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Neighbourhood News

Drybridge Ward, Monmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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PC Bob Davies



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You can contact us in many ways....



Emergency: 999

Non Emergency: 101

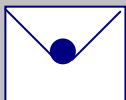
Direct Line: 01495 233904

NB: As we are usually out on patrol you may be required to leave a message if you call our direct line. We will respond to this within 24 hours.



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You can also:

- > pop in to the station
- > stop for a chat when you see us out and about on patrol

Making a PACT

We have recently been out and about speaking to local residents about the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that are affecting them.....

WE ASKED....

“What is the main issue that you would like Police and Partners to tackle in your neighbourhood?”

YOU SAID....

- 1 **Graffiti issues**

WE DID....

Following incidents of graffiti on shop and business walls throughout the town, we photographed all of these “TAGS” and completed graffiti referral disposal forms so that the graffiti could be removed by the Monmouthshire Graffiti Busters which is operated by the Youth Offending Team.

Thanks to information received from the public, a young person was later arrested and reported to court for criminal damage.

Meet your Neighbourhood Officers

We are always out and about in the area but if you would like to discuss any local issues you can find us at the **Orange Community Store** at **1pm** on the following dates;

- Friday 9th July
- Friday 16th July
- Friday 23rd July
- Friday 30th July

Crime update for Monmouth

Here is a brief summary of what's happening in your area

More in depth information can be found at www.maps.police.uk

Number of incidents	March	April	May	Average
2008-09	70	60	79	69.7
2009-10	88	87	56	77

The average number of crimes in this area has increased from **69.7 to 77 (10.5%)** (compared to the same three month period last year)

The level of crime is average compared to the rest of the Gwent area. We have been working hard to decrease the crime rate in Monmouth. Please see our crime update stories on pages 3 and 4 to see what we are doing in this area.

We will be continuing with our work and will keep you updated on our progress.

8 ARRESTED FOLLOWING DAWN RAIDS

Gwent Police raided six separate properties across Gwent on Wednesday May 26th as part of a co-ordinated crackdown on an organised crime group which is believed to have been operating in the area. Whilst the six addresses were searched Gwent officers also travelled to the Gloucestershire and South Wales Police areas to carry out additional warrants. Metropolitan Police officers also carried out a warrant in their area as part the on-going investigation into a number vehicle thefts and burglaries which have occurred mainly in Gwent.

Operation Safari involved 80 Gwent officers including specialist dog handlers, local policing teams, Detectives, Gwent Police Support Group and Financial Investigators from the Regional Asset Recovery Team (RART). Four suspected stolen vehicles, a large amount of vehicle parts and over £30000 were seized.

Detective Inspector Simon Thomas who led the operation commented:

"This is the first phase of an ongoing investigation to dismantle a suspected organised crime group operating in and around the Gwent area. We believe the group has been targeting high value vehicles and have also been involved in other criminal activity. We expect further arrests to follow as we link offences together and build a more complete picture of the suspected criminal activity.

"This activity demonstrates that when we have credible intelligence we will act on it."

If anyone who has information about any criminal activity in their area to contact Gwent Police by dialling 101 or in an emergency always dial 999.



MONMOUTH CRIMINALS TARGETED IN MONTH LONG OPERATION

Monmouth Neighbourhood Policing team have targeted criminal activity in the town centre in an ongoing operation over the last month.

A team of officers have pro-actively concentrated their efforts on the town centre to halt a growing trend of shop breaks and criminal damage. The team have also been focussing on anti-social behaviour and graffiti which are PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) priorities for the town centre wards.

In total since the operation has started, officers have made 33 arrests for a variety of offences such as criminal damage, theft and public order offences. In addition to these arrests, over 40 stop and searches have been carried out on people and vehicles.

Overall crime levels in Monmouthshire have dropped over the last month by 33 incidents and anti-social behaviour rates over the last year have decreased by 3.4% (156 incidents).

Monmouth Neighbourhood Sergeant Dick Bull said, 'This pro-active approach will hopefully reassure the public of Monmouth that we are committed to addressing the type of behaviour which can seriously affect our local businesses and the quality of life of local community.'

'Our officers have had great success during the last month. We are continuing with this operation and will be widening our work over the coming months to encompass the surrounding areas of the town and more rural areas.'

If you have any information about crime in the Monmouth area, please contact the Monmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team on 01495 233903. To report an incident in an emergency please always dial 999 or if it's less urgent, call 101.