

Hagley and Rubery SNT

Quarterly News Letter

Welcome to this quarters Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) newsletter from the Hagley and Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team!

Our mission is simple: to keep you informed, involved, and safe. Every quarter, we share updates on crime prevention, patrol activity, and community initiatives. Your feedback shapes our priorities—so please keep talking to us.

Why It Matters

Community policing works best when residents and officers collaborate. By sharing what we've done and what's coming up, we aim to build trust and transparency. Every patrol, event, and enforcement action is designed to address concerns raised by you.

What to Expect

- Updates on community concerns and how they've been tackled
- Information on upcoming events and opportunities to engage with the team

Get Involved

Under our Local Policing Charter, residents are encouraged to share community concerns with their Parish Council. Your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) works closely with Parish Councils to stay informed about local priorities. These concerns help shape the focus of our policing efforts, ensuring we tackle the issues that matter most to you.

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Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters ...



Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them; whether that be by email, text or telephone.

Sign up now at: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Hagley & Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team – Crime Prevention Activity Update

Over recent weeks, the Hagley and Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team has been actively engaging with residents across the district through a series of crime prevention events. These sessions were designed to offer practical advice, raise awareness of local policing priorities, and strengthen community links.

Between **2 April and 21 May 2026**, officers held events at the following locations:

- **02/04/26 – Barnt Green**
- **14/04/26 – Cofton Hackett (outside the Village Hall)**
- **22/04/26 – Hagley**
- **23/04/26 – Belbroughton**
- **09/05/26 – Hagley Library Car Park**
- **10/05/26 – Lickey Hills Visitor Centre**
- **19/05/26 – Monument Lane Car Park (Op Sceptre knife amnesty bin)**
- **20/05/26 – Rubery (Op Sceptre knife amnesty bin)**
- **21/05/26 – Lickey Visitor Centre (Op Sceptre knife amnesty bin)**



Crime Prevention Focus

At each event, officers provided tailored advice on a range of topics including:

- **Property marking** and how it can deter theft
- **Garden security**, particularly as we move into lighter evenings
- **Vehicle security**, with guidance on preventing opportunistic crime
- General home and personal safety information

Residents were also encouraged to sign up to **Neighbourhood Matters**, the local messaging service that provides timely updates on policing activity, crime alerts, and community engagement opportunities.

Operation Sceptre – Knife Crime Awareness

Several events incorporated Operation Sceptre, the national initiative aimed at reducing knife crime. These sessions included:

- A **knife amnesty bin**, allowing individuals to safely and anonymously surrender knives
- **Educational leaflets** highlighting the risks, consequences, and impact of knife crime on communities

The SNT reports a positive response from residents, with many taking the opportunity to dispose of unwanted knives and engage in conversations about youth safety and prevention.

Strengthening Community Partnerships

The team extends its thanks to all parish councils, community venues, and residents who supported or attended these events. Continued partnership working remains essential in helping to keep Hagley, Rubery, and the surrounding villages safe.

If your parish would like to host a future crime prevention session or would benefit from targeted advice, the SNT is happy to assist.

Speed Enforcement Update – Hagley & Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team

As part of our ongoing parish policing priorities, the Hagley and Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team have continued targeted speed enforcement across key locations within our area.

These operations are designed to improve road safety, reduce speeding, and respond directly to concerns raised by parish councils and local residents.



Enforcement Activity

Between recent deployments, officers conducted speed checks at several priority sites, resulting in the following actions:

- **Hagley – 15 drivers reported**
- **Kidderminster Road South – 35 drivers reported**
- **Rose Hill, Lickey – 3 drivers reported**
- **Hagley (additional operation) – 11 offences recorded**
- **Groveley Lane, Cofton Hackett – enforcement conducted**
- **Qantry Lane, Romsley – enforcement conducted**

All offences were captured using a TrueCam 2 device, and all drivers detected exceeding the speed limit were formally reported.

Ongoing Commitment to Road Safety

Speeding remains one of the most common concerns raised by parish councils and residents. The SNT will therefore continue to carry out speed operations at varying times and days to ensure a visible and proactive approach to road safety.

These operations form part of our wider commitment to reducing risk on local roads and supporting safer communities across Hagley, Rubery, and the surrounding villages.

If your parish has specific areas of concern or would like to discuss potential future enforcement locations, the team is always happy to engage.

High-Visibility Patrols Across the Parishes – Hagley & Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Hagley and Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team continue to prioritise high-visibility patrols as part of our commitment to community reassurance, crime prevention, and strong local engagement. Regular foot patrols and cycle patrols have been carried out across key areas following concerns raised by parish councils and residents.



Foot Patrols

Officers have been on foot throughout several locations, including:

- **Rubery High Street**, where the team has been calling into shops and speaking directly with workers and business owners
- **Barnt Green**, with a focus on visibility and engagement
- **Hagley**, providing reassurance and addressing local priorities

These patrols allow officers to build relationships, gather community intelligence, and respond quickly to emerging issues.

Cycle Patrols

Cycle patrols have also been deployed across a wide area, enabling officers to cover more ground while remaining approachable and visible. Recent patrol routes have included:

- **Rubery**
- **Cofton Hackett**

- **Barnt Green**
- **The Lickey Hills walks and surrounding areas**
- **The Waseley Hills walks and surrounding areas**

Cycle patrols are an effective way to access parks, footpaths, and rural routes that are not easily reached by vehicle, supporting both community engagement and proactive policing.

Reduce your chances of being burgled

Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, as a burglar may see an open opportunity and take their chance.

Some things you may wish to consider if you are installing new doors and windows are to get ones that are certified to British Standard BS 7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors). Window locks, especially on older windows will help stop people getting in.

Remember to securely lock all doors and windows before leaving the house. It is easy to forget when you are in hurry, but it's the simplest way for a burglar to enter your home.

Never leave your keys anywhere near the front door, including your letterbox; burglars know where to look. A home that looks empty is far more likely to be targeted by a burglar, so it's worth making sure your home looks occupied. Use automatic timer-switches to turn on a light and perhaps a radio when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours.

If you' are going to be away for longer periods of time, cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries.

Remember that visibly and permanently marking your belongings helps you and the police to identify them if they are stolen. It can also make it difficult for the thief to dispose of the property.

Fit padlocks and additional hardware to shed and garage doors and ask a trusted neighbour or relative for help. Ask them if they could clear the post away from the door mat and open and close the curtains whilst you are away.

Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing locked gates, 2 metre minimum fencing or walls are recommended. Trellis topping also makes climbing very difficult.

Security lighting can be used to make offenders feel vulnerable and observed. It is suggested that you use dusk to dawn lighting. Visible burglar alarms are also a deterrent; there are many to choose from.



General feedback – The SNT PCSO's continues to hold regular 'Drop-in' police surgeries throughout the SNT area. Also, part of our commitment to help reduce crime and prevent re-victimisation of Burglaries and vehicle thefts. SNT PCSO's are continuing to victims of these types of crimes and provide them with FREE SmartWater property marking kits, and vehicle Faraday pouches which can be used to store the vehicle key fobs – preventing the wireless signal from being detected by vehicle thieves.

Due to the large rural area within the SNT's boundary, PC Head (from Alvechurch & Wythall SNT) is our lead in 'Livestock Crime'. Officers and PCSO continue to actively patrols our rural farms and areas in help deter and prevent livestock thefts.

Updates from Your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is continuing its work to stay closely connected with residents, parish councils, and community groups across the area. Over the coming months, the team will be hosting a series of 1-2-1 drop-in surgeries and crime-prevention events, offering practical advice, support, and opportunities to raise local concerns directly with officers.

These sessions are designed to strengthen community safety, improve communication, and ensure residents feel confident and informed about policing activity in their neighbourhood.

All upcoming events will be advertised through Neighbourhood Matters — the quickest way to stay updated with SNT news, alerts, and engagement opportunities.

If you're not already a member, you can sign up using the link below and start receiving updates tailored to your local area:

 Home Page – Neighbourhood Matters neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

By joining, you'll receive timely information on crime prevention, community meetings, appeals, and local policing priorities — helping you stay connected with the officers who serve your parish.



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