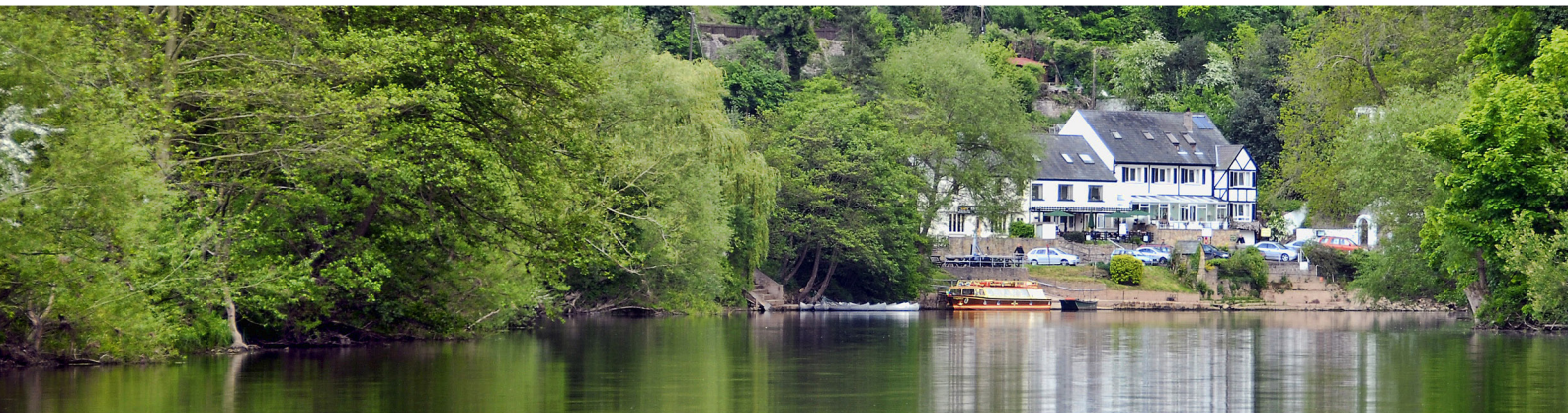




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PCC Funding Initiatives

Herefordshire

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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.

DRIVE

£207,957.20

The Drive Project focuses on priority high-risk or serial perpetrators, both male and female, aged 16 and over, as this group carries the greatest risk of serious harm and engage poorly in available services. By addressing perpetrators' behaviour Drive targets the root cause of domestic abuse and improves outcomes for victims and children. The key objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of serial perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Reduce the number of repeat and new victims
- Reduce the harm caused to victims and children

The provision includes:

- Service delivery
- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel support Officer
- IDVA support for all victims associated with DRIVE clients
- DRIVE central costs

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 £231,000 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: Bishops Frome, Bredenbury, Eaton Bishop, Humber Ford & Stoke, Little Dewchurch, Tarrington, Hereford, Wellington Heath.

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 £100,666 allocated as follows:

£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.

£5,000

IOM and reducing reoffending is a long established issue linked to expanding preventative measures, community safety would be greatly improved. The funding will be utilised to take up schemes such as the “Buddi-tag system” and the charitable Probation Care Trust who offer immediate, tailored support to offenders across West Mercia, to assist them in integrating back into the community and breaking the cycle of reoffending.

CCTV

£65,000

TBA

Commissioner’s Community Fund (CCF)

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams 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:

£1,000

For ‘Making Changes’ football project. It is aimed at vulnerable children aged 9-12 yrs who either are struggling in school or home life with behavioural issues, low confidence and esteem or issues. Funding goes towards coaching, t-shirts and drinks.

£992

For Knife Angel Workshops. To run 4 workshops at the Bishops Palace whilst the Knife Angel is in Hereford to engage, debate with, challenge and support targeted vulnerable young people including those at risk of involvement in drugs and anti-social behaviour.

£1,000

For Summer Fit & Fed – boxing, street dancing and cheerleading sessions for 6-16 year olds with the aim of de-crease any anti-social behaviour and crime due to the youths not having much to do, and bring them into a safe environment to encourage health and fitness.

£300

For Steer Clear Youth Knife which will assist to raise awareness on knife crime within local communities, schools.

£400

Good Custody Project for bulk buying of reading books, paper & puzzles, pens, any other materials identified by staff that might help in improving custody experience or having a positive impact on detainee.

£30

Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool to enable the team to identify sexual behaviours that may need intervention by an appropriately trained officer/teacher.

£2,000

To Wellington FC Youth Football Club. By participating in sports, children are exposed to various mental, social, emotional, physical and educational benefits. Some of these benefits to children are developing self-esteem, social skills, sportsmanship, maintaining discipline and teamwork. Football training and fixtures helps to keep children occupied and out of trouble and provides a sense of purpose

£1,875

For Smart Tag to ensure the Night Time Economy within Herefordshire is made an even safer place for all visitors, businesses and workers. This is Smartwater deployed from a canister onto violent / aggressive suspects of criminal offences to significantly assist Police in identifying and prosecuting offenders.

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

Some examples include:

£3,766

To Norton Canon for a speed indicator device to slow or maintain the speed through the villages of Norton Canon & Letton.

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.