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# Residents voice worries after 'spate of crime'

by **Ryan Smith**  
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THERE is growing anxiety and frustration after a recent spate of crime in Droitwich, which has seen reports of children with catapults and properties being damaged.

Concerns about the upturn, including vehicle crime and burglaries, were highlighted at Droitwich's annual town meeting.

But residents bemoaned the lack of police presence at the annual meeting as disgruntled members of the public said they felt they were not being given the proper chance to air their concerns and ask questions of the police.

One resident said the anti-social behaviour and criminal damage were big concerns he and his wife shared.

"To have a meeting like this without a police representative is not good enough.

"We have had a lot of incidents recently, and it has been going on for some time."

He claimed residents saw no uniformed presence which did nothing to address the town's problems.

PCSO Ben Mawby submitted a report, which was handed out to residents at the meeting but was unable to attend to answer questions due to him being on injury leave.

PCSO Mawby's report said: "We are very much aware of the current anxiety, concerns, and frustrations across

the whole of Droitwich in relation to the current spate of vehicle crime, property damage, children with catapults and burglaries."

It added extensive CCTV and house-to-house enquiries had been undertaken, there would be increased patrols in impacted areas and all victims were being regularly updated in line with the victim code of contact.

A large amount of CCTV evidence and information had been collected regarding an incident on February 7, where car windows were smashed but officers were awaiting further evidence.

He assured residents this work was being completed and was at the forefront of Droitwich Police's mind.

An arrest had been made in connection with some of the spate of burglaries in the town and the suspect was in custody awaiting trial.

Insp Lisa Hornberger, from Droitwich Safer Neighbourhood Team, said officers remained committed to supporting the local community and would always have a representative at the annual town meeting when operational commitments allowed.

"The Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to monitor the area and carry out regular patrols to provide reassurance and deter crime, however the public may not always see officers at the times they happen."

Patrols were carried out at a range of times, based on demand and intelligence.



**RAISING A GLASS:** A TOWN hostelry has been named 'Pub of the Season' by Bromsgrove, Redditch and Droitwich CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale).

The Freemasons Arms, Bromsgrove Road, Droitwich, stood closed for three years and was brought back from the brink by new licensee Derek Yeomans.

Derek breathed new life back into the venue, which was not easy as he had to re-establish the cellar, reconnect the gas and electricity and repair damage caused by burst pipes.

The pub had to then be cleaned and redecorated from top to bottom and reopened in October 2024.

The Freemasons serves two regular Purity beers, two further guest ales and two ciders, along with its usual selection of drinks and snacks.

BRD CAMRA said: "This great community pub has men's and women's darts teams as well as a pool table. I'm sure there will be many more such awards to follow."

Derek, a chartered accountant by trade, said he was shocked but delighted to receive the award which acknowledges pubs that go out of their way to promote and champion real ale.

Derek Yeomans received the award from RBD CAMRA branch secretary Gez Quinn. Picture courtesy of Andy Checketts. s

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# A chance to ReNEW ambitions

THE ARTS were celebrated in style as Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District councils supported the Cultural Compact for North East Worcestershire in launching their first major creative project - ReNEW.

Held at the Boathouse Cafe at Arrow Valley Country Park, the event brought together partners, community members, young people, local arts organisations and representatives from Arts Council England.

Bromsgrove District Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, leisure and culture, Coun Shirley Webb, said: "ReNEW marks a real step forward for creativity in North-East Worcestershire."

"By listening to residents and working closely with our partners, we're creating a programme that is welcoming, ambitious, and rooted in local stories."

"This launch was just the beginning - the coming months and years will see new ideas take shape, talent emerge, and our creative sector strengthened in a meaningful way."

Redditch Borough Council's portfolio holder for leisure and recreation, Coun Juliet Barker-Smith, added: "The launch showed exactly what ReNEW is all about - bringing people together, celebrating our local talent and opening the door to

new creative opportunities for our communities.

"The energy and imagination shown by the young performers gives me so much confidence for what lies ahead."

"We're excited to see residents of all ages get involved as the programme grows."

ReNEW: Sharing Stories, Shaping Futures is a major new creative skills and capacity-building programme specifically designed for North East Worcestershire.

The park provided the perfect backdrop for a vibrant youth-led performance created by Highly Sprung Performance in partnership with HoW College, Waseley Hills School, Arrow Vale, and Chadsgrove School and Education Trust Specialist College.

Chair of the Cultural Compact for North East Worcestershire, Petro Nicolaides, said: "It was inspiring to see so many partners, performers and community members come together for the launch of ReNEW."

"This programme is built on collaboration and on the belief that everyone's story matters."

"The event reflected that spirit beautifully."

"We're proud to champion a project that will build skills, confidence and connection across our area."

ReNEW aims to reduce barriers



MP Bradley Thomas, Councillor Juliet Barker-Smith, Mark Worth, MP Chris Bloore, Emily Robertson (rig performer) and rig operators Jonathan Mewett and Hayley Chilvers. Picture by Bruce Foster Photography.

to involvement with creative activity, responding directly to feedback from residents who want more informal, welcoming and accessible creative spaces - places where creativity can become part of daily life.

The launch event marked a promising beginning, reflecting a strong commitment to partnership work-

ing, amplifying diverse voices, and making creativity fun and accessible for everyone over the next 18 months and beyond.

Arts Council England has invested £550,000 into the ReNEW project for Bromsgrove and Redditch through its National Lottery funded, Place Partnership programme.

Midlands Area Director at Arts Council England, Liz Johnson, added: "Creativity and culture make us feel happier, and proud of the places that we live."

"This project is rooted in local identity. It will bring communities together, and give young people opportunities to learn new skills through training, mentorship and practical industry experience."

"As well as giving young people a strong foundation for pursuing future opportunities in the creative and cultural sector, it will make a long-term difference to people living in the area."

Applications are now open for the three opportunities that make up the Sharing Stories strand of the programme: Awe and Wander, Gateway to Nature and Wagons Roll.

Each one will cater to a specific art form - digital, visual and performing, respectively. These projects provide a chance for young people and artists to work together to create engaging and meaningful outcomes.

ReNEW is also currently seeking young people aged 16 to 25 to join its Creative Producers scheme - an opportunity to gain hands-on experience, collaborate with professional artists and build new skills and confidence.

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Staff at Delhi 45 decided to waive the bill for an eight-months-pregnant customer after her bank card would not work and her family was hungry. s

## Delivering some compassion

AN INDIAN takeaway on New Road in Rubery has made a kind-hearted gesture after a customer was unable to pay for her meal.

One of the Delhi 45 delivery drivers dropped off an order worth £33 to a woman in the village and was handed an envelope.

When he got back to the car and opened it, instead of the money he was expecting, there was a handwritten note from the customer, apologising that her bank card was not working.

She explained in the note she

was eight months pregnant and new to the area so did not know anyone locally to be able to ask for help. Plus, she wrote, her family were hungry.

She repeatedly apologised and promised she would try to pay the money back.

Delhi 45 Owner Kazi Hussain said: "After reading the note, we decided not to pursue the payment and just let her keep the food."

"We felt that, in this situation, the right thing to do was simply help."

## Town councillor ready for change

by Ryan Smith  
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**PLANS to shake up local government could herald exciting new possibilities for Droitwich, a town councillor has claimed.**

Councillor Bob Brookes, pictured, spoke to the *Standard* after the annual town meeting at Droitwich Spa Community Hall.

He revealed the town council was looking at the possibility of taking over two of Droitwich's parks as part of a local government reorganisation which will see borough, district and county councils scrapped and replaced by a unitary authority.

The change is expected to take place in April 2028.

Coun Brookes said that was likely to put added responsibility onto the shoulders of Droitwich Spa Town Council.

He added: "I am a great believer in localism, and having more responsibility placed on people who are right at the heart of Droitwich can only be a good thing."

"There are very hard-working councillors at the district and county council level but the town council is the only place where you can go to the centre of Droitwich, walk into where we are based and talk to someone in person about an issue you are

having. I believe there are some very exciting opportunities which could arise from this reorganisation of local government.

"I think enhancing the role of the town council to make more decisions will only benefit the people living in the town."

Coun Brookes added, as part of the reshuffle the town council is looking at taking over responsibility for Droitwich Spa Lido Park and Vines Park.

Both are currently under the control of Wychavon District Council, which will cease to exist under the reorganisation plan.

Droitwich Town Council currently manages Copcut Park and Spring Meadow.

Coun Brookes added, other opportunities with the reorganisation include making street cleaning more efficient as town councillors, living within a few miles of the town, would be able to make better informed decisions on which streets needed to be prioritised.

Two plans for local government reorganisation in Worcestershire have been submitted to the government – the first would see a unitary authority run all the county's services and the second option would be for two unitaries – a North Worcestershire Council and a South Worcestershire Council.

A government consultation on the proposals will close on Thursday.

Visit [consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/worcestershire/](http://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/worcestershire/) to take part in the consultation.



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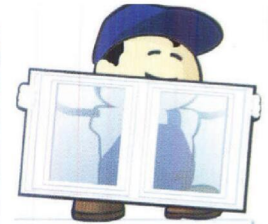
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# Hygiene tips to stay safe around animals

AHEAD of the easter holidays, residents visiting animal attractions in Redditch and Bromsgrove are being reminded to follow advice to keep themselves safe.

Although petting livestock is a popular activity in spring, there are risks to doing so, including an increased chance of catching and spreading infectious diseases.

Harmful bacteria and parasites can be transferred by touching animals, their droppings, their food/drink and other contaminated surfaces and symptoms people experience may include diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and body aches.

### Vulnerable

Certain people, including young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and immuno-compromised individuals can experience more serious symptoms.

Attractions and farms will provide hand washing areas and have trained staff to encourage everyone to make use of these so the only things people take away from their visit will be lifelong memories.

Portfolio holder for performance, engagement and governance at Redditch Borough Council, councillor Jane Spilsbury, said: "To maximise enjoyment, a few easy precautions can help families enjoy the day while staying protected from any illnesses, as well as [from]

spreading them." Portfolio holder for Worcester-shire regulatory services at Bromsgrove District Council, Coun Kit Taylor, said: "To ensure everyone stays safe and healthy – whilst also minimising the risk of illness – it's important for families to follow the simple recommended hygiene steps during their visit."

To reduce the chances of spreading illness, Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District councils have shared advice in line with the UK Health Security Agency, which includes people avoiding touching their face or mouth and not eating or drinking whilst around animals. They should also wash their hands with soap and water as gels and wipes do not remove bugs in dirt.

The advice also suggests people clean their shoes or boots and, if they have a pushchair or wheelchair, make sure they clean the wheels. When home, any clothing worn on days out should be washed at 60c for at least 30 minutes.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) investigates reports of alleged infectious disease outbreaks on behalf of the six district councils in the county.

Residents can notify WRS of any concerns by emailing enquiries@worsresgservices.gov.uk or by calling 01905 822799.

# Cremation for pets



Coun Sharon Harvey at the site of the new pet crematorium. Picture by Marcus Mingins 1226007MMR

by Ashleigh Osborne  
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### A PET cremator is being installed in Redditch so animal lovers can give four-legged and feathered friends a fitting final farewell.

Redditch Borough Council members have approved plans for the cremator, at Abbey Cemetery.

It will be kept separate from human cremations, regarding equipment and customer service.

A different entrance has been earmarked for pet cremation customers and meticulous timings will ensure the cremations will not take place at

the same time as those of people. Redditch Council leader councillor Sharon Harvey, who is responsible for bereavement services, said: "Our bereavement services department operate with empathy, care and understanding at its core and is committed to serving the community's needs with dignity and compassion."

"These principles underpin the expansion into pet cremations, providing a seamless and compassionate offer for residents, while being kept completely separate."

At the meeting, investment of £50,000 for the pet cremation equipment and installation was agreed, along with prices ranging from £50 to £250 for creatures including cats,

dogs and birds. Nearly 15 years ago, Redditch Borough Council agreed an innovative move to use waste energy from its crematorium to heat the pool at its nearby Abbey Stadium Leisure Centre in a move which scooped a national award. The new, standalone cremator will not be connected to that system, meaning pets will not be heating the pool but that may change in future.

Coun Harvey added: "Once again we are moving with the times and leaning into a growing market, which makes financial sense for the council and means pet-owners can say goodbye to their loved ones too."

The pet cremation service is expected to be up and running in the autumn.

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Cannabis with a street value of £5,000 was found during a raid in Rubery. s

# Suspended sentence for Rubery drug dealer

by **Tristan Harris**  
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**A man from Rubery who pleaded guilty to drug dealing has avoided jail.**

James Morris, 32, of Maple Road, was given an eight-month prison term, suspended for 18 months, when he appeared at Worcester Magistrates Court.

Morris was ordered to carry out 25 days of rehabilitation activity, 100 hours of unpaid work and made to pay a £107 victim surcharge and £85 costs. The drugs – cannabis – and paraphernalia seized from his address will be destroyed.

Morris' conviction for possession of a class B drug with intent to supply, followed a raid on his home address on March 3. The warrant was executed by West Mercia Police's proactive CID and the integrated offender management team.

### Street value

Officers found cannabis with an estimated street value of £5,000 and paraphernalia associated with the illegal trade of drugs.

Det Con Michael Vince, from West Mercia Police proactive CID, said: "While there was no immediate custodial sentence for Morris, our actions in executing

a warrant at his address, and his subsequent conviction, have further disrupted the criminal narcotics supply in the West Mercia force area.

"The harmful impact of illegal drugs and the criminality linked to it, on our communities, is well documented and we will continue to track down, pursue and disrupt those whose seek to ply their illegal trade here."

He added, the public can be the force's eyes and ears in the fight to keep the streets free from drug dealers.

Anyone who suspects drug dealing in their area can visit: <https://orlo.uk/gTaih> to report it. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Budding weed farm found in raid

TWO PEOPLE were arrested on March 12 after a cannabis grow was discovered at a property in Droitwich.

Officers were called to an address on Coleman Road following a disturbance at around 11am.

Upon arrival, officers discovered around 50 juvenile cannabis plants inside and and paraphernalia consistent with cultivation.

A 49-year-old man and a 52-year-old man were arrested on suspicion of cannabis cultivation.

They have since been released under investigation and pending enquiries.

Sgt Cathy Atkinson, for droitwich safer neighbourhood team, said: "We swiftly responded to reports of suspicious activity at a property ... which led to the discovery of a small cannabis grow, in its infancy.

"Signs that a cannabis grow is present at a property aren't always obvious and those behind them use various tactics to conceal smells and hide illegal activity.

"The intelligence we receive from our community can play a big part in detecting and disrupting drug activity and we encourage residents to report any signs of suspicious activity to us."

Crime can be reported on West Mercia Police's website – at [westmercia.police.uk](http://westmercia.police.uk) – or by calling officers on 101.

Alternatively call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Police added, always call 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.



The 50 juvenile plants were discovered in Droitwich. s

## Criminal damage

THERE were multiple incidents of criminal damage to cars and houses in Droitwich in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Cars on The Dale, Lower Meadow and Padgewell Hill were damaged along with a property on Oakham Place, which had its patio doors shattered.

A 13-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and has been released on bail.

Droitwich Police are appealing for people to check doorbell and CCTV footage to see if they have captured anyone responsible for causing the damage.

Anyone who can help should email [droitwichtown.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:droitwichtown.snt@westmercia.police.uk), or can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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**SPARKING AN IDEA:** REDDITCH Rotary Club has donated £400 to Inkberrow Men's Shed to help establish an electronics training and repair station for its members.

The new addition will allow members to learn practical electronics skills from experienced practitioners within the Shed and provide a space where electrical items from the local community can be repaired and serviced, rather than thrown away.

A spokesperson for Inkberrow Men's Shed said: "The new electronics station will allow members to learn from one another, develop valuable skills, and help the local community by repairing items that might otherwise be discarded."

Inkberrow Men's Shed provides a welcoming space where people can meet, share skills and work together

er on practical projects that benefit both members and the wider community.

They started by renovating the village phone box, then brightened up the bus shelter with a mural by local artist John Harris.

Other projects have included bird boxes for the Millennium Green and renovation of the local map case which is now at the entrance to the village hall.

People looking to join do not have to commit to repair work, they can just join the group for coffee or talk about a project they would like to undertake.

The group meets regularly between 10am and 2pm on Wednesdays at the back of the Bows Pavilion on the playing field behind the village hall in Sands Lane.

Although the group is called Men's Shed, it is open to all genders.



The group undertake repairs that are similar to those of garden sheds, but for people to enjoy together. s

# Hard work sees thousands of meals packed to go



South Bromsgrove High School's charity group was joined by Rotarian Caroline Spencer, club secretary Ellen Evans and president Amal Rampal for the food-packing event held as part of 'Feed the Hungry Week'. Picture by Marcus Mingins 1126008MMR

A LARGE-scale food-packing event was held at South Bromsgrove High School last Thursday.

A total of 65 students, staff volunteers and Bromsgrove Rotary Club members joined forces for the drive to support international charity Feed the Hungry.

The scheme was co-ordinated by the school's charity group, an Interact Club sponsored by Bromsgrove Rotary, as part of Feed the Hungry's nationwide Million Meals Miracle project.

The cost of the event was generously supported by Bromsgrove Rotary Club, enabling full student participation.

Over the course of the day, volunteers worked collaboratively to pack an impressive 5,000 meals for school children in Zimbabwe.

These nutritious meals help ensure young people can attend school regu-

larly, free from the uncertainty of where their next meal will come from, supporting both their health and their learning.

Representatives from Feed the Hungry, including events co-ordinator Olivia Jack, attended to oversee the event and support the students' efforts.

Several members of Bromsgrove Rotary Club also took part, reinforcing the strong and long-standing partnership between the school and the Rotary community.

Holly Seymour, deputy head of Year 10, praised the students' enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment across all three sessions.

And headteacher Chris Smith expressed his pride in the students' achievements.

He said: "The students worked together as a team and I am very proud of what they have achieved."


"They really enjoyed themselves and definitely exemplified the Rotary Club motto of 'Service above self'."

"Students are already asking if they can take part next year."

The food-packing event forms part of the wider work by South Bromsgrove High's Charity Group, a student-led organisation which supports a range of local and global causes each year.

Alongside Feed the Hungry, the group is currently supporting the Harry Bennett Foundation and the Tom Jones Memorial Fund.


South Bromsgrove High extends its sincere thanks to Bromsgrove Rotary Club for its generous financial support and ongoing partnership and to Feed the Hungry for enabling students to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of children across the world.





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This production is Opera Worcester's re-imagining of Bizet's masterpiece that thrilled and shocked Parisian society and introduced opera lovers to the world of verismo, or realism.

This is one of the most popular and frequently performed operas of all time, Bizet's Spanish-inflected score is bursting with passionate melodies and famous numbers such as Carmen's seductive 'Habanera' and Escamillo's famous 'Toreador' song.

Opera Worcester is delighted to bring together for the first time, retired professional director Anthony Ravenhall and Musical Director Garry Bailey. They really do bring the opera to life. The children from Lollipop Youth Theatre are poured into the mix as well as dancers from the Translucent Dance Studio, together with the Opera Worcester principals and company it promises to be an exciting production and a wonderful theatre venture.

**Tickets are available from Norbury theatre, Droitwich Box Office 01905 770154 (Mon, Weds & Fri 11am-12 noon, 7pm-8pm)**  
[www.norburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.norburytheatre.co.uk)



• Photo by Carl Freeman

# Officers on hand to free tangled stags

AN RSPCA inspector and officer had the tricky task of untangling the antlers of two fallow stags which had ended up in a bind on land near Rumbow Lane in Romsley.

The pair became distressed further by electric fencing tape which had also entangled both's antlers.

RSPCA Inspector Suzi Smith and the animal rescue officer attended the incident around 2.50pm on Saturday after it was reported by a caller who spotted it and used What3Words to pinpoint them.

Suzi said as they got within 50 to 100 yards of the two stags, the pair

got up and ran off.

"They were clearly very in distress as they were tied to each other and were knocking into things.

"It was evident the best course of action would be for them to be darted so we would be able to approach them.

"However, as the light was going, we knew there would not be enough time so we followed the stags down the hill into the valley in the hope they'd snag themselves to a tree."

But, each time she thought they were in an approachable position, they broke free of the tree cover and ended up under some branches over

by a pond.

Eventually, Suzi hooked a rope over an antler and pinned it to the branch.

"We then pulled them into the branch as tight as we could to secure them."

The officer held the rope and Suzi straddled the branches to get close enough to cut the electric fencing tape. Suzi then freed the first stag and managed to cut all the tape off the second one to free him too.

Luckily, neither stag appeared to have injuries and they went on their way.

Suzi said: "This was a challenging rescue, but such a rewarding job to be able to successfully free both stags and we'd like to thank the caller for alerting us to their plight."

She added it was a timely reminder of the risks many outdoor objects, such as this electric fencing tape, posed to wildlife.

And she said, whilst it was common for male deer to get their antlers tangled up in this, the risk it posed could be minimised by ensuring such fencing was well managed, rolled up when not in use and kept taut when being used.

Visit: [rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife](http://rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife) for more on wildlife welfare and what can be done to help it.

RSPCA inspector Suzi cut the electric fence tape from the antlers during the rescue. s



Westacre Middle School is celebrating its Flagship Status. s

**A FLAGSHIP:** DROITWICH'S Westacre Middle School is celebrating a tremendous success after being presented with a Flagship Status for Inclusion award.

The accolade followed a visit by inspectors who praised the sense of belonging and positive atmosphere in the school community.

The Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) assessment reported the school to be a supportive, inclusive environment where every child was valued and able to thrive.

Inspectors commended the staff and their efforts to create an environment where all the children of Westacre felt safe.

The IQM assessor said: "Staff are committed to making Westacre an inviting, attractive and a safe and happy place where children want to be."

Schools awarded with Flagship Status demonstrate inclusive practice in every aspect of school life, act as leaders in the sector and contribute to educational research and innovation.

Westacre's headteacher, Donna Evans, said she was proud the commitment of staff and pupils was being recognised.

"This award is a wonderful reflection of the values we live every day at Westacre.

"We are extremely proud of our pupils, who demonstrate kindness, respect and responsibility, and of our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to create opportunities for every child."

Catherine Doolin, deputy headteacher and inclusion lead, added the award represented the dedication of the entire school community.

"Our staff work tirelessly to ensure every child feels valued, supported and able to succeed and this recognition celebrates the collective efforts of our pupils, staff, families and wider community."

In conclusion, the IQM assessor said it their report: "The school continues to move from strength-to-strength in terms of its superb inclusive practice."

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# Still a spring in step

A REDDITCH business is celebrating 80 years of trading in the town.

Redditch's needle and fish-hook manufacturing heritage morphed into fine wire forming – and particularly springs – over time.

Today, Clifford Springs supplies specialist, energising springs to seal manufacturers worldwide.

The business – originally the Baycliffe Spring Company – was set up by Theodore Clifford in 1946.

Two generations and a name change later, the company is run by Theodore's grandson John Clifford.

Clifford Springs specialises in the manufacture of energising springs used in seals, valves and actu-

tors, supplying customers in sectors including energy, chemical processing, cryogenic applications and medical technology.

Managing director John said: "Reaching 80 years in business is a fantastic milestone for us.

"Redditch has a long history of precision manufacturing, and we're proud to continue that tradition.

"What started as a small family business has grown into a global supplier but our focus on engineering quality and customer relationships hasn't changed."

The company celebrated the anniversary by welcoming colleagues, partners, friends and mayor Councillor Joanna Kane to its Redditch base.



Kimal PLC is proud to be one of the Primrose partners. s

by **Tristan Harris**  
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## THE PRIMROSE Hospice is asking businesses in Bromsgrove, Redditch and Rubery to consider choosing it as their charity of the year.

The hospice is hoping to add more 'Primrose partners' and says supporting the hospice is a great way for firms to make a difference – both in their community and within their workplace culture.

As a local, independent charity, Primrose Hospice supports many patients and families across northeast Worcestershire.

The Primrose understands businesses want to support local causes and often struggle to find the time, resources or

clarity on how best to help. That was the reason Primrose partners – the charity's corporate partnership programme – was created.

The scheme was designed to make charitable involvement simple, flexible and rewarding.

Signing up as a Primrose partner is completely free and carries no obligations. All the hospice asks is that it can stay in touch with companies through a short monthly email outlining ways people can get involved with its work.

Opportunities may include industry-specific support, event sponsorship, raffle or auction prize donations, volunteering, corporate away days or contributing to the charity's shops.

Businesses can choose what suits their team and their capacity.

Donna Bowen, from medical device

maker and Primrose partner Kimal – which recently sponsored one of the hospice's events – said: "We are so proud, at Kimal, to be a Primrose partner.

"The opportunities partners gives us to work so closely with the team at Primrose is fantastic and it's just amazing to know we are helping to make a difference.

"Being able to contribute to such a meaningful charity is something that we are so proud to be a part of."

By choosing Primrose Hospice as a charity of the year, and by becoming a Primrose partner, companies can help local people receive the vital care, compassion and support they deserve.

Any interested companies can visit [primrosehospice.org/support-us/primrose-partners/](http://primrosehospice.org/support-us/primrose-partners/) or email Hannah at [hannah@primrosehospice.org](mailto:hannah@primrosehospice.org), for more on the Primrose partners scheme.



Clifford Springs managing director John Clifford with borough mayor Coun Joanna Kane. s

# ARTRIX UPDATE

## HUGE REFIT ANNOUNCED AT ARTRIX THIS APRIL!

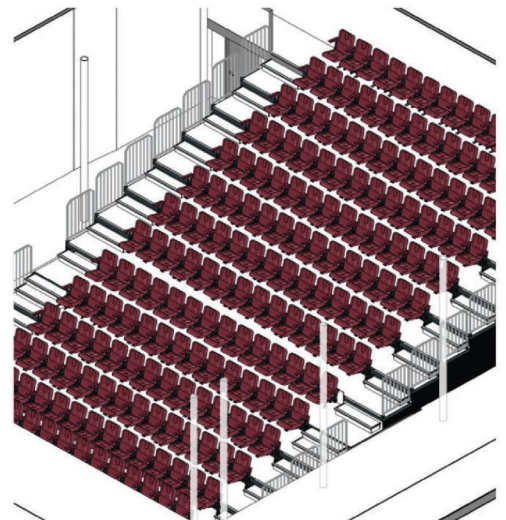
At the end of April, we will begin a refurbishment of our auditorium seating, an important step in improving the comfort and experience for everyone who visits the theatre. Alongside this, we will soon launch our new membership programme - Friends of Artrix giving supporters the opportunity to play a direct role in securing the theatre's future.

Membership will offer benefits for audiences while helping sustain the venue for generations to come. For those who want to be even more closely involved, volunteering remains one of the most powerful ways to contribute. Whether welcoming audiences, supporting events or helping shape the future of the theatre, our volunteers truly make Artrix possible.

For more info, we'd love to welcome you to our membership launch event at Artrix on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026, Its free, nibbles and a free drink on entry.

A night of live music in the foyer, tours of the venue and meet the team.

Signup at: [artrixbromsgrove.co.uk/membershiplaunch](http://artrixbromsgrove.co.uk/membershiplaunch)



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# Leo happy to be home after stem cell op

A BROMSGROVE teenager said he was feeling amazing after being allowed home from hospital following his stem cell transplant.

After months of looking for a match, Leo Sproson, 16, who has been battling leukaemia, received a stem cell transplant last month and has undergone chemotherapy.

Leo (pictured) and his family were told he could go home and on Monday he left the hospital.

His mum, Jenna, said: "The first night at home went amazingly. He slept 10 hours, and when I asked how he felt, he said: 'I feel amazing'. His loyal cat, Smudge, also never left his side."

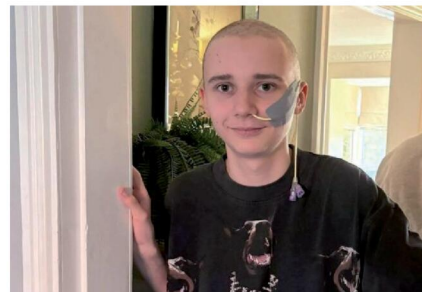
Leo has allowed his story to be shared and heard through his Facebook page 'Leo's Army' in a bid to get other people to join the DKMS stem cell donor register.

His family held a registration day in November and, in total, 718 people signed up to the stem cell register on the day with many more registering for online kits.

The event also raised more than £4,000 for DKMS, which will help the charity with processing the swab kits.

So far, five people who have signed up to the stem cell register through Leo's campaign have been contacted to be a donor.

Jenna added: "When you sign up to become



a Stem Cell Donor, you join a Network of Hope.

"Leo is part of that network and hopefully has saved five other lives because of it.

"Keep sharing, keep spreading the word and keep pestering people to sign up to the register - Leo is literally saving lives."

Jenna has been so amazed by Leo's response to his potentially life-threatening illness she has nominated him for a Pride of Britain award in the Child or Teenager of Courage Award category.

Staff at the Standard have also nominated Leo for the award and have joined a rallying call for others to do the same.

Visit [data.reachplc.com/24264333835962](http://data.reachplc.com/24264333835962) to nominate Leo.



The club is opening a boot bank to recycle football boots. s

## Playing the passing game

INKBERROW Football Club has installed its own rebooted box, a campaign to rescue 1million pairs of quality, pre-loved football boots from landfill and get them back where they belong - on the pitch.

The Football Rebooted campaign was created by former England goalkeeper David James and Utilita energy.

The scheme aims to not only recycle shoes but repurposed them for those who need them.

The Football Rebooted bin is located in the club house at Inkberrow FC, Sands Road. Once donated, the team will then clean the boots up, refurbish them and clearly label the sizes.

A spokesperson for the club said: "This

isn't about people who can't afford boots, it's about community, sustainability and passing things forward instead of throwing them away."

The club is also gearing up for its 2026 tournament. The day is expected to draw teams from across Worcestershire and the wider area and focuses on fun and learning.

Girls Ambassador and Ladies First Team player Grace said: "The last 12 months of football has been unbelievable.

"Tournaments are vital for junior football. They bring our community together.

"Some of my best football memories as a junior player were tournaments.

The tournament will take place on June 6 and 7.



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## Well worth a celebration

MEADOW PARK under-18s side are celebrating after being crowned champions of the Central Warwickshire Youth Football League.

Park secured the title with 28 points from 12 games to top the Division Two standings.

The club finished three points ahead of second-placed Kidderminster Lions Blues, while Catshill finished third on 22 points.

The side won nine matches, drew once and lost just twice, playing against mostly older opponents during their successful season.

And the title was secured with a final-day 7-1 victory over Solihull with a brace from Callum

Hancox, plus strikes by Noah Raven, Jack Bate, Jack Sargeant, Toby Weekes and Taylor Field.

Meadow Park manager Mark Whitehouse said: "The lads have had an incredible season, playing some great football."

"Winning the league has been a great achievement playing against teams who are a year older and I'm proud to coach such a great set of young men."

**Meadow Park under-18s celebrate winning the league title. Picture courtesy of Meadow Park FC.**

# Redditch player launches bid to fund ACL surgery

A REDDITCH Borough Women's player has launched a fundraiser to pay for anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (ACL) surgery after injuring herself in a Womens FA Cup game.

Kathryn Pagan started playing football at 10 years old, going on to play for Coventry City Girls and signing for Aston Villa u17s. She reach the FA Cup Final against Arsenal u17s and played a season in their reserves side.

Last season Kathryn signed for Redditch Borough where they won the league and gained promotion.

She said she loved every minute of being part of the team but sustained my injury in the Womens FA Cup game against

Kiddminster Harriers last October.

Kathryn said she was not aware it was such a serious injury until she had a private scan.

Although ACL surgery is available on the NHS, the waiting times are extremely long. Time, Kathryn said, she would like to use playing football.

"I knew getting the surgery private would be the only way to be back soon and it means everything as I would be able to get back to playing football quicker rather than waiting many many months for surgery."

"Football is everything to me, its my outlet, what makes me smile and forget any difficult moments going on in my life."

"I just know I need to be back on the

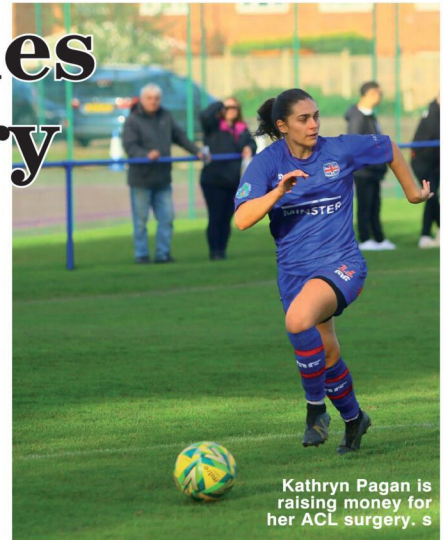
pitch with my team mates, assisting, scoring, celebrating goals and I want to have that feeling of inspiring that next generation of girls to play as there is no better feeling."

Kathryn works with children with special education needs (SEND) and said she also needed to be active for her job.

She added: "Many family, friends and team mates have supported and donated which has been so helpful and I am extremely thankful, but I am still quite a distance from my goal."

Kathryn needs to raise £10,000 to fund her surgery, and so far had just over £2,000 pledged.

Visit [gofundme.com/f/footballer-aspiring-firefighter-acl-surgery-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/f/footballer-aspiring-firefighter-acl-surgery-fund) for more information.



**Kathryn Pagan is raising money for her ACL surgery. s**

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# Breakfast show star Greg passes through

## Radio 1 DJ's charity ride took in Droitwich

by **Tristan Harris**  
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**DROITWICH** Police joined Radio 1 DJ Greg James as he cycled through town during a Comic Relief charity ride.

The national radio station's breakfast show host is riding around 630 miles – 1,000km –

from the south of England to Scotland.

James started the cycle in Weymouth last Friday and is due to complete it today (Friday), on Red Nose Day itself, in Edinburgh.

As the presenter rode through Worcestershire, safer neighbourhood team officer PC Dave Olczak had the honour of accompanying Greg, who is on a tandem with

other Radio 1 DJs who are taking it in turns to join him.

PC Olczak said: "I met up with him at Ross On Wye and left them at Droitwich.

"I was tired after doing just over 40 miles but that was only half of the distance for that day for Greg.

"For a man on a heavy tandem bike, he had a good pace on him – even up those killer hills.



PC Dave Olczak, left, with Radio 1 DJ Greg James as he cycled through Droitwich. s

"The amount of people out on the roadside lining the route was absolutely amazing and I don't think there was a gap of more than 30 seconds where I didn't see

someone cheering him on. Thank you to the people of Droitwich who were very well behaved – so I didn't have to stop my bike to deal with anyone and have to try and catch Greg up again!"

PC Olczak had his own support team – PC Molly Smith and PC Dee Stanley – who also assisted with traffic management.



Greg James passed through the town on his 630-mile ride, which began in Weymouth and is due to conclude today, in Edinburgh. s

## 'Made in Britain' food should be made in Britain

RIGHT now, food which displays the Union Flag, or claims to have been 'made in Britain', does not actually need to be from the UK.

Shockingly, food grown overseas and assembled or packaged here can fly the flag and be described as 'British'. That's absurd.

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### Westminster Diary

Bradley Thomas MP writes for The Standard



the label. This is all part of the work I'm doing to back British farmers.

Contrast that to the prime minister, who looked farmers in the eye before the election and promised he would protect their way of life but, because he entered office without a plan, his government is now conducting an assault on our rural life

in Bromsgrove and across the country.

The government has introduced the 'family farm tax' and is making the wrong decisions on farm funding that affects farmers' ability to plan for the future.

I recognise the importance of supporting farming communities, which is why I've consistently voted against the family farm tax in parliament.

The tax will affect 248 farms in Bromsgrove district, devastating our farming community.

Not only will taxing family

farms not generate the revenue the government thinks it will, stopping farms from being passed to the next generation threatens our food security, risks jobs and will ultimately lead to food prices rising.

I will continue to call on the government to scrap the family farm tax and the 'family business tax' and will instead support British farmers.

The government's partial u-turn is not enough. The whole tax needs to be axed.

Bradley Thomas Bromsgrove MP

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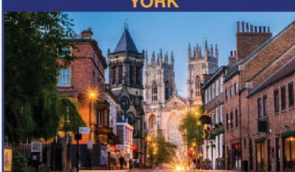
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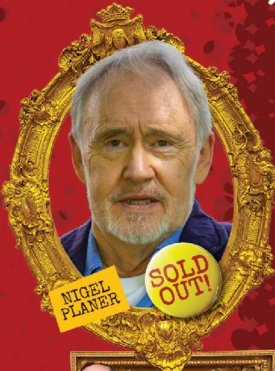
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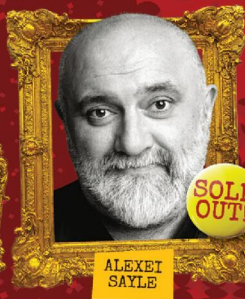
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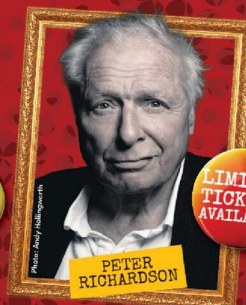
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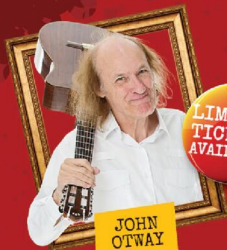
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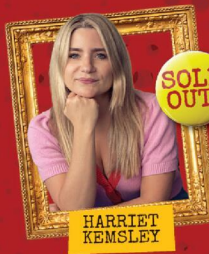
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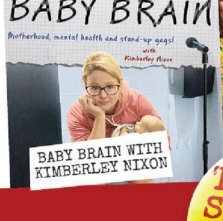
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BELOW RIGHT: Oakley, three, and Lily, five, make a flower display. 1226003MMR3



# Plenty to enjoy at celebration

THERE was a host of activities on offer at Clent Connect's annual Celebration Day on Saturday.

The organisers said it had been another amazing year since the Clent Connect Community shop first opened in 2023, and the positive impact on the community continued to grow beyond all expectations.

Around 100 people flocked to the anniversary celebration, connecting with friends and neighbours.

The anniversary was marked by a special celebration, with about 100 people coming along to connect with their friends and neighbours.

Entertainment and activities were provided free of charge including from Magician Jay Adkins, the Sunfield team with art

activities, glitter tattoos provided by Clent School PTFA and also flower arrangement opportunities ahead of Mothering Sunday.

And the cafe was serving up tea, coffee, homemade cakes and other refreshments throughout the day.

An incredible 70 volunteers are now involved at Clent Connect – across the shop, the cafe, a litter-picking team, newsletter delivery and many other roles.

Clent Connect even had a 'chauffeur' who collects those needing transport so they can join in activities.

The Clent Connect management team said it was very grateful for everyone who has made its success possible - from the many volunteers, to Clent Parish Council, Bromsgrove District

Council and the many individuals who continue to give their time, energy and skills free of charge.

Bonnie Harvey a member of the management team said "We are extremely proud to share that Clent Connect now enables nearly 1,500 face-to-face social interactions every month.

"This helps reduce isolation and loneliness, which is one of the main reasons why this community benefit society was originally set up.

"The feedback from the everyone is amazing and it really seems to have made a difference to people's lives"

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# Samuel's ten-day Irish running bid brings in the cash



THOUSANDS of pounds have already been pledged for a charity challenge that will see 21-year-old Samuel Attwell from Redditch attempt to run the length of Ireland in just 10 days, and with two months to go, preparation have entered their toughest phase.

Samuel, who will run almost 350 miles from Malin Head to Mizen Head this May, has already secured more than £15,000 in early donations and sponsorship, giving his campaign a powerful head start towards his £50,000 target for children's charity Molly Olys.

With fundraising momentum building, Samuel's focus has now shifted firmly to the physical and logistical demands of one of Ireland's most punishing endurance routes.

Samuel is currently undertaking back-to-back long-distance runs designed to replicate the strain of completing an ultra-marathon every day for 10 consecutive days.

He said: "Training is going well, but there's no sugar-coating it, it's brutal."

"Running miles day after day pushes you physically and mentally. But every tough ses-

sion reminds me why I'm doing this and who it's for."

As well as physical training, a dedicated planning team is working behind the scenes on logistics, safety and community engagement along the route, which will take Samuel through towns and rural communities across Donegal, Derry, Leitrim, Longford, Offaly, Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and West Cork.

A training and route-scouting visit to Ireland is planned in the coming days, where Samuel and his support team will assess road conditions, elevation, rest points and local access, while also meeting supporters and potential community partners along the way.

Samuel is running as an ambassador for Molly Olys, a UK-based children's charity which supports children with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses through the funding of wishes, therapeutic toys and emotional support for families.

The charity works closely with the NHS, supporting projects within hospitals and the community. One flagship project includes the creation and refurbishment of Magnolia House at Birmingham Children's Hospital, a safe,

non-clinical space for families and medical teams.

Molly Olys also funded the first ever consultant in paediatric palliative medicine at Birmingham Children's Hospital in 2018 and subsequently supported the funding of additional consultant roles in the region.

If successful, Samuel's £50,000 fundraising target could help deliver up to 100 wishes for seriously ill children and provide thousands of comfort items to families at their most difficult moments.

The challenge will begin on May 18, with Samuel aiming to complete the route by May 27, sharing daily updates, GPS tracking and behind-the-scenes footage throughout the journey.

With early donations already secured, organisers hope the next phase, increased visibility across Ireland and the UK, will drive further public support.

Samuel added: "This run isn't just about endurance, it's about bringing people together, especially the communities I'll be running through, to help children who desperately need hope."

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## Easter treats for youngsters

THE holidays, activities and food (HAF) clubs will be returning to Redditch and Bromsgrove over easter.

Each session includes food, a welcoming space and enriching activities, according to organisers. Among the activities are sports, crafts, cooking, outdoor adventures, special educational need and disability-specific activities and more.

HAF is fully-funded by the Department for Education.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals, and are aged between five and 16, are eligible for the free places.

The Redditch Holiday Club, in with YMCA Worcestershire, will be held at the town's Willow Trees Community Centre.

From 10.30am to 2.30pm, on March 30, there will be a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' and sports afternoon.

From the same times on March 31, there will be Zorb balls and an 'egg-citing afternoon'.

The Holiday Club at Bromsgrove Baptist Church runs from 10.30am to 2.30pm on April 1 and 2.

On the first day, there will be sports activities and an 'egg-citing' afternoon and on the second, easter crafts and Zorb balls.

Visit [worcestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://worcestershire.gov.uk/haf) for further details on HAF and [eequ.org/worcestershirehaf](http://eequ.org/worcestershirehaf) to book places.

Anyone with questions can email: [youthengagement@ymca-worcestershire.org.uk](mailto:youthengagement@ymca-worcestershire.org.uk) for more information.

## Off-road bike in a collision

A NON-ROAD-LEGAL motorbike was seized by police in Bromsgrove on Wednesday after it was involved in a crash with another vehicle.

Emergency services arrived within minutes and no life-threatening injuries were sustained.

Bromsgrove Police said enquiries were ongoing and appropriate action would be taken with regard to the motorbike rider.

Officers also thanked members of the public who stopped to help and West Midlands Ambulance

Service for its prompt response.

At around the same time, officers seized an electric scooter which was being used illegally in Bromsgrove.

The force said the seizures were part of its effort to tackle anti-social riding and keep roads and footpaths safe for everyone.

Officers reiterated that privately-owned e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or bridleways and illegal use could lead to vehicles being seized on the spot.



The motorbike was seized by police in Bromsgrove. s

# Redditch tenants happier with council services

## Annual survey's replies show progress

by **Ashleigh Osborne**  
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**TENANTS in Redditch Borough Council houses are more satisfied with services than last year, according to a recent survey.**

The authority has published results of its latest tenant satisfaction measures survey which show an increase in satisfaction of eight per cent from last year, and an 18 per cent improvement since the

first consultation, three years ago.

Satisfaction with how the council deals with antisocial behaviour and complaints has also improved this year but overall scores in those areas continue to be a priority for further improvement, the council said.

Feedback from this year's survey will update the council's housing improvement plan, ensuring future work reflects what matters most to tenants.

Almost 900 tenants took part in this year's survey on services the council delivers as a social housing

landlord – a 35 per cent increase in last year's participation.

Questions are set nationally by the Regulator of Social Housing and the answers in Redditch showed increased satisfaction for every one.

The council said it recognises there is still more work to do.

Redditch Borough Council portfolio holder for housing, councillor Bill Hartnett, thanked everyone who completed the survey and said: "The big increase in responses shows more tenants are understanding why their feedback

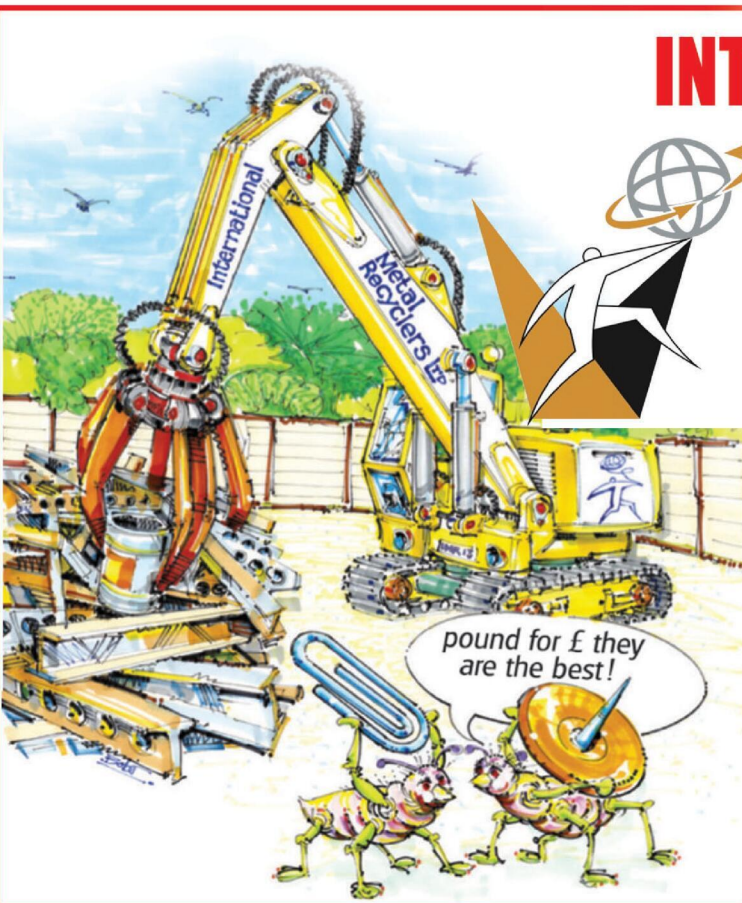
matters and how it helps shape our services. What tenants tell us directly informs our priorities and improvement plans.

"While we have clear responsibilities as a landlord, it is vital we listen to what residents tell us is working well and where we need to do better.

"It is encouraging to see higher levels of satisfaction as the changes we have been making continue to take effect.

"However we are under no illusions, this is a long term programme of improvement and we remain focused on making steady progress year-on-year."

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# County lines week saw officers snatch £1.5m of drugs

by Ashleigh Osborne  
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## OFFICERS seized more than £1.5million worth of drugs in the West Mercia Police area during a 'county lines intensification week'

The week of action saw officers tackling organised crime groups (OCGs) and the criminality they impose on communities.

The intensification week was an opportunity to highlight the work officers carry out all year round to reduce crime linked to OCGs.

More than £1.5million worth of drugs were seized during warrants executed across Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire during the week, with 73 arrests made.

More than £27,000 in cash linked to criminality was also seized, and 12 bladed weapons and three firearms were taken off the streets.

The activity resulted in six 'lines' being closed.

County lines is the name given to drug dealing in which OCGs use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

Criminality goes beyond drug dealing, the people in OCGs often exploit vulnerable people, including children and those struggling with addiction, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs.

Criminals may also use a vulnerable person's home as their base of operations – an activity known as 'cuckooing' – and often use violence and intimidation as a way of controlling them.

During the week of action, officers also focused their efforts on safeguarding young and vulnerable people who are trapped in such situations.

### Exploitation

Some 29 addresses suspected to be subject to cuckooing were visited and 13 safeguarding referrals were made to external agencies for people at risk of exploitation, or for children who were in a home where there was suspected drug activity.

West Mercia Police have said there are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines criminality, including repeatedly going missing from school or home, and being found in other areas.

Other indicators are having large

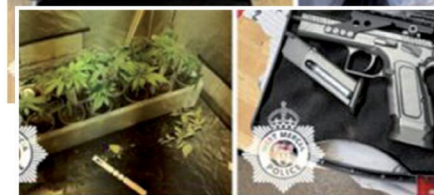
amounts of money, new clothes or electronic devices and being unable to explain how they paid for them or getting a high numbers of texts or phone calls and being secretive about who they are communicating with.

Det Sgt Luke Papps, from the organised crime group management unit, said: "Officers across our three counties work tirelessly to detect and disrupt drug activity and to protect people exploited at the hands of those behind the criminality.

"Our aim for county lines intensification week is to highlight exactly how officers tackle OCGs and raise awareness of the exploitation of young and vulnerable people who are so often a pawn in illegal activity.

"The consequences of county lines can have detrimental effects on our communities and we will continue to take robust action to stamp out drug activity."

Anyone suspicious a property is being used to sell drugs, or a young, vulnerable individual is involved with county lines drug dealing, can report it via the westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime portal and information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.



The cannabis found in one of the houses, left, and, above, money and weapons were found during one of the raids. Pictures from West Mercia Police. s



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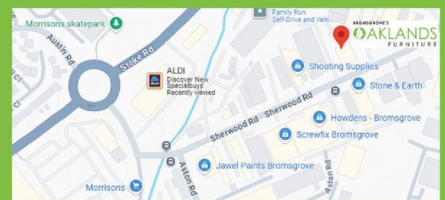
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WEST Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion is seeking the views of Worcestershire residents regarding proposals to merge police forces across England and Wales.

The Government announced that an independent review into these proposals would be carried out, which could see the existing structure of 43 police forces reduce to 12 - the biggest shake up to policing in more than six decades.

The consultation will be available online, but the PCC and his team will also be carrying out in-person engagements across the West Mercia area to ensure communities can have their say.

Mr Campion said: "I recognise the need to modernise and improve policing - however, it is right that any significant reform undertaken has the public support."

"I am concerned that the proposals to merge our existing police forces into fewer, but larger, police areas will be done with a perceived lack of public opinion."

"Given that this is affecting a service our hardworking tax-paying public pay for, it is right that they are consulted."

The consultation will run until June 15.

Visit this story on our website for the link to the survey.

# Helping veterans make the change into civilian life

VETERANS leaving the Armed Forces can have difficulty adjusting to everyday life, with many finding the change in pace, structure, and identity extremely challenging.

Stepway's 7 Step Civilian Skills Program, funded by a Worcestershire County Council Public Health grant, is helping veterans and their families rebuild confidence, improve wellbeing, and regain a sense of direction.

The course, currently held at the Salvation Army in Worcester, is open to all veterans and their families, no matter the length of service or when they left.

Dawn Turner, CEO of Stepway, said: "Lots of veterans and their families can find coming back to 'normal' life extremely difficult."

"It is a completely different way of living, and many people feel lost, isolated, or unsure where to turn. This course gives them space, support, and practical tools to rebuild their confidence and move forward."

The 7 Step Civilian Skills Program offers structured sessions covering mental health, coping strategies, communication skills, healthy routines, financial awareness, and future planning.

Participants are supported to understand their strengths, manage stress and anxiety, and reconnect with others who share similar experiences.



Dawn Turner CEO of Stepway with graduates of the 7 step civilian skills programme. s

One veteran who joined the course was suffering with low mood and a lack of purpose and direction.

By the end they reported feeling more positive, settled and better able to manage day-to-day life.

They said: "Each day has been very informative. I feel clearer about what I want for the future and how to get there."

Feedback from the program shows that 100 per cent of participants felt more confident and posi-

tive about their wellbeing, clearer about their future goals and more able to manage daily life.

Over 80 per cent reported improved motivation and sense of purpose, and more than 70 per cent said their emotional wellbeing and coping strategies had improved.

Coun Satinder Bell, cabinet member with responsibility for health and wellbeing at Worcestershire County Council, said: "Veterans make a huge contribution to our

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## Classic gets a makeover

**TWISTED Automotive, the world-renowned specialists in re-engineering iconic British 4x4s, has unveiled its first-ever Range Rover project: the Twisted interpretation of a Range Rover Classic (TRRC).**

Following 25 years of perfecting the Defender, Twisted has applied its 'anti-ordinary' philosophy to the two-door Range Rover Classic.

The TRRC is a project rooted in deep personal nostalgia.

For Twisted founder Charles Fawcett, the Range Rover Classic was the "king of the road" during his childhood.

"When I think back to the 1980's, my father always seemed to have a two-door

Range Rover, and there was one particular one that stood out," said Charles.

"It was terracotta brown with fibreglass extended wheel arches and white Weller eight-spoke wheels shod with General Grabber road-oriented tyres.

"On the front, he'd fabricated a valance out of an MGB GT front spoiler.

"To me, it was just iconic. Today, the TRRC exists out of unapologetic nostalgia, recreating something I remember from when I was a tiny boy.

"I think many customers will relate." At the core of the build is a high-performance LT1 V8 conversion producing 500hp, paired with an eight-speed automatic transmission. To manage this power, Twisted utilised two decades of engineering heritage from its Defender program.

While the TRRC drives similarly to Twisted's T90 and T110 (re-engineered Defender), in terms of

performance and communication, the handling has been specifically tuned for the Range Rover's unique character.

"We spent an age tweaking the bushings so that you got something that was sharp and super drivable but not too harsh," said Charles.

"A Range Rover needs to be supple."

True to the Twisted ethos, the TRRC is a curated mix of the best eras of the Classic, blending a 1970s front bumper with a 1990s-style grille and headlight surrounds.

British engineering excellence runs through every detail, with bespoke tooling being designed to create new hammer-formed aluminium panels for every external surface of the TRRC.

Twisted's panel gap tolerance on the TRRC is obsessive.

Other bespoke design choices include the C-Pillar.

Twisted customers can choose not to have the traditional floating roof look, instead painting the

C-pillar in body colour to accentuate the two-door silhouette.

The vehicle sits slightly lower on the nose to suit the Classic's profile. Design touches such as vents formed in the C-pillar panel will be included in the final production design. The TRRC's interior has been reengineered, too.

Seats have been positioned lower than the originals, so the driver's eyeline is directed at the upper half of the windscreen, making the most of the vehicle's legendary glass-everywhere visibility.

In a move that honours the bare metalwork of early Range Rovers, Twisted attaches soundproofing to the underside of the carpet rather than the interior shell. Pricing for the Twisted TRRC starts at £350,000.

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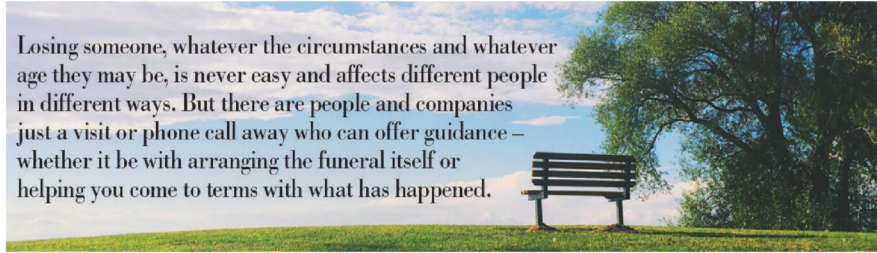
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**25/01152/FUL** DEP  
Site: Hill Cottage, Scarfield Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire B48 7SF.

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing buildings (leaving the back wall as the boundary wall to No.2 Scarfield Cottage) and construction of dwelling. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area to which the application relates.

**26/00230/S73** MAJ  
Site: Land West of Hither Green Lane, Redditch, Worcestershire B98 9AZ.

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 16 attached to 21/01830/FUL (approved under appeal ref: APP/01825/W/24/3350905).

**FROM:** None of the dwellings hereby permitted shall be occupied until the highway improvements to the Dagnell End Road/A441 Birmingham Road junction as shown in the PJA Drawing Ref: 2809 P 12 Rev P4 (planning permission ref: 19/00976/HYB) have been approved in writing and completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority and is open to traffic. The junction is to include Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) signal control.

**AMEND TO:** Prior to the occupation of the 101st dwelling, the highway improvements to the Dagnell End Road/A441 Birmingham Road junction as shown in the PJA Drawing Ref: 2809 P 12 Rev P4 (planning permission ref: 19/00976/HYB) shall have been approved in writing and completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority and is open to traffic. The junction is to include Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) signal control.

**25/00198/FUL** DEP  
Site: Woodland View, Billesley Lane, Portway, Worcestershire B48 7HG.

**Proposal:** Material change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 4 traveller households with a total of 6 caravans, including no more than 2 static caravans, laying of hardstanding and erection of two amenity/dayroom buildings. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area to which the application relates.

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S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 19 March 2026

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**25/00749/FUL** ADVSTD FPS DEP  
Site: Dominion Racing Stables, Seafield Lane, Portway, Worcestershire B48 7HL.

**Proposal:** Construction of an access track from Billesley Lane to Dominion Racing Stables. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area to which the application relates.

**25/01489/FUL** LBS  
Site: The Old Squash Court, Thicknall Lane, Hagley, Worcestershire DY9 0HR.

**Proposal:** Extension of main roof slope with dormer windows above ground floor garden room to enlarge first floor bedrooms.

**26/00086/OUT** FPS DEP  
Site: Land At Dusthouse Lane, Bromsgrove B60 3AA

**Proposal:** Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of 1 no. new detached dwellings with associated detached garage. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area to which the application relates.

**26/00252/OUT** MAJ ADVSTD DEP FP  
Site: Land At Packhorse Lane, Hollywood, Worcestershire

**Proposal:** Outline planning application with all matters reserved except means of site access, for up to 110 dwellings (use class C3): sustainable urban drainage systems; public open space and landscaping; and all ancillary and enabling works. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area to which the application relates.

**26/00075/FUL** CA LB  
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**Proposal:** Insert door for new rear entrance.

**26/00231/FUL** CAS  
Site: Moorhens, Stoke Pound Lane, Stoke Prior, Worcestershire B60 4LQ.

**Proposal:** Two storey side extension.

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# Spa respond to Tuffley setback with victory against Cirencester

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**FOOTBALL:** JAMES Lemon scored a brace as Droitwich Spa reignited their title challenge with a dominant 3-0 victory against Cirencester Town in midweek.

Lemon struck either side of the break after Perry Moss put the home side ahead at the King George Playing Fields.

The result means Droitwich sit third in the Hellenic League Premier Division table, three points behind leaders Slimbridge.

Droitwich defender Lewis Phillips made his 200th appearance for Spa becoming the sixth player in Andy Crowther's squad to reach the milestone.

Spa survived a scare on the quarter-hour mark when goalkeeper Joe Stockton brought down Harlie Price with the Cirencester player through on goal.

The referee opted against showing Stockton a red card and brandished a yellow card in the goalkeeper's direction who saved the resulting free-kick.

And Droitwich broke the deadlock against the run of play on 18 minutes as Moss finished from close range to put the Saltmen in front.

Spa doubled their lead five minutes later when Lemon found the net following a scramble in the box.

Lemon doubled his tally for the



game after the break on 55 minutes when he prodded home from close range following some pinball in the penalty area.

And Spa comfortably saw out the remaining minutes to exact revenge on Cirencester after losing 5-1 in the reverse fixture back in November.

That came after Droitwich suffered a 3-2 defeat away at play-

off hopefuls Tuffley Rovers last weekend.

Tuffley raced into a two-goal lead courtesy of a brace from Karnell Chambers before Cory Rudd halved the deficit and Ben Tilbury levelled the game after the break at Glevum Park.

However, a late goal from Harley Mustoe condemned Spa to a sixth league defeat of the season to dent

the Saltmen's title challenge.

Crowther's side could have taken the lead inside the first 20 seconds as Moss headed James Baldwin's cross narrowly wide.

However, Tuffley broke the deadlock on 13 minutes when Chambers produced an emphatic finish from close range after Spa failed to properly clear their lines.

The home side went close again

minutes later as Kieran Alder spurned a glorious chance to double Tuffley's lead with only Droitwich goalkeeper Stockton to beat.

Tuffley eventually extended their lead on 18 minutes when Chambers intercepted Jay Sauntson's stray pass and raced clear of the Spa defence to score.

However, Droitwich halved the deficit on 29 minutes as Rudd looped Nathan Binner's corner into the net with his head at the back post.

The teams traded chances after the break as Anton Robinson denied Alex Dugmore before Stockton kept out Mustoe at the other end.

Robinson kept Tuffley in front later in the half as he saved from Rudd when one-on-one after Dugmore hit the woodwork.

The Tuffley stopper also denied Charlie Tilley with an acrobatic stop before Tilbury eventually blasted Spa level on 69 minutes with a controlled finish from 20-yards out.

However, the home side stole the points six minutes later as Mustoe headed in from a free-kick which left Stockton with no chance.

Spa almost drew level at the death only for Tilley to see his effort ruled out for offside.

Droitwich are next in action against Highworth Town on Saturday, March 21 with kick-off at 3pm at the King George Playing Fields.

**James Lemon scored twice for Droitwich against Cirencester. Picture by Mathew Mason.**

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