



On the beat in Oswestry Central, Oswestry Rural North, Oswestry Rural South and Ellesmere and Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

November/
December
2024

Oswestry Town

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Community priorities: County line drug dealing, Antisocial driving, shoplifting

Over the course of the month Oswestry SNT have been active around the town in the run up to Christmas. An arrested was made in relation to stalking offences after it was disclosed to officers that the victim had bene subjected to a month's worth of abuse. The investigation is ongoing.

An arrest was made for drink driving at an RTC on Morda Road. The suspect was charged with drink driving and bailed to court.

We were also involved in an arrest on Christmas Eve of a male who was reported to be driving in the area of Balmoral Crescent. He was located and provided a positive sample of 113micrograms at the roadside and duly arrested. The investigation is ongoing.

SNT Teams from across Oswestry on patrol as Oswestry Live on Friday 6th December, PCSO Neeves and PC Kyle Jones were out and about keeping an eye on the festivities,

No serious issues were reported on the night.



Saturday 7th December Oswestry Central SNT were out assisting with storm and flood damage across the area,

Huge amount of trees down and road closures in place.



We assisted with the tractor run at the Livestock market closing the roads allowing all 103 tractors to leave together in a spectacle of light, airhorns and diesel engines.





We have maintained a visible presence in the town centre to deter criminality, working alongside the Street Rangers. We also carried out licensing checks on local pubs and performed high visibility patrols during the evenings to deter disorder.

Hotspot Patrols have been carried out on a daily basis within the town, these patrols help maintain a visible presence, to offer reassurance and also as a deterrence for disorder and theft from stores.

On Tuesday 24th December 2024 I (PCSO 6424 Charlie Iremonger) had attended Cae Glas Park, Oswestry with the Community Outreach Van. This was to engage with members of the public that use the park and to discuss any concerns and or issues within the Oswestry Community. This will be a repeat occurrence, and dates will be sent via Neighbourhood Matters and X to allow the public to know when I will be their next.

On the beat in Oswestry and Ellesmere

The town centre team of PC 22229 George Watling and PC 21661 Kyle Jones have been engaging with retailers as well as licenced premises to ensure that the Christmas period runs smoothly with minimal incidents. During this time they have also focused on the vehicles using the town centre and issued a number of tickets for vehicle defects and driving offences. A number of vehicles have also been seized for various offences.



We have received some good feedback from retailers including:

" I would like to express my thanks to the police and partners who have made this Christmas one of the most crime free we have had for many years and I've been here 16 Christmas!!! I know a lot of the usual suspects are not around but there visible presence and other work that they do in the town has made a massive difference so a massive thank you"

"we all have noticed a huge difference having the police and rangers on the streets this Christmas, except a few incidents it's been very quiet,

We had some lovely comments from our customers, over the Christmas period saying its nice seeing the police back walking our streets again"

Oswestry Rural North

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Community priorities:

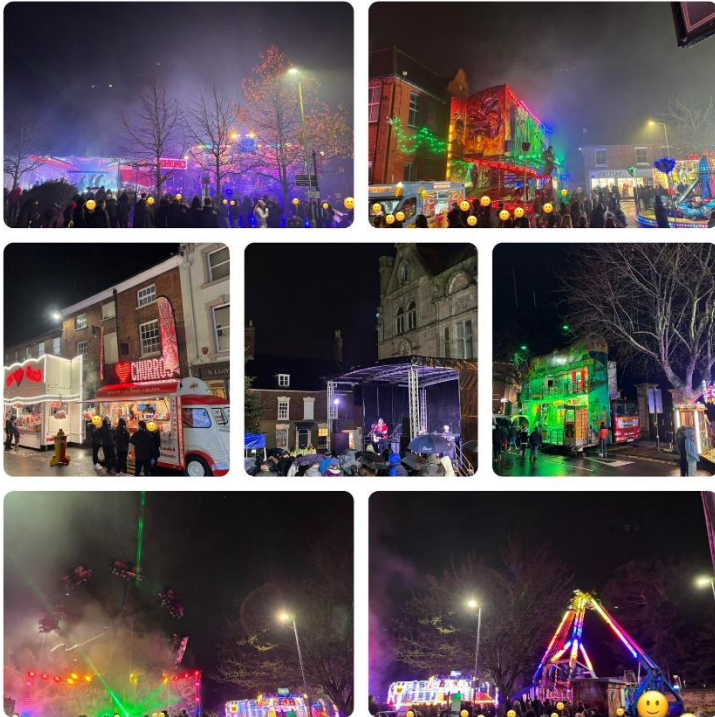
Gobowen: Anti-social behaviour, Speeding, Criminal Damage

Weston Rhyn: Anti-social behaviour, Speeding, Criminal Damage

Whittington: Anti-social behaviour, Theft, Speeding

St Martins: Drugs, Other Traffic Offences, Speeding

On Friday 6th December members of the Rural North Team assisted the Oswestry team with patrolling and engaging with members of the public at the Oswestry Christmas Live Event. Even though it was a bit wet and windy a large number turned out to engage with the activities and entertainment provided.



Festive Tractors

Members of the team assisted, escorted and enjoyed the sites provided by this year's Oswestry Illuminated Tractor Run which pasted through our area on the evening of Saturday 14th.



Community Impact

Speeding continues to be a priority for all our Parish areas here in the Rural North. Education, enforcement and priority location targeting has continued. This time of year, does bring some restraints in allowing the team to get out with the speed devices due to shorter daylight hours and the change in weather for the worse. The team will continue to factor this activity into our shifts on a day-to-day basis.

During December the team have managed to attend 6 sites across the Rural North area at varying times of the day and locations.



Storm Darragh hits!

On Saturday 7th December the area was visited by Storm Darragh with a large number of reports of blocked roads due to tree's, wires and other debris.

Members of the team assisted with incidents with one being dealt with within 10 minutes as we had a saw to hand for a quick assist however another incident was increasingly longer with Traffic Management required and a full road closure due to the risk posed by the fallen tree and others also threatening the safety of those managing the situation.

An assist from a local farmer and family helped reopen the road with them using equipment of their own to remove the tree and debris due to the local highways department reporting long delays due to the high volume of reports.



Any issues relating to blocked roads and flooding should be reported to your local council. Links to information on how to report emergency highways issues in your local area are below:

Shropshire Council - <https://orlo.uk/Upanh>

Should there be a risk to life because of such an issue then reporting to 999 is acceptable.

Community Speed Watch Oswestry Rural North.

On 12/12 Steve Bullock, Community Speed Watch Coordinator, came to the area to train new members of CSW teams from Gobowen, Whittington, Weston Rhyn and St Martins.

They will now take their place in the teams.



For any crime statistics or information we encourage you to attend the West Mercia Police Website by following the below link; [Oswestry Rural North | Police.uk](#).

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Community priorities:

Kinnerley: Speeding, Drugs, Thefts from outbuildings

Knockin: Speeding, ASB, rural crime,

Melverley: Speeding

Pant + Llanymynech: ASB, Drugs, Speeding

West Felton: Traffic offences, drugs

Rural South: Speeding ASB, Drugs

Llanyblodwel: Drugs, Theft from Farm, Speeding

Ryton XI Towns: Speeding, Drugs, Theft

This month has seen us all busy on other area`s along with our own patrol area`s.

We have had Oswestry Live, where PCSO Walker and myself patrolled through the evening into the end of the shift to combat any ASB during the event. As usual there were the fair rides set up in the central car park and at the rear of M&S along with stalls along Church St and into Cross St. Due to the impending weather numbers were down slightly and there wasn`t as many stalls as previous years.

We did bump into the mayor who was making the rounds on the night.



One of the local villages are in the process of setting up a new Community Speed watch in West Felton.

The vetting forms have gone out in emails to those who have put themselves forward. I`m still awaiting replies from the majority but understand that it is a busy time of year.

There has also been the annual charity tractor run starting from the cattle market and making it`s way around the area.

What a wonderful sight it was with all the tractors sporting Christmas lights and playing some great music, especially the ones who had the “Birdy Song” or the other playing “Baby Shark” form what sounded like an air horn !!!



The team have also been out in Llanymynech and Maesbury areas with the laser speed machine and also the speed board which flashes up the speed to the driver of the cars.

One driver was spoken to after tripping the machine at 45mph. He has been given words of advice as it`s often more advantageous to teach and advise rather than go straight to the tickets book.



On the beat in Oswestry and Ellesmere

The team have also been swapping the mini police officers around to different schools. These sit outside the schools advising the drivers of considerate parking or driving safely outside these areas.



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Community priorities:

Ellesmere Town: Anti-social behaviour, drugs, Speeding

Welshampton: Theft from farms, Speeding, Vehicle ASB

Ellesmere rural: Speeding, Theft from farms, Drugs

Baschurch: Speeding, Rural Crime, Anti-social behaviour

Cockshutt: Drugs, speeding, Antisocial behaviour

Speeding / Road Safety:

Due to the speed gun being sent for calibration and the staff abstractions for policing operations, there were not as many surveys conducted within the area. Staff did park up in problematic locations and monitored the vehicles coming past, in the areas where there are speed warning / detection signs, staff were able to note the speed displayed and keep a record.

2 surveys were completed in Baschurch



Thefts / Rural Thefts / Rural Crime:

There have been no reports of rural theft and or crimes in the area during December. Patrols are still regularly conducted throughout Ellesmere town and the rural areas when possible.

Drugs:

There have been no drug related incidents reported during December although the intelligence being received has increased, this information has been logged and passed on to the relevant departments HVP is still conducted in the hotspot areas and the team will continue to monitor.

Please continue to provide any information relating to drug activity or concerns.

Events / Other:

PCSO'S Kerry Hogg and Tracey Walker spent a couple of hours in the Market Hall in Ellesmere, speaking to stall holders and residents about local issues., there were lots of questions asked.



PCSO'S Kerry Hogg and Tracey Walker attended Weston Lullingfleds Primary school to talk to the children about stranger danger and being safe when out, especially in the dark. The children were very well behaved and really got involved with asking and answering questions.



PCSO Tracey Walker and PC Ant Evans assisted colleagues by providing a Presence within Oswestry Town during Oswestry Light switch. It was a great night with fantastic turn out.



Ellesmere SNT along with many other officers from Oswestry responded to lots of calls for service during Storm Darragh, there was significant disruption within the local area with flooding and multiple trees fallen, causing several roads to be closed. Officers did their best, some even clearing the debris themselves to keep the roads moving, but if it wasn't for the help of local farmers the roads would have remained closed for a lot longer. We are lucky to have such local good Samaritans.





PCSO's Tracey Walker and Kerry Hogg assisted their Oswestry rural North colleagues by popping along to Whittington Christmas Fayre at the Castle. It was lovely seeing the stall all lit up and Santa was there making sure everyone stayed on the good list.



Ellesmere SNT along with other Oswestry officer were present for the annual Tractor Run, there were in excess of 100 tractors, and all were fabulously decorated. There was a huge turnout of spectators outside the Cattle market at the beginning and it was lovely to see the streets lined with people throughout the route. It was a fabulous display.



PCSO'S Hogg and Walker joined staff and pupils from Ellesmere Primary School on the annual Santa Walk which ended with lovely entertainment by students which was held in the playground, even though it was slightly cold there were many students and parents/carers participating an enjoyable time was had by all.





Community engagement

If you are holding an event in your area and you would like to invite your SNT to attend, please get in touch.



We are still looking for new members to join the Neighbourhood Matter Community.

Please pass details to us if know someone who would like to sign up face to face with one of our officers, they can talk you through the sign-up process or get them to go straight to the website.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

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