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SEDGLEY GORNALS COSELEY WOODSETTON

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Dial 101 contacts the local police force where-ever you are in the UK.

Contacting our local police DIAL 101 and dial or tell the operator the extension (below) you want. **Do not use local police numbers to report a crime. Only 101.****Coseley East: Ext 7908 6211** coseleyeast@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: JJones8157WMP

NHW Contact. PCSO Chris Lacey

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Bogus Caller Hotline: 01384 812045

Hate Crime Reporting: www.report-it.org.ukInformation about reporting / reducing fear from all sorts of crime www.fearless.orgPolice urge youngsters to join them on a stroll down at www.safestreet.infoRegister your mobile phones, laptops, etc. Free at www.immobilise.com. No computer? ask a family member or friend to do it for you.Security info and devices at <http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/advice-centre/crime-reduction/home-security/index.aspx> and http://www.securedbydesign.com/secure-your-home/?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_campaign=hootsuite and www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource-centre/document-library/our-guide-to-crime-prevention-safety-advice**West Midlands Police Sites**www.west-midlands.police.ukwww.twitter.com/wmpolicewww.facebook.com/westmidlandspolicewww.utube.co/westmidlandspolice<http://instagram.com/westmidlandspolice>

Please remember now that the warmer weather is here? Not to leave doors and windows open in rooms you are not in and close and lock windows and doors when you are not at home. Never leave downstairs windows open at night and ensure upstairs ones are on the safety catches and cannot be opened fully from outside.

Change of Dudley Police Commander. Chief Supt. Stuart Johnson has been moved to Lloyd House as Head of Force Operations and we wish him well in his new job.— He has been replaced by Chief Supt. Chris Johnson. More about Chief Supt Chris Johnson in our next newsletter.



SHEDS AND THEIR CONTENTS.

There is still the odd shed break-in in the area. A previous spate of shed break-ins by a group from out of the area has been caught by local officers and sent to prison . The contents of our sheds when added up can be substantial amount so we need to remain vigilant by marking contents with UV pens or liquids and where possible chain items together—they are less easy to remove and items stolen and can be returned to us. See www.securedbydesign.com web site for items to aid your shed security or speak to a Officer or PCSO on patrol for advice.

Police Officers hate to giving back items that he/she knows has been stolen but if it has not been UV marked so there is no proof of item being stolen. It also means the burglar gets away scott free so its imperative we mark our items in the shed and home. Items can be registered on www.immobilise.com for free. Battery powered shed alarms and solar powered lights are available from many sources—electrical shops, DIY stores and the internet. Burglars hate sound and light.

Help to Beat the Burglar advise from Angie Hodgetts our CID Crime Prevention Officer.

Keep doors and windows locked, even if you are in the property (have a fire evacuation plan in place) -Pay attention to your doors and windows, check the condition of frames, beading, locks etc.—Use an intruder alarm if you have one or consider installing one—Keep house and vehicle keys safe and out of sight - Consider fitting anti climb treatment to the top of gates/fences e.g. prickly strip or DNA solution at www.securedbydesign.com (min 1.8m in height with appropriate warning signage) and/or plant prickly plants and shrubs against fences to deter climbing over - Keep bins in a garage/shed or at rear of property as they cannot be used as a climbing aid into private gardens. Remember your bin could be used to access your garden or a neighbour's! . Secure your garden gate with a pad bolt and padlock to prevent easy access/egress into your private space or a neighbouring property—Consider installing lights to the rear garden giving consideration how the light will affect your neighbours. Got a ladder? please ensure it is securely fastened so cannot be used by a burglar to enter your or your neighbours home.

SCAMS. Advise from Sarah Nixon, our Crime and Vulnerable Persons Officer.

Courier Scams –1) An unexpected package arrives that has not been ordered which is followed by a call explaining there has been a mistake on delivery and a person will call to collect it. You are also asked for your bank account details so you can receive credit but the whole scam is to get you to give them your bank account details and **PIN** number—they even ask to collect your card from your home. 2) Calls and e-mails claiming to be the police (any of the UK forces) or bank, to especially elderly people telling them they need their bank card and **PIN** details, which they will send someone to collect as it is believed their account has been hacked. Police and Banks will **NOT** ask for these details or your card! Think you have been scammed? Contact your bank and police on 101. **NEVER give your card PIN number or any details of your account to anyone!!!!**

Beware lone female of Asian/dark European appearance , age 40-50 , large/stocky build, sometimes wearing black veil asking use of phone or for change to use a public phone. If let into your home she steals purses, wallets and money. **DO NOT** let her into your home, ring police on 101.

Surveys. Police Survey—access to policing services in the future.

www.west-midlandspolice.uk/policingtomorrow Online survey to improve their services to you. Non internet users can get paper questionnaire from local police stations.

DMBC Safe & Sound on-line survey at <http://www.dudleycvs.org.uk/latest-news-top/748-policing-and-crime-prevention-survey.html> Paper copies accessible from libraries to be only returned to Bob Dimmock at Brierley Hill Police station, Bank Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3DH

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