

West Bromwich Neighbourhood Policing Team

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER MEETS STUDENT OFFICERS

Earlier today (10th December), West Midlands' Police and Crime Commissioner Simon Foster made a visit to West Bromwich in order to meet with a number of the student officers currently assigned to the neighbourhood team. He spoke with them at length, asking about the local policing priorities, how the team (and force on the whole) work with partner agencies, how the training and rotation between teams works with student officers, and many other questions. Given the diverse range of backgrounds our officers come from, he was also able to ask questions about the Police Now graduate scheme, of which two of our current officers are a part of. Meanwhile, the student officers took the opportunity to ask a wide variety of questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner, now that he has had a few months to settle in to the role. All in all, it proved to be a valuable learning experience for all parties involved!



CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER GRANTED BY WOLVERHAMPTON MAGISTRATES COURT FOR PROMINENT OFFENDER

One of the 'Top 5' offenders, as detailed on the DISC App is now the subject of a Criminal Behaviour Order, after it was approved at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court yesterday (9th December). This drastically limits the male's access to the town, only permitting him to enter the impact area between 0700hrs and 1300hrs each day, along with additional powers for officers to arrest him should he breach a number of conditions, such as having an open container of alcohol in his possession at any time in public, throughout the borough of Sandwell. This order runs until December 2023.

This is the end product of a year's worth of work. The same offender had previously been the subject of a Community Protection Warning, Community Protection Notice and a Civil Injunction, all since the start of 2021. At this point, we believed that we had collected enough evidence to create an overwhelming case to obtain a Criminal Behaviour Order, and took the necessary steps to obtain one. We believe this Order will be highly effective in curbing his behaviour, as he is very much aware that any breaches of it will result in his arrest.

Now that the Criminal Behaviour Order has been obtained for this male, the neighbourhood team will consider prominent offenders from the town centre that can take his now vacant spot in the 'Top 5', based on their frequency/severity of offending, as well as the impact their behaviour is having on local businesses.

TWO SHOPLIFTERS REMANDED INTO CUSTODY

During the afternoon of Thursday 9th December, officers from the neighbourhood team apprehended two well-known shoplifters who were wanted for a series of shop thefts around West Bromwich.

The first offender was drawn to our attention after the Business Improvement District alerted us to the fact he had just stolen sausage rolls from a local bakery! He was already wanted for two other counts of shop theft, but now that we knew his location, officers were promptly dispatched to detain, search and arrest him. He was located several minutes later near the junction of High Street and St. Michaels Street. Sadly, by the time officers had arrived and searched him, it appeared that the evidence had been consumed...

The male was remanded into custody and remains there, at the time of writing.

A few hours later, two Police Community Support Officers on patrol close to Duchess Parade sighted a well-known female shoplifter, who appeared to be under the influence of drink or drugs. After confirming her identity, they conducted relevant enquiries and established that she was currently wanted for three separate theft from shop/stall offences, and detained her as such. As they had done earlier in the day, officers promptly arrived to search and arrest her for these offences.

As with the other shoplifter, she remains in custody at the time of writing, having been charged with three separate theft from shop/stall offences.

With two of our most prominent local theft from shop/stall offenders in custody and awaiting sentencing, we see this to be a fantastic result, which **hopefully** will put them behind bars for the Christmas period!

OFFENDER ARRESTED AFTER THEFT AND ASSAULT

An offender has been taken into custody on suspicion of theft and assault – and was further arrested for the possession of a bladed article in a public place. The male was initially stopped on the High Street after being positively identified as the outstanding offender from a shop theft in which a staff member was also assaulted. The male was detained, arrested and brought to the custody block – where a thorough search of his clothing also recovered a lock knife which had been concealed in the lining of his jeans! Because of this, the male was charged with possession of a bladed article in a public place. The male had also been found to have been in possession of a large hammer, which constituted possession of an offensive weapon. The male was charged for the possession of a bladed article, and has been released pending investigation for the theft and assault offences.



After being made aware of the Carols by Christmas Light event being held on Carters Green today, Police Community Support Officers attended the event in order to fly the flag, help out where possible and to get involved with the festive spirit!

