

Highley Parish Council – Priorities and Report for August 2025

Highley's Current Priorities

1. Priority One – ASB
2. Priority Two – Drugs
3. Priority Three – Speeding

REPORT

Throughout August, the Safer Neighbourhood Team has continued its commitment to proactive community engagement and crime prevention. Our focus has remained on visibility, deterrence and collaboration with residents and local services. We have remained active in tackling anti-social behaviour, however I'm happy to report there's been 0 ASB incidents that have been reported to us during August.

Incidents

In total there have been 35 incidents in Highley that have been reported to us during August, to either 101, 999, or online.

Assaults - We had a few assaults reported. However, these were all of domestic nature, reflecting a troubling pattern of violence occurring within households rather than in public or among strangers. These incidents typically involved partners/ex-partners or family members.

Dog-on-dog attack - A dog-on-dog attack occurred in the village. The situation highlights the importance of responsible pet ownership and vigilance, especially in residential areas where such incidents can escalate quickly.

Trespass – We had a report of potential trespassing at a property which is currently up for rent and in an uninhabitable condition. Upon arrival, the house was fully secure on the ground level and no signs of entry were observed on the first floor. Police Aware stickers were placed at several points as awareness. A neighbour approached officers who called the estate agent and confirmed that keys had been given to the family that are looking to rent it.

Speeding

During a recent speed check in the village, 40 vehicles were monitored over a 15-minute period. The average speed recorded was 25.8mph, with nearly all drivers adhering to the 30mph limit. One vehicle was found exceeding the threshold and will be dealt with appropriately.

It gets mentioned numerous times to us that drivers won't speed as we are so visible. Unfortunately, as frustrating as this is, by law, we must be visible, with high-vis on. This is for the safety of everyone. Us being there is a great deterrent and will hopefully make drivers think twice next time they drive through the village.

Drop In Surgery

We led a community drop-in event in Highley, which helped deliver several meaningful benefits for residents and the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The drop-in gave residents a platform to voice their worries - whether about anti-social behaviour, speeding, or general crime trends. Officers used this feedback to shape future patrols and policing priorities, ensuring the community feels heard and supported.

Community Messaging Services

Continued promotion of Neighbourhood Matters – a free messaging service keeping residents informed about local policing efforts.

Looking Ahead

Further deployments of Operation WHITEBEAM are planned for September. Operation WHITEBEAM is a late-night rural crime operation, targeting acquisitive offences across South Shropshire.

OP WHITEBEAM includes:

- High-visibility patrols in Highley and surrounding parishes
- Visits to local farms to distribute GPS trackers and offer crime prevention advice
- Engagement with fire stations following reports of equipment thefts
- Vehicle checks

Kind Regards,

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