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MONTHLY UPDATE

The latest news from the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

July 2018

Two stories this month shine a spotlight on the human aspect of policing - one highlighting the bravery of our police, the other the sad news of the passing of a much-loved officer. Both exemplify the very highest of standards that the public benefits from on a daily basis here in Warwickshire.

Last week it was my pleasure to attend the Police Federation's national Police Bravery Awards, in company with Warwickshire Federation's branch chair PC Simon Payne and PC Lloyd Walton, who was nominated for a regional bravery award.

PC Walton (pictured right) was the first officer into a house when executing a drugs warrant. He immediately looked for the man in question and started climbing stairs to continue the search. Halfway up, PC Walton was confronted by a bare-chested man

standing at the top, pointing a firearm directly at him.

Other officers were coming up behind PC Walton on the stairway, leaving him no room to back off down the stairs. With no thought for his own safety and with no chance to use any protective equipment, PC Walton struck the armed male and managed to wrestle the firearm from him. He then manoeuvred the man to the ground and restrained and arrested him. PC Walton's actions were selfless, as he responded to the threat to protect his colleagues.



While PC Walton did not ultimately win the West Midlands award, I'm sure you'll agree that he richly deserves the recognition that the awards provided. The regional category was won by PC Kimberley Morris from our alliance partner West Mercia Police, for her role in the aftermath of a horrific knife attack.

The awards evening heard many tales of exceptional bravery and I offer my congratulations to all of the winners and every officer nominated. You can find out more about the awards on the [Police Federation website](#).

On a much sadder note, we heard the tragic news late last month of the sudden and unexpected passing of Detective Superintendent Adrian McGee (pictured left). As a serving officer for Warwickshire Police, Det Supt McGee had led the Major Investigation Unit in both Warwickshire and across the alliance, for many years.

Adrian was always a delight to work with and was very supportive to me whenever we had dealings together and I know that the staff at my office all say the same. We were all shocked and immensely saddened when we heard the news of his passing.

I will remember Adrian for his warm personality and his way with people that meant it was always a joy to see him, no matter the circumstances. Warwickshire has lost a very fine



detective who was a role model to all his colleagues at every rank and his loss will be felt for a long time to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Seccombe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip Seccombe TD
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Annual Report highlights a year of achievements

My Annual Report for 2017/18 has now been published, looking back on the progress made over the last 12 months against the four key objectives of my Police and Crime Plan and explaining how statutory responsibilities have been met.

This has been another year of significant progress towards meeting the milestones in the Police and Crime Plan. Developments locally and nationally have brought their challenges through the year but have also offered new opportunities. The increased funding for policing that I lobbied for and secured during the course of the year has meant that we go into 2018/19 on a positive footing, with an additional £2.9 million available to spend directly on protecting and developing frontline policing further.



Over the next 12 months and beyond I want to sustain the momentum that has been achieved by my office, Warwickshire Police and our partners in delivering a safer, more secure Warwickshire. It's hugely important to our residents and local businesses that we continue to improve the service we give to the public, victims of crime and the most vulnerable in society and I will continue working very hard to deliver this.

I'll also continue to place engagement as a key priority as it is vitally important that local residents and businesses are part of the decision-making process and can have an influence on how the police and other agencies work in support of their interests.

You can view the Annual Report in full at: www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/key-information/our-publications/opcc-annual-report-2017-18-web-vfinal/

Dashcam uploads website can help the battle against poor and dangerous driving

A pioneering new initiative has been launched to help improve road safety in

the county. 'Operation Snap' is being rolled out by Warwickshire Police to help motorists report incidents of dangerous or unlawful driving and giving them the opportunity to use their own digital footage from dashcams and other devices to help keep the roads safer across Warwickshire.



The force has joined the National Dashcam Safety Portal, which has the support of Brake (the road safety charity), and Cycling UK (the national cycling charity). The platform allows members of the public to submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences direct to Warwickshire Police. 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.

Originally developed and launched by North Wales Police and GoSafe, the portal is now being rolled out across the country by Nextbase, one of the leading providers of dashcam technology.

Reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads is one of the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan and I welcome any initiative that supports the police in being able to tackle dangerous and unlawful driving.

Dashcams have become increasingly popular in the last few years as the technology has become cheaper and more accessible, so it's only right that the public have a simple way in which they can provide potential evidence of poor or dangerous driving to the police.

The extension of the National Dashcam Safety Portal to Warwickshire is very

welcome indeed and I will be looking closely to see how it can support the police and improve the evidence available to take action against motorists who flout the rules of the road which are there for good reason – to keep people safe.

To submit footage to Warwickshire Police visit: www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap

New focus on problem solving launched



A major new focus on problem solving in local communities was launched this month by myself and Warwickshire Police at a joint partnership conference in Rugby.

The Warwickshire Problem Solving Partnership event, held at Dunchurch Park Hotel, saw more than 100 delegates hear how structured problem solving techniques will be used across all aspects of policing to ensure that the issues that matter most to local communities can be tackled in a measured way, making best use of resources and partnership expertise.

In his opening address, Chief Constable Martin Jelley said that he was committed to putting problem solving “absolutely in the DNA of everything that we do going forward” in order to make a positive difference to communities. By tackling the underlying causes of problems and finding workable solutions, he added, the demand on police and other partnership resources can be reduced.

The need for a more structured approach to problem solving was highlighted in the recent inspection of Warwickshire Police by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services. This week’s conference was the first in a series of measures being taken by the force to improve its approach to problem solving, as part of the new policing model introduced earlier this year.

A follow-up conference is being organised by my office in October, which will focus on specific examples of problem solving across the county, including some of the most challenging issues, such as serious organised crime.

Then, in 2019, the Chief Constable and I will be holding a special awards ceremony, highlighting the very best examples of problem solving among police, partners and local communities, recognising significant achievements in this area.

You can read more about the event at: www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/new-focus-on-problem-solving-launched-at-joint-conference-in-warwickshire/ or view the video below.



View more about the event in our video. Pictured are, from left: Chief Superintendent Alex Franklin-Smith, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe, Chief Constable Martin Jelley and Assistant Chief Constable Richard Moore.

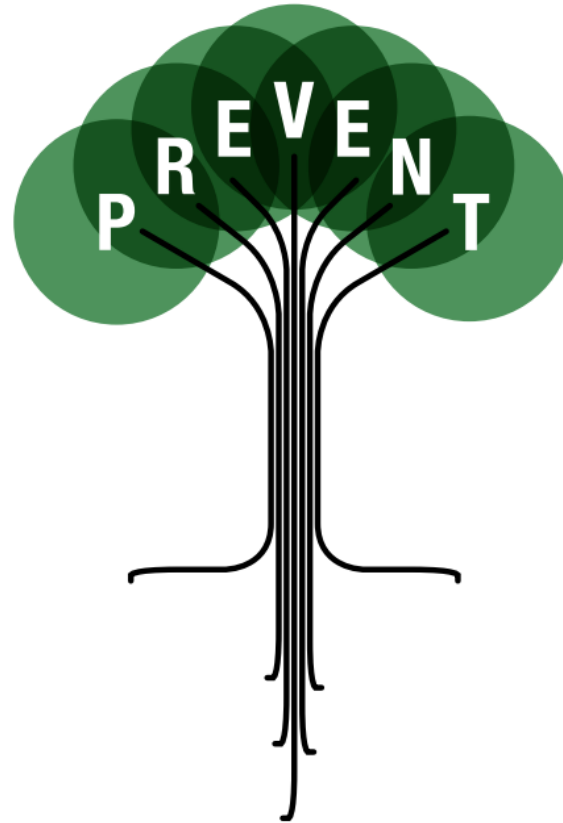
Prevent workshops help counter extremism

Warwickshire is a relatively safe place to live and most crime types are continuing to reduce. However, we also live in a global community which means we are affected by trends and events that occur at the international level. At present, we need to consider the international threat of terrorism and those people who are pulled into groups that support extremist causes.

In Warwickshire, authorities and communities are working together to deliver the Government's Prevent Strategy. Prevent is one of four objectives which make up the Government's Strategy for Countering Terrorism – CONTEST.

The Prevent Strategy has three key objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.



I fund the county's Prevent Officer, who develops relationships with professional partners, community members and leaders in districts and boroughs across Warwickshire, who have in turn become supportive Prevent leads within their own areas.

A series of workshops are being held to help raise awareness of the Prevent programme, to help people understand the vulnerabilities which may make someone susceptible to radicalisation and all types of extremism, as well as local safeguarding and referral processes. Dates and venues can be found below:-

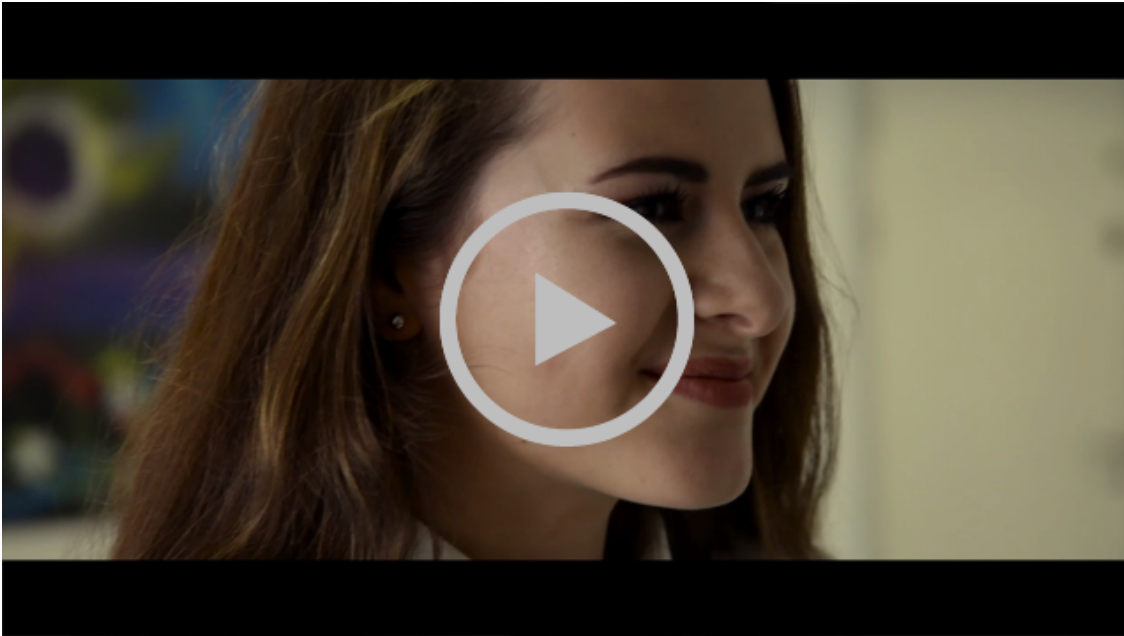
- 10th September 2018: 1.30pm-3.30pm, Old Police Headquarters, Leek Wootton, CV35 7QA

- 13th November 2018: 1.30-3.30pm, Mancetter Memorial Hall, Old Farm Rd, Mancetter, Atherstone CV9 1QN
- 24th January 2019: 10am -12noon, The Oasis, First Floor, Rugby Health & Well Being Centre, Drover Close, Rugby, CV21 3HX
- 7th March 2019, 10am -12noon, Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way, Warwick, CV34 4UL. (Building 1, Ground Floor Conference Room 1)
- 16th May 2019, 1pm-3pm CHESS Centre, [460 Cedar Road, Nuneaton, CV10 9DN](#)

To book a place, register on the WILMA website: <https://warwickshire.learningpool.com> or contact the Warwickshire Prevent Officer on 01926 412432. 'Train the trainer sessions' are also available - see dates on WILMA.

For more on the work to counter extremism in Warwickshire, visit the <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent/> website or sign up to the Safein Warwickshire email newsletter at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWarwickshire/subscriber/new>

'Sexting' advice video produced by students and PCSO



Awareness video about the dangers of sexting

PCSO Carly Davis from Warwickshire Police's Youth Engagement Team and students from King Edward VI College in Nuneaton have produced this film to highlight the dangers of 'sexting' amongst young people. It's a really well-produced and thought-provoking video, so well done to all involved. Please help get its very important messages out by sharing the video widely.

Diary dates

Here are some of the key events in my diary for the next few weeks:

July 16: Student officer confirmation evening,
Warwick

July 17-18: Association of Police and Crime
Commissioners meetings, London

July 19: Regional governance meeting,
Birmingham

July 25: Trust, Integrity and Ethics Committee, Hindlip

July 30: Joint Audit Committee meeting, Hindlip

Aug 10: Meeting with the Lord Lieutenant, Warwick



In addition, I have a weekly meeting with the Chief Constable to hold the force to account and discuss any arising issues. You can find details of these meetings [here](#).