

Kidderminster Shuttle – April 2012 Column

Safe and Sound

Tom Magee, Vice Chairman of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership

This month I wanted to provide you with some highlights of the Partnership's activities over the last year. We have...

- Continued helping to ensure that there are less victims of crime in Wyre Forest, with 671 fewer recorded crimes, which is an 8.4% reduction over the year 2011-2012 compared to the previous year. Reductions were achieved in the following offences: dwelling and non-dwelling burglary, arson, shoplifting, most serious violence, public order and theft of and from motor vehicles
- Supported over 326 vulnerable residents and victims of dwelling burglary through our Home Security Scheme, which offers home security advice and products provided free of charge to the occupier. This district wide service is available by a referral from a Police Community Support Officer or a Community Housing Group Neighbourhood Warden
- Contributed towards a community safety magazine written by 11-18 year olds and helped support the Young Citizen's Challenge, which is a successful yearly school event
- Provided funding for Bewdley Youth Cafe to deliver a series of personal safety and awareness raising workshops for local young people
- Organised a domestic abuse awareness raising campaign, which included a number of local events and offered training for professionals
- Given funding to Our Way Self Advocacy, to provide community safety training support for people with learning disabilities and vulnerable people in the community
- Helped local community groups through the provision of small grants to put on events such as the Party in the Parks in Bewdley and Stourport-on-Severn
- Supported Wyre Forest Nightstop and Mediation Scheme, which provides advice and a referral service to offenders or those at risk of offending, to work towards preventing homelessness
- Delivered seasonal crime prevention awareness raising campaigns in the summer and winter, reminding people to lock up their houses and cars
- Supported youth/sports development work, the Walshes Youth Club, detached substance prevention youth work and the Walk Like a Warrior Project, delivered by the Worcester Warriors Community Foundation
- Developed a new website, please visit www.wfcsp.org.uk for more information about the activities of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership, email community.safety@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or telephone 01562 732929