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# PCC Funding Initiatives

## Shropshire

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## The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

This budget focuses on projects committed to delivering the Safer West Mercia Plan outcomes.

**£20,000**

For the 'Pathfinder Project'. This volunteer run project is designed to reduce the number of road traffic collisions, casualties (KSIs) and convictions amongst vulnerable novice drivers, i.e. 17-24 year olds through pre-licence driver development. Young people attend before they are 17, work with their parent or appropriate adult in a partnership environment where they develop understanding of road risk, a positive attitude to road safety and technical driving skills.

**£7,500**

To Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew. Over ten working days, 13 safety scenarios were delivered to 150 children each day, most of them by uniformed professionals from organisations such as: Police, Fire & Rescue, Coastguard, Western Power, NHS, NFU, Crimestoppers, St John's, Veolia and the Railways.

### Preventing/Reducing Burglary

Upper Tier Local Authority Councillors have access to financial support for reducing acquisitive crime. The PCC is offering a 25% contribution to the We Don't Buy Crime (WDBC) scheme increasing the reach across West Mercia. Up to £225,000 has been made available from the PCC to invest in this initiative. WDBC towns and villages are where 70% of residential properties have marked their possessions

with Smartwater (a water based solution with a unique forensic code that shows up under UV light). WDBC signs are installed through the village/town warning potential offenders to prevent burglary. Traces of Smartwater found on an offender provides the evidence required for a successful prosecution. Registered Smartwater identified on stolen property increases the likelihood of it being returned to the owner. In Shropshire the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Cleobury Mortimer, Higher Heath, Hopton Wafers, Kinlet, Badger, Sutton Maddock, Boraston, Shifnal, Waters Upton, Neene Savage, Prees, Church Aston, Bayston Hill.

## Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

Each CSP is provided with a ring-fenced budget from the PCC. This budget is spent on pro-active community safety initiatives, addressing local needs and creating a safer and more secure West Mercia.

### Core Funding

**£26,141**

For an ASB Officer. The role of the ASB Co-ordination Officer is to respond to reports of anti-social behaviour made to the single reporting number when the issue being reported spans service area/organisational

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boundaries and no single agency response can resolve the issue.

**£3,000**

For the Sanctuary Scheme which is part of a service commissioned by Shropshire Council in order to help reduce homelessness from those fleeing domestic abuse. The service works across the county offering target hardening to properties in both the private and rented housing sector.

**£10,000**

Funding to West Mercia Women's Aid as part of the IDVA contract.

**£20,000**

Towards the partnership analyst post (July onwards). A dedicated Data Analyst Officer to support on various tasks. Support the development and effective operation of the Shropshire Community Safety Partnership Board in delivering partnership priorities at both strategic and operational levels, with a key focus on integrating and aligning priorities and associated performance frameworks.

**£16,667**

For a Missing/CSE Outreach worker. This pilot will provide independent return home interviews, identifying push/pull factors, develop intervention strategies to reduce vulnerability, provide specialist CSE outreach and increase intelligence to reduce future episodes of missing and vulnerability.

**£2,000**

For Hate Crime Awareness Week (mid-October). Co-ordinated and delivered activities and events

promoting awareness of what is hate crime is and how people should report it.

**£9,000**

For Public Reassurance. Bronze Level Tasking (BLT) helps ensure that local problems are dealt with quickly and effectively, increasing the feeling of safety in communities. BLT meetings give organisations the opportunity to raise matters of concern and call upon their partners' information and resources to resolve the problem.

**£1,530**

For Domestic Abuse. Funding will be allocated to support training programmes that will develop skills and knowledge amongst agencies and organisations so that they can support victims. This will involve training for staff from partners agencies; targeted training aimed at specific staff and specialist training aimed at specialist Domestic Abuse workers.

**£5,000**

For Women's Aid. West Mercia Women's Aid (WMWA) Helpline is available 24/7 to the victims of domestic abuse. The Helpline provides a listening and online support and advice service, conducts risk assessments with callers/contacts, undertakes safety planning, internally refers/signposts to other WMWA services and other local services. Bespoke responses meet the needs of the individual, with most contacts from individual women experiencing domestic abuse and from male victims.

**£5,500**

For Shropshire Steer Clear Criminal Exploitation Diversion Project. They provide a targeted

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intervention to stop young people from getting involved in/committing serious violent offences. It aims to build resilience in young people through a trauma informed, protective behaviours approach; supporting them into making positive choices, improving their critical thinking skills, and providing healthy, stable and supportive frameworks.

**£3,000**

For Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment for Children and Marketing and Publicity. To ensure consistency and proportionate decision making the adoption of an evidenced based tool would benefit the Partnership, the Workforce and the Children and Families, for whom we have a responsibility to keep safe and offer services to. The evidenced based tool and training would assist with consistency of thresholds, a shared understanding of risk, with a common tool for use across the partnership. Traditionally Shropshire used the DVRIM, Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix, this is now outdated and superseded by the DARAC - Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment for Children. Shropshire require this updated training in order to update the workforce and inform processes and policy guidance.

## **CCTV**

**£6,500**

For Craven Arms Town Centre CCTV Upgrade. Two cameras located on the A49 which were installed approximately 10 years ago are no longer fit for purpose and the Town Council would like to install a new system with much high specification to meet the current needs of the community.

**£12,440 + £13,853**

For Ludlow Town Council CCTV Phase I and II. Ludlow Town Council is looking to secure funding to replace an ageing and inadequate system that is no longer fit for purpose. The aim of the project is to provide an up to date system capable of acting as both a deterrent to crime and to enable evidence gathering capable of supporting successful prosecutions of criminal activity.

**£14,312**

For Highley CCTV Improvements. To upgrade and increase CCTV cameras, software and equipment to bring the current 2007 system up-to-date.

**£22,974**

To deploy additional cameras both in the Oswestry town and the Industrial Estate to support the existing system and to upgrade the infrastructure in the CCTV control room.

**£2,675**

The need for CCTV has been discussed with the Local Police and Police Commissioner Ambassador. The Police have been involved in the specification and the Craven Arms Town Council will continue to liaise with the SNT and Shropshire Council Safer Communities team going forwards to ensure all needs are being met.

**£3,037**

Cleobury Mortimer CCTV system has proved very effective, but there are noticeable valuable blind spots in the Town when gaining evidence of a crime.

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The extra 5 cameras will allow coverage of places that are used by criminals knowing the areas are not covered.

## Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund (LPCAF)

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams and his community ambassadors with the autonomy to support local initiatives. A branch of this fund is for 'safer roads', whereby SNTs can apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in the areas they serve.

Some examples include:

### £1,200

To Wilderness Outreach for the purchase equipment to engage children and young people (on the periphery of criminal activity) in wilderness based activities (including fire lighting, cooking, shelter building, knife skills and tool making).

### £1,250

To Diversionsary Activities for football and martial arts coaching sessions for children who are at risk of criminal exploitation.

### £3,000

Shrewsbury Town in the Community. Using the appeal and reach of the Premier League and network of Shrewsbury Town Football Club, PL Kicks will engage children and young people of all backgrounds and abilities, in football, sport and personal development – providing a trusted, positive influence in high-need areas across Shropshire.

### £400

For Oswestry Volunteer CCTV Camera Facility. To purchase a laptop to facilitate the deployment and downloading of data from temporary cameras.

### £900

To Young Cadets. To engage year 6 children with a range of topics including road safety, personal safety, internet safety specifically, to enable them to make safe decisions in all aspects of their daily life.

### £280

To Shropshire Youth Engagement Team. To purchase of 6 x large heavy duty bags to help improve the security, organisation, storage and transportation of equipment to various events and activities.

### £405

To Shropshire Youth Engagement Team for funding to purchase 10 pull up banners for events and activities.

### £659

To provide visibility equipment for children to keep them safe and promote high visibility on the roads.

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## £300

For a 1 day workshop to help Criminal Justice and other relevant agency representatives understand more about hate crime and begin to understand possible interventions with perpetrators.

## £2,262

For "faraday bags" utilised by car owners who can place their keyless car fob within the bag either in the home or within pockets/bags etc which will then block the signal to outside interference and potential theft.

## £1,422

To Rockspring Garden Project to support young people to assist individuals within their local community who are physically unable to manage their gardens.

## £2,000

To 'Wheels to Work' charity who loan affordable scooters and electric bikes to individuals in the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin areas so that they can get to work. The majority of our service users are individuals who have had past financial or social difficulties.

## £6,827

To locate a defibrillator externally at key Shropshire Police Stations.

## £426

To Young Cadets Programme to purchase branded caps. The YCP engage year 6 children with a range of topics including road safety, personal safety, internet safety specifically, to enable them to make safe decisions in all aspects of their daily life.

## £3,014

For electric push bikes used by PCSO's and in particular the town centre based staff which will allow them to be at key locations efficiently which can often be difficult on foot or a in car, such as the river tow path, the alleyways where drug dealing and ASB is reported to take place and when arriving on foot or by car the offenders make off.

### Local Policing and Community Ambassador Fund (LPCAF) - Safer Roads

## £2,900

To purchase a speed indicator device to raise awareness of vehicles speed on the B4373 Bridgnorth to Broseley.

## £1,644

To install five pairs of village boundary gates and signage to reduce speed in Cleobury Mortimer.

## £3,746

For purchase and installation of an LED radar and speed sign in Calverhall Village with a 'slow down' safety message and inclusive of speed monitoring software.

## £478

For Be Safe, Be Seen - Shropshire Youth Engagement Team to purchase equipment used to promote road safety for use by the public.

## £3,590

For the purchase of vehicle activated speed signs in Clive Village

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### **£1,735**

For the purchase of vehicle activated speed limit roundel in Clee Hill Village.

### **£1,637**

For the purchase of a portable speed indicator device to be used by volunteers of Diddlebury PC.

### **£3,806**

To provide vehicle activated signs in Ludford Parish Council to reduce speed in the village.

### **£2,577**

To provide vehicle activated signs in Culmington Parish Council to reduce speed in the village.

### **£6,674**

To provide VSO interactive speed warning signs at each end of Lydbury village.

### **£4,800**

To purchase two vehicle activate signs around the schools in Featherbed Lane and Corndon Crescent.

### **£3,476**

To Oswestry Parish Council to fund the installation of two vehicle activated signs.

### **£1,352**

To provide gates to the entrance of the village of Knockin to reduce speed.

### **£4,152**

To install two VAS within Whittington Parish Council.

### **£356**

To reduce speed and promote traffic calming through Boraston village.

### **£5,000**

For two VAS to reduce speed when travelling through Welshampton village.

### **£3,633**

For Hinstock Parish Council - Radar Speed Signs.

**The above list of PCC funding initiatives is in addition to the West Mercia wide funded projects which are also available to the communities of Shropshire.**