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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.**

(See the West Mercia Wide Initiatives)

### 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 Shropshire the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Cleobury Mortimer, Higher Heath, Hopton Wafers, Kinlet, Badger, Sutton Maddock, Boraston, Shifnal, Waters Upton, Neen Savage, Prees, Church Aston, Bayston Hill, Bicton, Wem Rural, High Eccrall, Uffington, Lydbury North, Berrington, Atcham, Easthope, Shipton, Tibberton and

Cherrington, Cound, Leighton, Eaton Constantine, Wroxeter and Uppington, Buildwas, Billingsley, Burwarton, Chetton, Eardington, Morville, Ditton Priors, Barrow, Little Wenlock, Munslow, Acton Burnell, Frodsley, Pichford, Ruckley, Langley, Cardington, Rodington, Montford, Bromfield, Westbury, Ruyton, Alderbury with Cardeston, Craven Arms, Witanstow, Ashford Carbonell, Cayham, Church Preen, Hughley, Kenley, Worthen with Shelve, Edgton, Bishop Castle, Hordley and Bagley, Withington, Upton Magna, Bomere Heath, Abdon and Heath, Lyth Hill, Culmington, Astley Abbots, Hadnall, Shawbury, Stanton upon Hine Heath, Sutton Maddock.

## 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 £98,441 allocated as follows:**

**£10,000**

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

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## £20,000

For CSP analytical support. This will be provided by the Research & Intelligence Team of Shropshire Council. 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.

## £30,921

For an ASB Co-ordinator. The Partnership recognises that anti-social behaviour (ASB) can blight the lives of communities and effect perceptions of safety and security within individual's own homes as well as on the street.

## CCTV

## £65,000

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# 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:

## £3,000

For PL Kicks. Using the appeal and reach 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.

## £3,999

To purchase a knife arch to be used at various events to provide a capability to detect knives and weapons.

## £2,500

For Crucial Crew. To provide up to 50 schools in the Shrewsbury & Oswestry area with up to 1500 safety workbooks containing 18 safety scenarios for their year six pupils.

## £400

For Good Custody Practice - 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.

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## £190

For Get Safe On-line – Ludlow Food Festival. To engage with the public and businesses offering education on Cyber, safe use of social media, support and advice on staying safe online.

## Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF) – Road Safety

Some examples include:

## £2,793

To Clive Parish Council for the purchase of a vehicle activated sign to reduce speed of vehicles travelling through Clive Village to comply with 30mph limit to improve safety of pedestrians and motorists.

**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.**