

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



Graffiti offenders forced to remove tags

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

In Solihull, Community Resolutions have been used to resolve a number of crimes, including criminal damage and graffiti. Three youths were arrested after being caught covering walls of an underpass in Shirley with graffiti 'tags'. All three admitted the offence and were happy to comply with the Community Resolution, which involved whitewashing over their 'tags', while under the supervision of their parents.



Chair of Safer Solihull Partnership
Mark Rogers



Chief Superintendent
Carl Foulkes

Hello and welcome to our newsletter

Here in Solihull we are working together to ensure your town 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.solihullpolice.org.uk
www.solihull.gov.uk/safersolihull

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:

- Refurbishment of Arlescote Road scout hut
- Removal of graffiti and overgrown trees to the rear of the shops on Oxhill Road, together with installation of gates (funded by Safer Solihull Partnership) to prevent access to non-residents
- Removal of graffiti and cutting back of trees encroaching on the canal footpath at Richmond Road
- Clearing the walk-way from Bradbury Road to Castle Lane by cutting back overgrown trees and removing graffiti
- Cutting back trees, removing rubbish and installing additional lighting at the rear of Valley Church Centre

Community creates a garden to be proud of

Residents in Fordbridge joined forces with the police, local school children, Solihull Council's neighbourhood team and environmental champions, charity Groundwork and Solihull Community Housing's anti-social behaviour team to create a community garden to be proud of. Everyone was involved in the planning and planting of the project, which transformed a grassy area in Brickhill Drive, Fordbridge into a community garden for residents to enjoy spending time in. The project has brought local communities together and shows what can be done to tackle anti-social behaviour, as the area is no longer used as a racetrack by quad bikers.



Babbs Mill Park clean-up day

A community clean-up day was held in Babbs Mill Park with police officers, parish councillors, park rangers and environmental champions working together to give the park a makeover. They painted the park's benches, bins and gates, removed a large amount of rubbish that had been dumped, and cut back overhanging vegetation on the pathways. The clean-up day was arranged to tackle issues of vandalism in the park and create a more welcoming open space for local residents to enjoy. Further community clean-up days are planned to take place throughout the year with the assistance of the environmental champions.

What we are doing to prevent anti-social behaviour

In November 2009, Solihull Council and Solihull Police created a group dedicated to dealing with local concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The group is responsible for improvements and delivery of a partnership response to ASB. An important priority for our partnership work has been to address concerns that impact upon you, as residents in your neighbourhood and affect your quality of life.

These include criminal damage, speeding traffic, and environmental crimes such as noise nuisance, graffiti and littering.

A team of officers now deals with ASB for private homeowners, and is co-located with

colleagues in the Solihull Community Housing ASB team, to provide a complete service dealing with all ASB in the borough. Community clean-up days are often held across Solihull, involving Solihull Community Housing, the Probation Service, neighbourhood policing teams, schools and other volunteers to combat criminal damage, particularly graffiti, in hotspot areas.

We continue to increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the borough to encourage residents to work together and reduce ASB, and recruit environmental champions from within our communities to help clean off graffiti and pick up litter in and around their local areas.





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Creating Stronger Safer Neighbourhoods in Solihull

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

Solihull Graffiti Reporting Hotline
0121 717 1580

Victim Support
0845 30 30 900
www.victimsupport.org.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Solihull Council
0121 704 6000
www.solihull.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

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

77.39%

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	1,321
2009-10	1,062



VEHICLE CRIME

2007-08	2,538
2009-10	1,948



ROBBERY

2007-08	389
2009-10	445

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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