## KINLET PARISH COUNCIL.

## **Crime and Disorder Statement**

The Parish is part of a low crime area and has not been subject to any significant level of rural crimes.

There is an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme operating in the Parish which the Parish Council has supported by way of donations to fund the purchase of signs and some of our councillors act as co-ordinators. Kidderminster and adjoining villages/towns Facebook pages give instant alerts to any significant problems, in particular those relating to agricultural matters which our Farmers find very useful.

In 2017/2018 we were able to obtain a grant from West Mercia Police's 'We Don't Buy Crime' scheme which enabled us to offer a Smartwater kit to every household in the Parish either by collection or delivery. In 2022 we supplied additional Kits to new comers into the Parish since the initial distribution and this was paid for entirely by the Parish Council.

The council also receives the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's monthly newsletter and updates.

We have recently been approached by the Cleobury & Highley Safer Neighbourhood Team section of West Mercia Police and they will be attending future Parish Council meetings as their other duties allow.

The Parish Council is aware of its responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime Disorder Act 1998 whereby we have a duty to consider the impact of all our functions and decisions on crime and disorder in our area.

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