SAFER Neighbourhoods

Darley Dale and Winster

November 2026

An update from October…

What have we been doing?

This month, we have been reevaluating our priorities for your local area. We do this every three month and to do this, we take information we have gathered from reported incidents, community voice surveys and information we have gathered on our patrols. This time, our priorities for your area are Speeding and Drug Dealing. The details surrounding these priorities have been outlined in a newsletter issued last month. Going forward for the next three months.

In addition to this we have been patrolling the Matlock Bath Illuminations. As we get closer to winter, we look forward to attending more and more events like this. If you are in attendance at one of these events, please free to come and talk to us and discus anything you wish.

Remembrance

We have come to the time of year where we remember those who fell for us. This years Remembrance Day falls on Sunday the 8th of November. This year marks 108 years since the end of World War 1. It is important we remember those who sacrificed themselves and honour then how you see fit.

This year, I will be in attendance at the Darley Dale Remembrance Parade. I am honoured to be invited along to this event, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.



This month's engagements:

02/11/2026 17:00-18:00 – Crime Prevention - Community Catch Up Event - The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale.

06/11/2026 11:30-12:00 – Community Catch Up - The Terrace Café, Whitworth Park, Darley Dale

08/11/2026 11:30-12:00 – Crime Prevention Event - Tippin Park, Darley Dale

12/11/2026 11:00-12:00 – Crime Prevention – Community Catch Up Event - The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale.

16/11/2026 17:00-17:30 – Crime Prevention Event – Tippin Park, Darley Dale

18/11/2026 17:00-18:00 –Community Catch Up Event - The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale.

24/11/2026 11:30-12:00 – Community Catch Up Event - The Terrace Café, Whitworth Park, Darley Dale

27/11/2026 14:30-15:00 – Community Catch Up Event - Main Street, Winster

Please remember these Engagements are subject to change depending on operational needs.

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Bonfire Night

As I am sure you are aware, Bonfire night is quickly approaching. There will be a lot of public and private fireworks displace taking place which I am sure you're looking forwards too; however, it is very important to remember how to stay safe and you know how to keep any children in attendance safe.

Traditionally, there will be a bonfire set up during these events. If you intend to set up your own, make sure it is set up at least 18 metres (60ft) away from any houses, trees, hedges, fences or sheds. Even in wet conditions, plant life and structures can still catch fire. When starting the fire, it is important to only use domestic firelighters. Do not use petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids. These substances are a lot more unpredictable and can cause a much more dangerous flame. It may take a little longer to start your fire, however, it'll be much more controllable. Once the flame has started, ensure yourself and people around you do not stand too close to it. Sparks coming from the fire can set fire to clothes quickly. If that does happen, remember to **Stop, Drop and Roll**:

- **Stop** – stop moving. Don't run around as that will fuel the flame and make it bigger.
- **Drop** – drop to the ground and lie down straight.
- **Roll** – perform a sausage roll on the ground until the flames have been put out.

In addition, ensure any children in attendance are kept a safe distance away from the flames. As I'm sure you are, these events are very exciting for children, however, it is important that they remember to stay safe, and you make sure they do. Over 550 children under the age of 16 are taken to A&E in the four weeks surrounding bonfire night.

Fireworks can be very dangerous if not handled with care. It is important to purchase your fireworks from a licensed retailer to ensure you are not receiving dangerous, unstable fireworks as well as illegal fireworks. Make sure the fireworks have the CE mark. Fireworks should not be stored in pockets. Keep them in a closed box and take them out one at a time when setting them up. Once lit, do not return to the firework unless the instructions indicate otherwise. Do not throw fireworks or point them at other people. Do not throw spent fireworks into bonfires. Be considerate by letting your neighbours know before hand that you plan on setting off fireworks and ensure you are not setting them off too late in the night. It is an offence to set fireworks off between 11pm and 7am. On bonfire night this time is extended to midnight until 7am. Be cautious of animals and wildlife. Fire and loud noises can cause a large amount of stress for domestic pets and wild animals. If you are hosting a bonfire event in a rural area, ensure you are not causing any damage to surrounding plants and wildlife.

Sparklers can be very fun to play with; however, you need to ensure to stay safe when handling them. They burn at 2000 degrees. Glass melts at 1400 degrees. If you children are handling sparklers, make sure you are always supervising them and make sure they are wearing gloves to protect their hands. Do not give sparklers to children under the age of 5.