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# Neighbourhood News

Trellech Ward, Monmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team

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## Your Neighbourhood Officer



PC Simon Holder

## You can contact us in many ways....

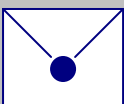


**Emergency:** 999  
**Non Emergency:** 101  
**Direct Line:** 01495 233903

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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Monmouth  
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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 **Speeding**

## WE DID....

### Speeding

The recent severe weather has temporarily slowed the speed of motorists in the area. It is very difficult for us to record the speed of vehicles using the hand held speed gun in the icy weather however now the weather is improving, we will be using this equipment over the coming months and will let you know about the results. We have been in Trellech monitoring cars and our visible presence appears to have reduced the speeding in these areas.

Monmouthshire County Council has agreed to place temporary flashing 30mph speed signs outside the school. They are also going to paint ‘School Keep Clear’ Signs on the road. We hope that both will be in place in the near future and will keep you updated on this progress.

### Off-road biking

Phil Barclay, the Forestry Police and Community Support Officer has continued to patrol the woods around Trellech on a regular basis and as a result the number of complaints are down almost to zero. As the weather improves, we will continue to patrol the area to monitor this problem.



## Handy hints and tips to keep your home safe and secure

- Don't make it easy for burglars. Remember to close and lock all doors and windows at night and when you go out
- Keep your front and back doors locked, even when you are at home during the day
- When you have locked your door, take the keys out of the lock and put them somewhere safe and out of reach, making sure you know how to get out in the event of a fire
- Don't leave spare keys under flowerpots
- Keep your car keys safe and out of sight
- Where possible, try to avoid leaving expensive electronic equipment on display in your home
- Register your household equipment at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This service is free of charge and helps the police trace the owners of recovered stolen property
- Close your curtains when you have the lights on in the evening
- Going away? Let friends and/or trusted neighbours know and ask them to keep an eye on your home
- If you are considering installing new windows or doors, make sure they are certified to British Standard BS7950 for windows and PAS 24 for doors.
- Put burglars off by fitting a visible burglar alarm and installing security lighting on a timer
- Join or form a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This is an excellent way to improve safety and can promote a strong sense of community within a neighbourhood.

## Scrap Metal

Be mindful of anyone paying you a visit asking if you have any scrap metal. These people are sometimes thieves who will be on the look out for anything you have left unsecured that they can help themselves too!

## Protect your vehicle!

Monmouthshire as a whole has seen a number of thefts of Landrovers and trailers over recent months.. So please be mindful of your vehicle security

- Lock the doors and close the windows and sun roof when you leave your car.
- Put mobile phones and 'sat navs' in the glove compartment and lock jackets or bags safely in the boot
- Remove the stereo if possible
- Consider using a steering lock or Thatcham-compliant immobiliser
- On frosty mornings, don't leave your car unattended with the engine running while it defrosts.

## Parking in Monmouth...



**All residents of Monmouth are reminded that parking in bus, taxi and loading bays is strictly prohibited, even for disable blue badge users. Please take care and read all signage and road markings before parking.**

### 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.....

**Come and see us every Tuesday in the Orange Community Store at 1pm**