

North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership
Chair – Sue Hanley

The NWCSP, together with the North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership, have been busy this month delivering a number of activities across North Worcestershire to support National Hate Crime Awareness Week, 8th – 15th October. The events were funded by a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the aim was to raise awareness of how to recognise a Hate Crime and encourage members of the public to report incidents, whether they are a victim, witness or third party.

Pop-up shops were held in Redditch, Bromsgrove and Kidderminster town centres to inform the public about how to report a Hate Crime and what support is available to victims and witnesses. West Mercia Police were also in attendance to give out information and chat with interested residents and visitors. Zoe Haworth's Theatre Company cleverly engaged people with their own brand of interactive and thought provoking drama throughout the sessions and drew quite a crowd of curious shoppers. Sessions for students will be held in North Worcestershire High Schools and Twitter has been alive with messages using the hashtag #HCAW16.

There are a number of ways to report - pick up a form at any of the Worcestershire Hubs across North Worcestershire, visit the website www.unitedagainsthate.co.uk or telephone 0300 303 8838. You can also call the Police on 101, but in an emergency always call 999. Further information is available at nwcsp.org.uk.

There is a definite feeling of autumn in the air and that means Halloween and Bonfire Night are just around the corner. Although many people enjoy the activities surrounding Hallowe'en there are others who do not want to be disturbed. Please ensure your children trick or treat responsibly and respect those who do not want to take part. A downloadable poster and guidelines to help keep everyone safe are available at www.westmercia.police.uk.

We are urging residents to remember, remember to stay safe this Bonfire weekend! Celebrating Bonfire night is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to spend an evening together and the safest way is to go to an organised display and follow the organiser's guidelines. Further information can be found at www.westmercia.police.uk.

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