

West Bromwich Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Entries in this publication generally relate to events that have occurred over the previous 6 days. Personal details of individuals related to our dealings are not disclosed, in compliance with the Data Protection Act (1998). If you have any further queries, please email the team, and we will get back to you.

COVID – 19 update

From the 02/12/2020, the 'Tiers' approach was introduced across England as we come out of lockdown. West Bromwich was included in Tier 3 within the system which is a Very High Alert. This Tier has very similar rules to the National Lockdown which means we are doing our most to Engage and Explain to members of the public regularly regarding social distancing, face masks and groups of 6. We regularly patrol the Town Centre and are walking through shopping centres to ensure everyone is aware of the Tier system and what this means for the future.

West Bromwich Neighbourhood Team was also involved in a Joint Operation with Sandwell EPO's, trading standards and Public Health in order for us to engage with local shops and members of the public and explain what the rules are the new Tier system.



Drug Dealing

Following a drug deal being witnessed, our vigilant officers have recognised the driver in a vehicle that had previously made off. Multiple reports had been made recently regarding this vehicle drug dealing in the local area. The vehicle matching the description given was found by officers in the Town Centre shortly after. The driver was then detained for a search and 10 wraps of crack was seized from the car. The driver was then arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply.

Intelligence acted upon.

During the week, officers have received intelligence regarding weapons in an address in West Bromwich. This was acted upon almost instantly after some quick research and local knowledge from our officers. Several officers have searched the address when arriving which was carried out professionally and efficiently with little to no disturbance for residents within the nearby area.

One male was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle as he was found with keys to a stolen vehicle. There was also a vehicle that was displaying false plates. Both vehicles have been recovered and will be dealt with accordingly. Overall a positive outcome from intelligence received just that morning.



Suspicious Vehicle

Whilst patrolling West Bromwich in an unmarked police vehicle, officers have seen a suspicious vehicle parked on the side of the road. Using their experience, they have blocked the vehicle in order for it not to drive away so they can talk to them.

Due to the suspicious circumstances, officers have detained the driver to search them and the vehicle. During this search, officers have found several containers and bags of cannabis, a working electric scale which can be used to weigh the cannabis, hundreds of dealer bags and a considerable amount of cash.

Following this search, officers have arrested the driver on suspicion of possession with intent to supply.

Youth ASB

Officers have attended New Square Shopping Centre as there were several youths causing ASB and damaging items on the evening. New Square Security kept in close contact via the Town Link Radio as we approached. Unfortunately, the youths had left the area when we arrived; however, we are patrolling regularly around the shopping centres in order to tackle this issue and help in reducing ASB from youths in the area.

Vehicle Crime

On 07/12/2020 officers observed a car with broken windows being driven in West Bromwich leading them to follow this vehicle until a safe stop was conducted in order for officers to talk to them. Following this, the male driver was arrested on suspicion of Theft of Motor Vehicle and various driving offences.

Another male; who was not related to the initial matter, however, started being involved shortly after. He was becoming increasingly aggressive which lead to him being arrested for Assault an Emergency Worker and Using Threatening/Abusive Behaviour in a Public Place.

Arrest!

Officers have pulled over a vehicle for no insurance – which has since been recovered. After further digging the driver is found to be an illegal immigrant and was arrested for that reason. They were then referred to Immigration force who will deal with them accordingly.

