

## **721 - GM Police Report**

I just wanted to update you personally in relation to the hard work that my team have been putting into the area around Shevington after the numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in the village.

PCSO Leanne Winnard has been in the area on every shift that she works and has been supported by myself and other colleagues. She has liaised with the local councillor and the council anti-social behaviour team. She has spoken with a number of youths in the area where the problems arise and given them advice and warnings in relation to any ASB.

The current icing on the cake is that we have been able to secure the deployment of one of the local authority 24/7 monitored CCTV cameras and this has been placed in the centre of the village to assist us in our work. I put this out on social media yesterday and immediately got negative comments, mainly around it just being ONE camera.

This is where I need your help and support. The camera is a very valuable and sought after resource. I believe there are only 3 in the borough and the other two are already deployed in other locations for similar reasons.

CCTV is just one part of a policing operation and is best used when the resources on the ground are there to use it to their advantage and that is what I intend to do over the next 3 weeks.

The next 3 weeks can be very busy in general for ASB due to half term, Halloween and Bonfire night. As such my team will be out on the key dates for these events and will do our best to reduce the issues caused by youths.

I have also arranged for GMP's Mounted Unit to be in the village on a few evenings next week to offer a VERY highly visible presence and hopefully another deterrent to our troublesome youths.

I need you to be positive regarding the hard work my team and the council have done and circulate the advantage of this camera and that the community policing team will be out being visible and pro-active in these areas to help keep the community safe. Can you circulate this amongst your members on the Parish Newsletter and Facebook groups that you have. If you look on GMPWiganWest on Facebook you will see my post, positive comments are greatly appreciated.

I thank you all for taking the time to contact my team over the last few months, offering your support to the area and being part of community groups. It is this commitment and team work that will make a difference to the wider community.

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