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## Shard End

Your local policing team are there to listen to your concerns and act upon the issues that matter most to you.

### Neighbourhood Newsletter Update October 2020

- Total recorded crime for the month of September 2020 stands at 324 offences, which stands at increase of 40 offences in comparison to the same month in 2019.
- With regards to burglary there has not been an increase over the last twelve months, however our figures have remained relatively level with last year, apart from a sharp decrease during the March national lockdown. We are still seeing many of our offences being committed by opportunists, who enter through an insecure door or window. We have also seen an increase in distraction style burglaries, mainly targeting elderly community members. The team is working hard to proactively patrol the areas worst affected, and educate the community around scammers claiming to be officials etc.
- There has unfortunately been an increase in violent crime over the last year, however this does match the trend seen across the force and the country as a whole. The team have worked hard to tackle this in the last month, including enforcing a dispersal order on our area, and arresting several knife crime offenders. A force-wide initiative into tackling an increase in violent crime is in action this year, with extra resources being directed into our area. Operation Guardian is seeing an increased police presence in key areas, including Shard End and Tile Cross.
- Officers have been engaging in community projects and initiatives during the hard months of lockdown, and throughout the summer. We helped foodbanks deliver vital supplies to those who were shielding, and continue to support our many fantastic streetwatch and neighbourhood watch schemes.

### Summary of recent neighbourhood police activity

The team have been listening to local concerns:

- **Drug warrants** – We are receiving some great community intelligence – a huge thank you! We have been acting on the information we have received, conducting several warrants on addresses, and seizing large quantities of drugs, preventing them from reaching our streets. Please keep reporting suspicious activity to us, either via our website or on WMNow!



- **Neighbourhood concerns** – A common issues raised to us in meetings, and by our community when we are out on patrol, is suspiciously parked vehicles, vehicles being driven dangerously and off road bikes. We are working hard to combat these problems, and in the last month have seized a large number of vehicles for various offences. Please continue to report any vehicles you suspect are stolen, being driven without insurance or just don't look right.



**None of this is possible without your help – THANK YOU!!!**

West Midlands Police are increasing the number of Streetwatch schemes across the Midlands and we are fully committed to working with these groups and forging strong links within the Shard End community.

We are looking for residents who are interested in setting up or taking part in Streetwatch Schemes in your area as either a coordinator or a member.

We don't know what the coming few months will bring with a national lockdown, but we are committed to serving our community and helping you through the coming weeks. Look out for each other, and we will see you soon!

**Keep in touch**

If you're not signed up already please sign up to WM Now on [www.wmnow.co.uk](http://www.wmnow.co.uk) to receive regular updates and alerts from the team about what is going on in the area.

**Shard End Neighbourhood Team**

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