMIC* Inspections of West Midlands Police	2009-10
Local crime and policing	Fair
Protection from serious harm	Excellent
Confidence and satisfaction	Fair

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