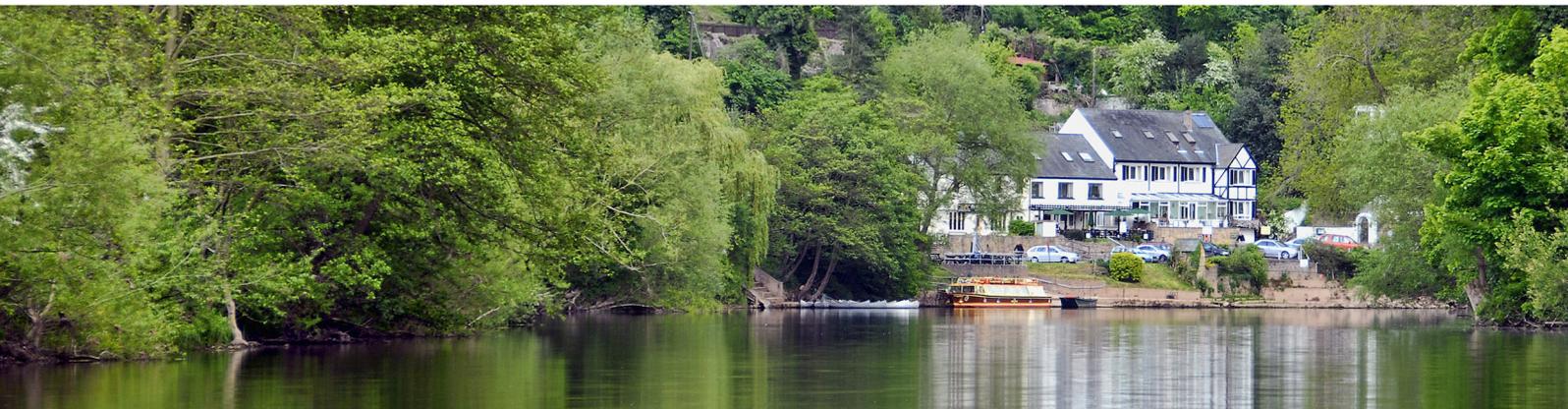




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PCC Funding Initiatives

Herefordshire

February 2021

The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

£30,000

To Longlands Care Farm to provide an alternative education setting for young people that are excluded from and/or struggle with mainstream education settings. The project enables young people to gain hands on, practical workplace experience as well as achieve recognisable qualifications leading to further education and/or employment. It also provides mental health support for young people suffering depression, anxiety and anti-social and anger issues.

£89,962 (from 1/11/20 – 31/03/22)

For DRIVE (Herefordshire) to provide funding for 1.75 FTE IDVA to support the DRIVE Herefordshire service. IDVA's are Independent Domestic Violence Advisers who work on a 1-2-1 basis with high risk victims of domestic abuse.

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 £228,000 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 Herefordshire the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Humber, Ford, Stoke, Wellington Heath, Holmer & Shalwick, Madley, Easton Bishop, Little Dewchurch.

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

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

Core funding:

£20,000

For CSP analytical support. This team support the Council and other partnerships with analytical support and have a wide range of skills and knowledge.

£8,000

For a Contextual Safeguarding Conference to raise the awareness and knowledge of contextual safeguarding in, and introduce a contextual safeguarding framework for practice to, practitioners and managers of agencies working with children, young people and vulnerable young adults in Herefordshire.

£5,000

For Tackling Domestic Abuse. To commission and deliver 8 one day multi-agency training courses called 'Identifying and Tackling Domestic Abuse' for individuals in the Herefordshire community, businesses, voluntary organisations, statutory and public sector.

£30,000

For No Wrong Door. The project will support these young people (many of whom are socialising on the streets in the early evening), enabling them to build trusted relationships with youth workers to whom they can talk, building confidence and self-esteem. This is often enough to regain purpose and direction and turn away from ASB and drugs.

£10,000

For the Herefordshire Sanctuary scheme who provide adaptations to the homes of victims of domestic abuse to 'target harden' the properties. Adaptations range from changing door locks, installing window locks, gate locks, door security chains, letter box security devices, panic alarms, external lighting and installing security cameras.

£13,200

To Tell Someone which is a campaign to raise awareness of child exploitation (CE) for Herefordshire children and young people. The project will commission the design and production of a web page for children and young people to access and provide essential promotional materials/ media to raise awareness of the campaign.

£10,000

To Vennture Lifeline which is now an established, well organised, triage and support service that is handling a steady stream of 7-10 enquiries each week about and/or from vulnerable individuals falling outside Statutory Care.

CCTV

£65,000

The funding will be used to ensure that the equipment is maintained and operated to the highest standard, repairs are made in a timely manner and the system is run and complies with the principles of the new data protection act and human rights act along with all other legislation pertaining to public space CCTV. It will also support the transmission links that will cover the county which provide real time images to the CCTV control room and then in turn to the OCC (Operational Communications Centre) at Hindlip.

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:

£200

For the Police Bike Maintenance Fund. To allow officers using bikes to properly maintain them to a sufficient standard allowing for increased usage. The bikes are a fantastic way to patrol making officer's visible and more accessible to the public.

£104

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 purchase replacement nets for Eastnor Cricket Club. This engagement has built a bridge between Police and the Cricket Club who allow the use of their facilities by the local Primary School and non-members. The aim is to deter young people from engaging in anti-social behaviour, instil strong values around sportsmanship and the value of team building activities.

£1,000

To Fit & Fed to fund boxing sessions, followed by food in order to decrease anti-social behaviour and crime due to the youths not having much to do in the summer holidays. The project will run Monday to Friday for 6 weeks in the summer holidays

£2,725

To Vennture to facilitate cross-sector/agency information sharing as a key element to make Rough Sleeping and Sofa Surfing rare, brief, infrequent and non- reoccurring – reducing local offending and ASB.

£1,000

To Belmont Haywood Country towards a replacement to continue and mow additional family play spaces and broaden the country park footpath network to aid social distancing for the increasing numbers of people using the park.

£5,000

As a contribution for the transportation of the Knife Angel to Hereford in June 2021.

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

Some examples include:

£1,400

To purchase of a Pro-Laser speed gun to assist a large rural area with speeding vehicles.

£1,799

For Be safe, Be seen. To provide pedestrians and cyclists who are walking/cycling in the dark with high-visibility items so that they use them to keep themselves safe.

£3,210

To purchase VAS in the village of Lyonshall

£8,330

To purchase equipment to deliver enforcement and education opportunities with partner agencies and local communities.

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 Herefordshire.