



# 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

The above list of PCC victims funded initiatives is in addition to the West Mercia wide funded projects which are also available to the communities of North Worcestershire.

## The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

### £22,000 – Fly-tipping

To North Worcestershire CSP for fly-tipping initiatives. The North Worcestershire Councils will work in partnership to: Develop a land owners' charter across north Worcestershire reflecting guidance of best practice amongst land owners as set out by the National Fly-tipping Prevention Group (NFPG), Introduce a prevention and enforcement scheme and establish and manage a network of landowners who

are signed up to the charter where best practice, convictions and information can be shared.

### 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. Since 2015 13,404 Smartwater kits have been registered in North Worcestershire.

## 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.

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**Core funding £139,250 allocated as follows:**

**£20,000 – CSP Partnership Analysts**

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

**£5,000 - IOM**

IOM and reducing reoffending are 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.

**£56,000 – Hate Crime**

To provide funding for a 12-month project which will deliver an engagement and awareness programme to increase public awareness of and confidence in reporting hate-related crimes and incidents. We will achieve this by targeting organisations that are closely related to those at higher risk of vulnerability or are community based to broaden our reach to those who might otherwise feel apprehension in reporting.

**£9,197 - Crimestoppers**

Funding contributes towards the salary of a Regional Manager who will deliver 3 anti-crime campaigns a year.

**£20,000 - Wyre Forest Detached Youth Team**

This partnership project brings together Safer Wyre Forest, Wyre Forest District Council, KDYT and West Mercia Police to deliver two weekly detached youth work sessions. These sessions see the KDYT Youth Bus visit areas highlighted as having increased ASB, relationships are developed with young people and work starts from there.

**£12,117 - Safer Wyre Forest Tasking**

Projects are identified by the Tasking Group to tackle issues that are a current or emerging concern to communities and partners and require swift action to prevent them becoming more serious or having a wider impact. These small projects can make a significant difference to individuals, communities and partners. By having a targeted response budget, we can act quickly to resolve neighbourhood issues and provide a locally tailored response.

**£27,067 - B&R Youth Outreach**

The project provides a deployable team of trained outreach/detached 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. The teams of youth workers will provide an agreed amount of patrol hours at key times and locations, identified using community safety partnership data and intelligence.

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### **£20,000 - North Worcestershire Domestic Homicide Review Support**

The project will provide resources to deliver the CSPs statutory responsibility to conduct a Domestic Homicide Review where there has been a murder, attempted murder or suicide within an adult, intimate or familial relationship.

### **£22,366 - Safer Redditch and Bromsgrove Tasking**

Projects are identified by the Tasking Group and the Town Centre Management Group to tackle issues that are a current or emerging concern to communities and partners and require swift action to prevent them becoming more serious or having a wider impact. These small projects can make a significant difference to individuals, communities and partners. By having a targeted response budget, we can act quickly to resolve neighbourhood issues and provide a locally tailored response.

### **CCTV**

#### **£20,000 - CCTV Scheme Continuation of upgrades**

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

## **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.

### **Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)**

Some examples include:

#### **£200 – Community Cricket**

To contribute to funding two cricket matches. The first one is a community game against our local Bangladeshi Community. The game is hosted by North Worcestershire Police (supported by Worcester Police cricket club). The purpose of these games is to increase community cohesion, to continue and strengthen relationships between our organisation and British Muslim communities within North Worcestershire.

#### **£1,500 – Steer Clear**

Following the successful implementation of Steer Clear a workshop will roll out to high schools for delivery to all students in years 9 and 10 in an assembly type situation with a view to providing education and diversion to reduce knife related crime in young people 10 to 17 years old.

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### **£898 - Summer Community Engagement and Crime Prevention**

To establish opportunities to meet with our communities, to provide tailored crime prevention advice to rural communities. To educate people on the latest scams, provide reassurance for the public and therefore reduce the fear of crime.

### **£90 - North Worcestershire Police Cadets' awards**

This is to recognise young people who have volunteered their own time for the communities of North Worcestershire.

### **£4,440 - Night Time Economy and Licensing**

To increase confidence for vulnerable members of the community when patronising the Night Time Economy by providing them with a personal attack alarm or drug/alcohol awareness pack as appropriate.

### **£1,675 - Oldington, Foley and Sutton Park summer engagements**

Numerous pre-arranged events over the summer period in company with other partner agencies, particularly community housing and youth services, ASB awareness week. In preparation for the upcoming National Campaigns and organised local events e.g. road safety, be bright be seen, anti-bullying week, nuisance week and cold mornings.

### **£5,000 - Lords Taverners (Shared with North Worcestershire)**

Wicketz Worcestershire is a community cohesion programme targeted at 8–19year-olds, using cricket to

engage difficult-to reach young people.

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

Some examples include:

#### **£1,851 – VAS in Bewdley**

Purchase and installation of a fixed solar powered VAS device

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