



# SAFER AMBER VALLEY NEWS

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**This newsletter is for distribution to our Elected Members and Town/Parish Councils.**

## **Four Additional CCTV Cameras**

Four new state-of-the-art CCTV cameras are now operating in Amber Valley to assist police in their mission to reduce and deter crime in the towns of Alfreton, Belper, Heanor and Ripley. Like the existing cameras, which were upgraded recently, the new cameras have powerful zoom-in features, meaning they can cover a remarkably wide area. They deliver high-resolution images to a control room which is monitored 24/7. There is one new camera in each town as part of this first phase. The cameras are also re-deployable, meaning their location can be moved dependent on changes in infrastructure and crime hotspots. Commented Amber Valley Borough Council's portfolio holder for regeneration and community safety, Councillor Ben Bellamy: "This increase in CCTV cameras has been carried out as a direct result of feedback we have received from the borough's residents and has been delivered as promised. Anyone who thinks about committing crime or anti-social behaviour in our borough should think again. In phase two, we will be looking at extending the CCTV network in partnership with parish councils, to provide more peace of mind to residents in all communities and additional support to the police in prosecuting criminal acts." New locations as follows:

1. Ripley Market Place opposite White Lion pub
  2. Heanor Market Place near toilet block
  3. Belper Market Place near Premier Stores
  4. Alfreton Bus Station Hall Street
- Relocated camera – Heanor Red Lion Square (previously on Derby Road)

## **Council tax scam**

The council has been made aware that fraudsters are calling and messaging people to say they are due a refund on their council tax, or even a discount if they pay future tax in advance and asking them to provide their bank or credit card details via a bogus website that appears to look like our genuine website. Amber Valley Borough Council says it would never contact residents in this way and is urging anyone who is suspicious to contact the police by calling 101.

If you receive any correspondence and are in doubt, please contact our team directly on 01773 841440.

### Avast Phishing Challenge

Think you can spot a fake website? Take a good look and see if you can catch the differences between a real website, and a fake. Let's play! <https://phish.avast.com/>

### Derbyshire Constabulary News

#### New police Inspector for the Amber Valley

A new Inspector has been appointed to take the lead on local policing in the Amber Valley area. Inspector Paul Stevenson has taken over management of Amber Valley Local Policing Unit, picking up from Dave Parker, who is now covering a different part of Derbyshire. Insp. Stevenson has been a police officer for more than 16 years, having first joined Derbyshire Constabulary in 2003. For the majority of his career he has worked in the Amber Valley as a response officer and was the Safer Neighbourhood policing team Sergeant for the Ripley and Heanor areas.

He was promoted to Inspector in 2017, in a role overseeing the response teams covering North Division before moving to the Amber Valley before Christmas. Insp. Stevenson said: "It is great to be back in the Amber Valley, as I know from experience that is a great place to work. We have many different communities across the Amber Valley and I'm really pleased to be given this fantastic opportunity to lead policing here, working to target crime and anti-social behaviour and help keep the area safe." He added: "The help of the community plays a big part in our success, and I hope to maintain the good links we have, and I would encourage people to report suspicious activity, crime and local issues to us so that we can work to target them"

You can find out more information about your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team on the website: [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk).

### Derbyshire Alert

Derbyshire Alert is the community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire. By registering, you can receive news and appeals, local crime information, and prevention advice direct to your email address. Sign up today to be aware of crime updates and local policing news in your area. Learn about:

- Bogus callers
- Burglaries and thefts
- Suspicious persons/vehicles
- Police witness appeals
- Community meetings
- Crime prevention advice

Registration not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feedback information to your local policing teams to help them better look after your neighbourhood.

Registration is free, simple and easy - just use the simple sign up feature on the home page. Once you have verified your account by responding to the verification e-mail, you have instant access to the Derbyshire Alert website. [www.derbyshirealert.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk)

### **Praise for PCSOs who helped homeless man in South Normanton**

Local residents have praised two officers who went above and beyond to help a homeless man in South Normanton last week. Police Community Support Officers Mark Rogers and Tom Smedley responded to a call at around 9.20am on Friday 10 January we had from a local resident who said they were concerned about a rough sleeper, who they had seen on a grassed area, off Maple Avenue. They went along and spoke with a 46 year old man, who turned out same person people had expressed concerns about near to Watchorn Church in Alfreton, but officers had never managed to speak to. The PCSOs took the time to help him, by setting up a doctor's appointment that day to be checked over and gave transport to Chesterfield where he could fill out a form to get a new birth certificate and help him access benefits. He was able to collect clothing and supplies to help keep him warm while in Chesterfield, and they also arranged an appointment with the homeless team at Amber Valley Borough Council and P3 Housing with a view to finding him some short-term accommodation and hopefully off the streets. People took to the [Alfreton Police SNT Facebook page](#) to offer praise and support, and we've since had residents who have emailed the force to thank them for their efforts. PCSO Supervisor for the Amber Valley Safer Neighbourhood policing teams, Dan Frederickson, said: "Both Mark and Tom went out of their way and took the time to help this man find local support which could get him off the streets, and I know PCSO Rogers is following up on the appointments. We hope this may be the starting block needs and I would like to commend both officers for their efforts." PCSO Sup. Frederickson added: "The police only have limited capabilities in helping people who are sleeping rough or find themselves without a home, but we will always try to signpost people to the help that is available." If you believe that you have seen someone sleeping rough and would like to help them, you can report it through the Streetlink website, [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk). Streetlink will then contact the local authority or relevant support services. Please call 999 if you think the person needs urgent medical attention, is in immediate risk of harm or a crime is being committed.

For further help and information in relation to homelessness and housing services in the Amber Valley area please visit [www.ambervalley.gov.uk/housing](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/housing) or call the Amber Valley Borough Council team directly on 01773 841400. Alternatively, you can email [housing.solutions@ambervalley.gov.uk](mailto:housing.solutions@ambervalley.gov.uk).

To find out more about the work of the Alfreton, South Normanton, Pinxton, Somercotes and Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team you can follow them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/AlfretonSNormantonPinxtonSomercotesRiddingsSNT>.

### **Community Speedwatch**

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is an initiative designed to harness public support for neighbourhood policing by volunteers monitoring speeds of vehicles in areas of concern to the public. CSW originated due to an increased demand from the public for greater involvement in reducing the speed of vehicles through local villages. The perception of communities was that vehicles were continuing to speed despite the introduction of speed reduction measures.

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The CSW initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, working in partnership with the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire County Council, City Councils and Parish Councils. Speed monitoring is carried out by trained volunteers from the community to verify and record the registration numbers of offending vehicles. Details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are then forwarded to Derbyshire Constabulary's Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST) who will conduct appropriate checks and issue a letter to the registered keeper asking for their cooperation by reducing speed in their community. A maximum of three letters will be sent to offenders, two by post and the third hand delivered by a member of Derbyshire Constabulary.

CSW is **NOT** speed enforcement. The aim is to monitor and record the speed and registration number of speeding vehicles travelling through communities in an attempt to improve driver behaviour, thereby preventing collisions by encouraging drivers to slow down. CSW provides the opportunity for the public to influence and contribute to the education of drivers whilst making their neighbourhoods safer. They add value and support to the work of Derbyshire Constabulary staff, whilst also helping to forge closer links with communities. Police resources will be able to focus on areas with greater risk of speed related collisions. Intelligence led speed enforcement activity by police officers and the force's safety camera team (CREST) will continue. This will in time occur in areas highlighted by CSW. Management of the CSW will be governed by CREST Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator in conjunction with local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and LPU Inspectors.

#### **Where Community Speed Watch fits in.**

The scheme's aim is not to catch as many speeders as possible but to reduce speeds in areas of concern and to make drivers aware that excessive speed within posted limits is socially unacceptable. The locations and subsequent results of CSW operations will be authorised and monitored by CREST who will work in partnership with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and LPU Inspector. The Health and Safety of CSW volunteers and all other road users, including pedestrians is of paramount importance. Many drivers will slow down on seeing volunteers in high visibility jackets at the road side thereby reducing the number of speeding motorists identified and the amount of follow-up action required. This is a positive outcome. Generally, most drivers co-operate, and it is shown that volunteers operate with little or no risk to themselves or others. CSW schemes do have to adhere to some basic guidelines and safety practices known as the Golden Rules. It is important that schemes do not deviate from that guidance. Volunteers are trained in the use of hand-held speed monitoring devices by Derbyshire Constabulary. Additional training is also provided regarding health and safety and CSW guidelines.

#### **Where We Are and Where Derbyshire Constabulary Want to Be.**

Derbyshire Constabulary are not new to CSW, in its various forms it has been in operation across the force for at least 13 years. In that time CSW has served both as an excellent community engagement tool for the police and as an opportunity for communities to have active involvement in making their roads safer. Since being elected as The Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016, Hardyal Dhindsa has now visited 383 towns, villages and neighbourhoods across the county. He has recognised that speeding is still one of the main areas of concern for communities. One of the options he considered as a potential solution was CSW. In July 2019 Hardyal funded two full time positions within Derbyshire Constabulary's Crime Reduction Casualty Enforcement Team (CREST), with a view to reinvigorating CSW and to bring it all under central control. Since then he has gone on to fund additional equipment for the police to make CSW more available to every community concerned about speeding.

Since July 2019 significant progress has been made in building on the sound foundations already in place. The newly appointed CSW Co-Ordinator and Administrator have worked closely with Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT), in-force experts, established CSW volunteers and surrounding forces to devise robust policies and training packages. These have been designed to provide maximum levels of support and guidance to police officers, PCSO's and volunteers. Aided by a centralised computer system designed solely for the co-ordination and administration of CSW, Derbyshire Constabulary have managed to revamp the initiative and revitalise both existing and new volunteers. In so doing they have managed to release many of the administrative burdens of CSW from frontline resources, leaving them to focus on other valuable community issues, including day to day policing.

The health and safety of CSW volunteers and all other road users is a primary consideration. Training is currently being delivered across Derbyshire to all CSW volunteers. This includes well-established and experienced groups as well as those currently seeking to form new groups. This training is aimed at keeping everyone safe and providing a corporate CSW model, one that is consistent across the whole force area.

The ultimate intention is educate drivers and change their behaviour when travelling through Derbyshire communities. This will go a long way to reducing speed, improving road safety and reducing the number of people either killed or seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions.

Our Speedwatch Co-ordinator is PCSO Chris Bannister.

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### Local Crime Figures

Crime	Belper Town	Belper Town	Belper Town	Quarterly Total 2019
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Oct Nov Dec
Violence w Injury	8	5	8	<b>21</b>
Violence w/out Injury	13	13	11	<b>37</b>
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Burglary Residential	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Burglary Commercial	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Shoplifting	7	6	5	<b>18</b>
Theft from Person	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Theft of MV	0	3	4	<b>7</b>
Theft from MV	3	4	2	<b>9</b>
Vehicle Interference	1	2	0	<b>3</b>
Other Thefts	5	5	3	<b>13</b>
Criminal Damage	6	11	11	<b>28</b>
Drug Offences	1	0	2	<b>3</b>
Public Order	7	6	7	<b>20</b>

Crime	Belper Rural Duffield & Holloway	Belper Rural Duffield & Holloway	Belper Rural Duffield & Holloway	Quarterly Total 2019
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Oct Nov Dec
Violence w Injury	5	1	4	<b>10</b>
Violence w/out Injury	3	7	11	<b>21</b>
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Burglary Residential	0	4	2	<b>6</b>
Burglary Commercial	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Shoplifting	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Theft from Person	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Theft of MV	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
Theft from MV	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Other Thefts	3	1	2	<b>6</b>
Criminal Damage	1	3	2	<b>6</b>
Drug Offences	0	1	2	<b>3</b>
Public Order	1	1	4	<b>6</b>

Crime	Quarndon & Kirk Langley	Quarndon & Kirk Langley	Quarndon & Kirk Langley	Quarterly Total 2019
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Oct Nov Dec
Violence w Injury	0	2	2	<b>4</b>
Violence w/out Injury	1	5	0	<b>6</b>
Robbery Personal	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Burglary Residential	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Burglary Commercial	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Shoplifting	no figure	no figure	no figure	<b>0</b>
Theft from Person	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Theft of MV	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Theft from MV	2	1	1	<b>4</b>
Vehicle Interference	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
Other Thefts	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
Criminal Damage	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Drug Offences	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Public Order	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

Crime	Heage & Ambergate	Heage & Ambergate	Heage & Ambergate	Quarterly Total 2019
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Oct Nov Dec
Violence w Injury	3	0	3	6
Violence w/out Injury	3	6	7	16
Robbery Personal	no figure	no figure	no figure	0
Burglary Residential	2	0	2	4
Burglary Commercial	1	0	0	1
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft from Person	0	0	0	0
Theft of MV	1	0	0	1
Theft from MV	0	1	2	3
Vehicle Interference	0	1	0	1
Other Thefts	4	0	1	5
Criminal Damage	2	1	4	7
Drug Offences	0	0	0	0
Public Order	1	3	1	5

Crime	Kilburn, Denby & Holbrook	Kilburn, Denby & Holbrook	Kilburn, Denby & Holbrook	Quarterly Total 2019
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Oct Nov Dec
Violence w Injury	8	6	9	23
Violence w/out Injury	21	18	22	61
Robbery Personal	0	1	1	2
Burglary Residential	0	4	1	5
Burglary Commercial	3	0	0	3
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft from Person	0	0	0	0
Theft of MV	0	1	3	4
Theft from MV	1	2	1	4
Vehicle Interference	1	1	1	3
Other Thefts	3	3	1	7
Criminal Damage	7	7	4	18
Drug Offences	2	0	0	2
Public Order	7	7	11	25