

Washwood Heath Neighbourhood Team Newsletter September 2024



Based on Feedback, we are doing monthly Newsletters with an opportunity to virtually meet the team. This newsletter is created and shared by PC Rob Archer

We decided to ask Rob some questions, which he has responded to below:



Q: Why did you want to join as a PC from PCSO?

A: Whilst I did love my role as a PCSO, I felt the role was very limiting. I believe as a PC I have the legislation to back me up when it comes to safeguarding the public. Overall, I always wanted to join as a police constable since a young age. I am quite passionate when it comes to helping victims of crime & vulnerable people. Plus no two days are ever the same!

Q: What did you do before joining the police service?

A: I've had multiple jobs and at one point I was working three at once being uber eats, amazon warehouse and McDonald's. Before joining I worked at Wetherspoons as a Kitchen staff. Out of all the jobs I've worked besides the police, I'd say Wetherspoons was my favourite.

Q: What your favourite hobby?

A: I have multiple hobbies although I would say my favourite hobby is gaming. I feel like gaming is a good way to disconnect from reality and get lost in a virtual world for hours – I like red dead redemption and multiple other good games. I find some the stories in games and the worlds you get the explore are spectacular & therapeutic and something to experience.

Q: What your dream holiday destination?

A: My dream holiday would be Italy. I'm quite a nerd when it comes to ancient Roman history and I would love to visit locations like Rome & Pompei to see the tourist sights built by the Romans.

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: I am spoilt for choices with what career to choose in the police. I have many interests from dogs, mounted division (horses), counter terrorism or either firearms. Out of all the choices its mainly firearms and the mounted division that spike my interest the most. Mounted division because horses are my favourite animals and to work with them and be a police officer at the same time sounds like a great life to me. Firearms I say because I feel like this would keep my fitness level physically and mentally at an all-time high. It is quite demanding to be a firearms officer and I do love a challenge to overcome. Afterall, seeking a challenge is what improves you as a person. When it comes to distressing situations, I have the ability to maintain my composure, remain professional and make the right decisions.



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Chief Constable Craig Guildford visited and spoke to Washwood Heath neighbourhood team surrounding his plans West Midlands Police. He plans included continuing to recruit more officers, procuring more vehicles, creating a mounted division, opening new stations and changing parading stations for certain teams & more. He continues to urge and inspire us to keep up our work when it comes to our investigations and ensuring that we provide the right service to the public. This includes effective use of wider positive outcomes such as community resolutions, referrals, warning & agreement and many other methods.

The Chief Constable went on patrol with local officers and attended Naseby Youth Centre, where he spoke to young people about their involvement in the youth centre, engaged with a youth group (Our Community Forum) and their volunteers, as well as community members and key leaders.

It was a positive insight around how united the local community is, and he had good feedback following the visit that he shared.



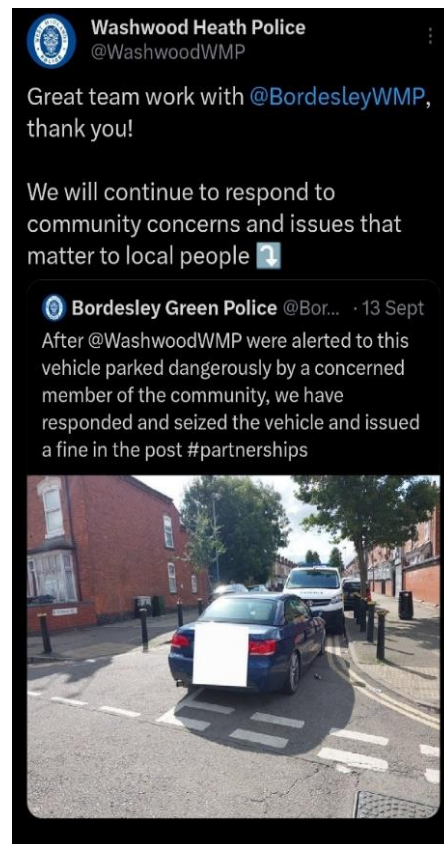
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We continue to deal with parking offences – we know that this is a priority for the community, but we cannot deal with this alone. It needs a community approach through education and enforcement. We will give words of advice, issue tickets and where appropriate, seize vehicles.

We will respond to your concerns surrounding parking, although this would appropriately be balanced with the correct response based on threat, harm and risk. Recently, we have dealt with a range of road related offences including driving with no Insurance, parking on zig zags lines, parking dangerously on a T Junction and many more! This month, many cars were seized for no tax, obstruction of the public highway, no insurance and cloned/stolen vehicles.



Our new PCSO's have been out and about engaging with the local community. They have already been getting stuck in with School inputs, Junior PCSO's and PCSO Kasam Khan has already had a foot chase in Bordesley Green after a drug deal was witnessed...

What a way to get involved!

In the last two weeks, we have conducted a warrant supporting the Shard End neighbourhood team, where drugs and weapons were seized. A person was arrested from the property – this was following community intelligence.

We have also supported Immigration colleagues with a warrant in Alum Rock, where a male was arrested for immigration offences.



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On the last Thursday of each month, we are holding a walk and talk alongside GPs from Pearl Medical Centre, Washwood Heath. This is your chance to get healthy both physically and mentally. If you're someone who doesn't get out much, struggling with mental health or wish to do something productive like a nice stroll in the park, I highly recommend coming down to join us! You may meet some other like-minded people and make new friends - especially if going out for a walk, meeting new people or speaking to police or GP's isn't something you usually do. Now is the best chance to do so and try out something new! Everyone is welcome to attend and become a part of our amazing community! No sign up required or application process required. Just show up on time at 1pm at the Dolphin centre in the cafeteria.

WALK AND TALK with a GP and PC

Location: Dolphin Centre, Ward End Park
Time: 1pm
Dates: Thursday 26th September 2024
Thursday 24th October 2024
Thursday 28th November 2024
Thursday 30th January 2025
Thursday 27th February 2025
Thursday 27th March 2025

The poster features an illustration of a diverse group of people walking on a grassy path. From left to right: a man in a red jacket and dark trousers, a man in a grey jacket and white trousers holding a coffee, a woman in a yellow top and blue jeans, a woman in a white hijab and patterned dress, a woman in a red and white striped shirt and dark trousers walking a dog, and a man in a white shirt and blue trousers with one arm raised. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds.

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A great opportunity to engage in conversation with local people in an outdoor open space.



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