



# PCC Funding Initiatives

## North Worcestershire

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## Victims

All PCCs receive an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice to commission free practical and emotional support helping victims cope and recover, whether they have reported it to the police or not. John Campion provides a 'top up' to this funding stream from his own budget, ensuring specialist providers are accessible to victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence and child sexual exploitation

**£22,500**

To West Mercia Women's Aid to provide additional capacity to the existing PCC funded CYP project and facilitate the provision of bespoke programmes of support to children between the ages of 5-19 whose parents/carers are engaged in Drive or are being considered by the DAPP panel.

## The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

**£20,000**

To Worcestershire Arts Partnership for Inspiring Futures through the Arts: using high quality artists, selected by a panel of probation officers, service users and arts experts, to provide a regular

programme of arts interventions/diversionary activity for offenders who are at risk of re-offending.

**£136,101**

The DRIVE project launched in 2017 with the original funding coming from the MOPAC Police Transformation Fund and match funding from the West Mercia PCC and Worcestershire County Council Public Health. With the current success the PCC and WCC agreed to match fund the extension of the Drive project post April 2020 to March 2021.

Included in this funding is £22,500 for West Mercia Women's Aid DRIVE CYP worker to support the children and young people of the perpetrators currently going through the DRIVE project. In addition, a DAPP coordinator is also funded through the total. Their role is to collate the relevant data about the perpetrator from police systems and other relevant sources and present at the DAPP meetings to provide thorough information sharing.

**£2,500**

To Support for Prison In reach - SSAFA Caseworkers. This grant will fund travel expenses for caseworkers to engage with ex-servicemen and women who are incarcerated to support repatriation and a crime-free life and offer them and their families pastoral and material support.

**£20,000**

For Get Safe Link Worker. The Get Safe Link Worker (GSLW) role was launched as a pilot in 2019, to work with young people identified by social care and police as being criminally exploited, initially funded by the PCC & Youth Justice. The role of the GSLW is to

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build a community network around the young person, engaging them to identify their risks, work with them around this and to get them into positive activities to disrupt the perpetrators access to them.

**£20,000**

To Worcestershire Children First for a Get Safe Community Worker. This project caters for the AMBER risk young people in the GETSAFE agenda for Worcestershire, this being a gap in service provision identified. The project works alongside Young Solutions from the Voluntary sector.

### **Preventing/Reducing Burglary**

Upper Tier Local Authority Councillors have access to financial support for reducing acquisitive crime. The PCC offers a 25% contribution to the WDBC scheme increasing the 'We Don't Buy Crime' areas across West Mercia. 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 preventing burglary. In North Worcestershire the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Rock, Upper Arley, Trimperley, Wythall, Frankley, Chaddersley Corbett, Blakedown, Bentley, Feckenham, Bournheath, Shawbury, Hadnall, Chetwynd Aston, West Felton, Majors Green, Hartlebury, Romsley, Clent, Fairfield, Hanbury, Headless Cross, Walkers Heath Little Witley, Beoley, Kidderminster, Astwood Bank, Cofton Hackett, Dodford and Grafton, Stoke Prior, Barnt Green, Broome.

## **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**

**£20,000**

To the NW partnership Analyst to scan and analyse emerging problems and development of partnership responses and information sharing.

**£14,000**

For Wyre Forest Keeping Safe for contribution towards two part time Community Safety Officer posts to deliver the Safer Wyre Forest priorities.

**£1,000**

For A number of Community Ambassadors from Year 10 are recruited from each of the Wyre Forest High Schools. Their role is to promote key community safety, citizenship and wellbeing messages within their own high schools and local communities.

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## **£13,167**

For Wyre Forest Detached Youth Work to bring together Safer Wyre Forest (operational group of NWCSP), Wyre Forest District Council, KDYT and West Mercia Police to deliver three weekly detached youth work sessions in order to in anti-social behaviour, damage and nuisance.

## **£3,000**

For Bromsgrove Taxi Marshalls who are a highly visible positive presence in the town centre which will provide support for the night time economy and partners including West Mercia Police and Bromsgrove Street Pastors.

## **£20,000**

For Empowering Young People. The project will be delivered over three school terms, allowing 6 targeted support programmes to be delivered for specific groups of young people across Bromsgrove and Redditch, as identified by professionals working with them.

## **£23,500**

For Bromsgrove & Redditch Youth Outreach. The project will provide a deployable team of trained outreach youth workers that can identify, engage with and support young people involved in on-street ASB in local neighbourhoods and in public spaces across both districts.

## **£8,000**

For Bromsgrove & Redditch Community Ambassadors will host three main engagement events across the

year which will focus on the areas of Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence, Personnel Safety and Crime Prevention Awareness. Alongside these main events there will also be a young person's conference, which will focus on areas of Knife Crime, ASB, CSE and Drugs and Alcohol.

## **£6,000**

To Virtual Decisions which is a unique and interactive virtual reality program that delivers a real-life experience for young people through the use of VR and creative arts workshops to raise awareness of Knife-crime, gang culture, grooming, youth violence.

## **£4,000**

For the Neighbourhood scheme who work with communities to identify those who may be vulnerable to door step crime offences and implement the Nominated Neighbour scheme with them.

## **CCTV**

## **£65,000**

To contribute to the capital upgrade programme which has enhanced current monitoring capabilities and futureproofed the CCTV scheme that covers the district areas of Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest.

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## 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.

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

Some examples include:

**£1,920**

To Redditch Boxing Academy to provide free boxing, self-defence and confidence building sessions for local youths to engage with a positive role model and learn basic boxing and self-defence in a safe environment. Events will take place later during the 2020-21 financial year.

**£466**

Payable to West Mercia Women's Aid to translate leaflets for victims of domestic abuse into other languages.

**£1,000**

The funding sought will provide for 200 Smartwater cycle kits to be provided free of charge to cycle owners.

**£1,000**

To Chadsworth School towards the purchase of a wheelchair adapted mini bus used to allow all 130 pupils to

engage in activities off site such as participating in community volunteering projects with Bromsgrove Police Station, Keep Bromsgrove Tidy, Catshill in Bloom.

**£1,920**

To purchase 64 Smartwater business packs, one set for each of the allotments in N. Worcs in order to deter theft of equipment and re-assure residents.

**£500**

For Kidderminster police to pro-actively run bike marking events in conjunction with SNT. We will use smartwater, add tamper proof stickers to the bicycles to reduce the likelihood of theft.

**£3,700**

To Learner Voice Strategy to offer a platform for the youth voice of our future generation to develop their resilience from becoming victims of crime, to supporting their confidence in reporting crime, and championing their values in a safer learning environment.

**£1,000**

To Sandycroft Centre to provide funding for a member of staff to become a qualified Independent Domestic Violence Advisor.

**£700**

For The Night Time Economy within the Wyre Forest district to provide "cocaine wipes" to pubs, bars and landlords to highlight if drugs and increase routine checks in these areas to help detect and deter drug use.

**£2,328**

To fund 5000 reflective keyrings for school children across North Worcestershire. This will assist with keeping children safe during darker nights when crossing roads. In addition, the keyrings will provide an opportunity for an interaction

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between SNT and children to provide a road safety message and some reassurance to parents.

**£500**

To support local partners in a community event for Christmas 2020 and supply hot food and food parcels for the vulnerable residents.

**£3,400**

To purchase speed signs to be deployed on roads within the Stourport SNT area.

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

**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 North Worcestershire.**

Some examples include:

**£140**

To purchase 7 x £20 vouchers as prizes for road safety poster competition to raise awareness in schools of road safety and wearing seat belts.

**£745**

For the Young Safer Rider project to encourage the benefits of additional advanced training to young motorcyclists who are interested but are disadvantaged because they do not have the financial resource to cover the costs.

**£3,620**

To increase the visible presence of officers focussing on road safety, education and enforcement of drivers committing traffic offences in Wyre Forest by utilising an additional Pro Laser by SNT officers to focus on community concerns regarding speeding.