



# Local Policing Newsletter **Coventry**



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## Welcome to our local policing newsletter for Coventry

In this newsletter, you will find a message from our Temporary Commander Ronan Tyrer, proactive police work, positive news stories, and force-wide crime prevention campaigns.

Currently, our local force priorities for Coventry are serious youth violence, residential burglary, and vehicle crime. These will change depending on the demand of the local policing area (LPA).

Our local area teams include:

- [Binley, Willenhall, Cheylesmore and Earlsdon](#)
- [Foleshill](#)
- [Henley and Longford](#)
- [Holbrook, Radford, Sherbourne and Bablake](#)
- [St Michael's](#)
- [Stoke and Wyken](#)
- [Woodlands, Wainbody, Westwood and Whoberley](#)



## A message from T/Chief Superintendent Ronan Tyrer

Hello, I'm Ronan Tyrer, the temporary Commander of Coventry Local Policing Area (LPA).

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope it gives you a glimpse into the fantastic work that has been happening over the summer.

Our former Commander Peter Henrick left WMP at the start of October. Chief Superintendent Paul Drover has now been appointed and will take over before the end of the year.

In the meantime, I am working as temporary Chief Superintendent, with Daryl Lyon stepping up as temporary Superintendent.



The last few months have seen us increase our activity in line with our new operating model which took effect in April. As part of the changes, a number of our teams have moved and are now located more locally with neighbourhood teams across the city.

These changes have allowed us to get on with more directly focusing on the city's priorities and community concerns.

In August we ran Operation Advance, which saw all our teams out on the streets carrying out enforcement action and community engagement with some excellent results.

We are continuing to work with partners including scrutiny panels, councillors and our Independent Advisory Groups to ensure we are addressing the needs of our community in Coventry.

As we head into the autumn, I'd like to remind everyone that the nights are of course getting darker, so please take care to make yourselves and your property as secure as possible. You can find lots more advice on our website about this. We'll of course be making sure we are carrying out regular patrols and acting on intelligence to tackle anti-social behaviour and burglary.

Since January this year, more than 100 arrests of burglary suspects have taken place, but we know there is still more work to do. Our neighbourhood teams are also continuing to take robust action against crime and anti-social behaviour including robbery, burglary and drug dealing.

The Gangs team has carried out a number of warrants, seizing hundreds of cannabis plants worth thousands of pounds, and our problem-solving team has put in place a number of closure orders to target premises where drug dealing is an issue.

One of these was in Rollason Road where, following a warrant as part of Op Advance, we secured a closure order making it an offence for anyone to enter. Anyone walking down Rollason Road will have seen the metal shutters on the property. This is one of many ways we can take action against anti-social behaviour and protect our communities.

Once again, we'd urge everyone in Coventry to share with us any information they have about crime and anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood. If you see anything suspicious, let us know and we will investigate.

Full details of how to report crime can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Crime trends in August and September

### **Total crime**

The total recorded crime across Coventry is down by over six per cent compared to this time last year.

### **Vehicle crime**

Vehicle crime is down compared to this time last year, and we continually arrest and charge more offenders. Currently we are seeing a five per cent reduction in vehicle crime compared to this time last year.

Theft from motor vehicle is the biggest contributor, which figures will show an 11 per cent reduction. October is already following this continued trend.

### **Robbery**

We continue to identify, arrest and charge more and more people who commit robbery offences. We have already solved more robbery offences in six months than we did in the 12 months before that.

### **Serious Youth Violence**

Coventry continually works hard to reduce violence across the city and the crime recording data supports this with continued reductions in recent months. Knife crime has seen a reduction of 44 per cent compared to this time last year.

## Our new e-bikes

Our Hillfields team have a number of new e-bikes, provided through Coventry City Council's crime budget for 2023.

The first time the team used them, on 19 August, they had an immediate impact, with a man arrested on suspicion of breaching a court order. The bikes were secured in direct response to concerns over drug dealing and criminal activity in the area.





## The latest news in Coventry

### **Drug dens shut down in Coventry**

We shut down several cannabis factories on October with a combined street value of more than £850,000.

Officers from Coventry Police joined specialist colleagues to execute five warrants across the city. More than 850 cannabis plants and nearly six kilos of dried cannabis was recovered.

We targeted two addresses on Widdrington Road along with addresses on Three Spires Avenue, Northfield Road and Spring Road which are all believed to be unconnected.

Thanks to the assistance of National Grid the electrical supply in each property, which was being used to grow the plants, was disconnected.

If you have suspicions about a premises being used to grow cannabis, we want to know. Take a look at our [website](#) for more information.

### **Group sentenced after sickening assault on man in Coventry – click [here](#) to read more**

The St Michael's neighbourhood policing team, which covers Coventry city centre, issued 32 community protection notices (CPN) during September, which are designed to stop anti-social behaviour spoiling the local community's way of life.

They been used to target aggressive beggars, street workers causing anti-social behaviour in residential areas, suspected drug dealers and users around Charterhouse Park and youths congregating around Millennium Place and causing anti-social behaviour.

### **Coventry officers talk to public about County Lines**

Officers from our Coventry Exploitation Hub along with partner agencies have been talking to the public around spotting the signs of county lines.

Sergeant Kulwant Eaves and her team took part in the Carers Trust Open Day at Methodist Church on Warwick Lane, highlighting the impact county lines can have people's lives.

The team was joined by partner agencies such as Change Grow Live Coventry, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, Crasac, Carers Trust and Healthwatch Coventry.

Spotting the signs of exploitation can help protect vulnerable children and safeguard them from further criminality.

You can report exploitation or signs of exploitation by calling 999 or 101. You can also;

- Text the British Transport Police on 61016
- Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
- Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

## Operations Across the Force

**OPERATION  
ADVANCE**

We're tackling  
neighbourhood crime  
and local issues

### **Operation Advance comes to Coventry**

Operation Advance is a force wide initiative where staff and officers from every policing department both locally and from a force level work together to deliver 24 hours of intensive policing operations. In August it came to Coventry and yielded great results. You can get a full report on the day [here](#).

### **Operation Vanguard**

We're focusing on improving our investigations through Operation Vanguard. ACC Claire Bell will be leading on this work and is taking advice from other forces that lead in this area to help us to improve our service to victims.

The areas we'll be looking at first through Op Vanguard are:

- Response attendance times.
- The use of investigation plans.
- Delays to the investigations.
- The exploitation of investigative opportunities.
- The general effectiveness of investigations.
- The use of victim contracts and the service given to victims in line with Victim Codes of Practice.
- The way crimes are finalised.
- The overall effectiveness of supervision.

Giving the best possible service to victims of crime is our priority and we'll be working quickly to push changes through.

Our new WMP Victims' Strategy has already been introduced to improve the service to our victims.

The Strategy outlines our approach to how to we support victims and how we can get better at listening and engaging with them every step of the way.

You can see the Victims Code [here](#).

## Working with our schools

### Woodfield school mural

Some of our officers in Coventry have helped transform part of a city school with an incredible new mural.

PCSOs Adam Bettison and Libby Styles, as well as PC Wayne Smith, helped paint the new artwork at Woodfield School in the city.

Joined by pupils and members of the community, they transformed the wall into a stunning display of comic book heroes.

Working through the summer, the team offered pupils the chance to take part and make a difference in their community.

Each pupil who took part received a certificate recognising their work, as well as a reference from West Midlands Police and Street Art Strategy they can use for a future CV and job application.



### School Inputs

Our Schools and Partnership team deliver inputs across the city to schoolchildren.

Some of the topics covered on our sessions are around internet safety, knife crime, anti-social behaviour, laws around drugs and alcohol. We also work with the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) to deliver interactive VR experiences for students, helping them to better understand the consequences of crime.

If you would like to request a school officer visit either for a talk or a 1-2-1 session, please get in touch with your local police through our [website](#).

## Operation Speedy

***Days of intensified police action across the LPA where we tackle local issues and concerns.***

Every two weeks Coventry has a day of intensified policing activity. Our direct focus is to deliver high-impact policing to the most vulnerable areas of our city.

The latest was held on October 2.

### Results from October 2

#### Warrants

2 x Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrants executed, on Friars Road and Gulson Road. No substances were found on this occasion but this will have caused major disruption to the supply line, and more warrants are scheduled for later in the year.

#### Arrests

- Breach of Court Order
- Fail to appear for assault by sexual touching
- Breach of Court Order
- PWIT Class B - suspect has county line links
- Indecent exposure and racial abuse

#### Vehicle and Traffic Operations

We conducted a vehicle operation on Far Gosford Street where officers gave out advice and fixed penalty tickets/notices given to motorists for parking issues and minor traffic offences.

Search around local area and a vehicle was seized for no insurance at car park of TASTY BITES and 24 large size NOS cannisters seized from the boot.

A confirmed cloned vehicle was located and seized from Red Lane, Coventry.

Officers were also approached by member of the public reporting that their vehicle had been damaged. This has been recorded and will now be investigated.

#### Other activity throughout the day

- Cuppa with a copper was hosted by Sgt Smart and PCSO Ellis at St Anne's Church
- 9 stop and searches conducted
- Weapon sweep at Primrose Park.
- Knife arch at Pool Meadow Bus station where officers identified wanted nominals

A huge thank you to Coventry City Council, Trading Standards and Licensing, West Midlands Fire Service, Warwick University, British Transport Police, Border Force Immigration Workers, Housing Agency Enforcement, Street Watch, Police Cadets, and our specialist teams (traffic and drones).





## Requests for intel or support from partner agencies

We need your support gathering more intel on the following crimes, here's what to look out for:

- **Chop Shops** – If you see large amounts of car parts being stored, noise coming from buildings out of hours, or items on sale online being sold in large quantities.
- **Off Road biking** – track marks in green spaces, loud engines, vehicle parts hidden in garages or abandoned buildings. We are particularly keen to know who are using these bikes and where they are being stored.
- **Vehicle Crime** – Suspicious activity around vans and cars such as looking through the glass or trying the handle, loud drilling noises at night or early hours of the morning, holding devices near front doors and car doors (this could be a relay attack).

Report any incidents of graffiti and prolific nuisance problems to us on [cv\\_problemsolving@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:cv_problemsolving@westmidlands.police.uk)

In an emergency, always call 999. For non-urgent calls or to give information, please call 101 or *Live Chat* at [www.west-midlands.police.uk](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk) (8 am – midnight). You can also report anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or filling a form online ([crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org))

If you would like to request any literature or police messaging for your organisation, you can contact the WMP Engagement and Consultation Officer (ECO) Pete Sturgeon on [peter.sturgeon@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:peter.sturgeon@westmidlands.police.uk)

### We are recruiting - Force Contact Officers

Join us as a Force Contact Officer and play a vital role in keeping our communities safe. We are looking for cool headed, problem solvers who really like to help others. At West Midlands Police, our 999 and 101 services need staff who can respond quickly and decisively to calls for assistance from the public.

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