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Neighbourhood News

Witney Neighbourhood Team has a new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer - PC Samuel Moore.



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Bluetooth latest tool in crime reduction

State-of-the-art mobile phone technology has been trialled to send community safety messages to mobile phone users in Witney.

The quick fire messages aim to tackle anti-social behaviour and disorder around the night-time economy as well as offering crime reduction advice. Mobile phone users with their Bluetooth switched on within Witney town centre received the messages.



The trial ran from Monday 19 to Sunday 25 October to coincide with national alcohol awareness week. A different message was sent each day.



Following the relaunch in Witney, Nightsafe is now rolling out across the district.

Nightsafe is a scheme to reduce alcohol-related crime by encouraging licensees to run responsible drinks promotions, drugs awareness and improve premises safety. The scheme has now been extended to include taxi companies and late night takeaway outlets.

Recent night-time high visibility operations between the police and district council have included licensed premises checks and drugs swabbing as well as issuing notices that ban people from the town centre who are drunk and disorderly.



'Not in my Neighbourhood' week took place this month. The Safer Communities Team and Oxfordshire Fire Service travelled around the district delivering crime reduction advice and answering residents questions.