



## Your local police

South Staffordshire's Local Policing Team works closely with a number of partners on several priority areas and this issue I would like to raise awareness about cybercrime and domestic abuse and show you where to find help and advice to prevent you becoming a victim of crime.

Cybercrime is rising as more and more people use a wide variety of internet enabled devices. There is a vast range of crime that falls under the term cybercrime - fraud, scams, bullying, grooming, to name a few. We would encourage you to become more internet savvy and find ways to stop the cyber criminals fleecing you or putting you or your children in dangerous situations. Children can accidentally fall foul of people pretending to be someone else, so we would urge you to set up parental controls, monitor their use and talk to them about how to keep safe. Take a few minutes to check our website at [www.staffordshire.police.uk/cybercrime](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk/cybercrime) to understand and find helpful safety tips.

Domestic abuse can often be a 'hidden' crime behind closed doors but that doesn't mean it's not going on. People should feel loved and cherished in a relationship, not scared. Domestic abuse is not always physical. It can be emotional, sexual, psychological or financial abuse and can happen between heterosexual and homosexual couples/intimate partners, family members. Offenders can be men and women.

Patterns of behaviour and separate instances of control add up to abuse through intimidation, isolation, depriving victims of their financial independence and regulating their everyday behaviour. We would stress that it is never the victim's fault and vitally important for offenders to understand what they're doing and seek help to stop the misery they are causing.

Visit [www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk](http://www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk) to find more information about the many organisations who offer help and support for victims and offenders.

Inspector Giles Parsons  
South Staffordshire Local Policing Commander

## Useful telephone numbers

**0870 2700 123** (24 hours)  
Staffordshire Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline

**101**  
Police Non-Emergency Number

**0808 2000 247** (24 hours)  
National Domestic Violence Helpline

**0330 0881 339**  
Victim Gateway

## Chairman's visit to Springfield House Care Home

Councillor Bernard Williams, Chairman of South Staffordshire Council, was a special guest at a Christmas lunch event for residents and senior citizens from the local community at Springfield House Care Home in Codsall.



## Volunteer celebration event



Do you know someone who helps and supports others in their local community and who you would like to nominate for a community recognition award?

There are thousands of active volunteers across South Staffordshire supporting a huge variety of community activities. To celebrate this and to coincide with National Volunteers Week in June, residents and community organisations from across the district will be coming together to recognise the valuable contribution of local volunteers.

South Staffordshire Council, South Staffordshire Community & Voluntary Action (SSCVA) and Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS) are working together to host a celebration event which will be held on Saturday 17 June at Codsall Village Hall between 10am and 1pm. The event will be opened by the Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson CBE MP, who will present a variety of volunteer awards at 12.30 pm on the day.

This is a great opportunity to find out what activities are available in your local community, learn more about what's going on and promote any voluntary and community groups that you are involved with.

To nominate someone you think goes the extra mile in your community or for more information visit [www.southstaffordshire.thegoodlife.uk.net](http://www.southstaffordshire.thegoodlife.uk.net) or call **01902 696141**.

## Time to talk about JLR careers

Over 60 students at a local school learnt what it's like to work for industry giant Jaguar Land Rover when Les Ratcliffe, Head of Community Relations at Jaguar Land Rover, accompanied by Councillor Bernard Williams, Chairman of South Staffordshire Council, and Dave Heywood, Chief Executive of South Staffordshire Council, paid a visit to Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School in November.

Les Ratcliffe said, "Each year, we engage with 300,000 young people through our 'Inspiring Tomorrow's Engineers' school STEM education programme. This includes educational visits around the Engine Manufacturing Centre and our other sites and STEM Challenge projects which bring the world of

manufacturing to life. We're keen to promote these opportunities to young people and hope to inspire more students to study STEM subjects and become engineers through our apprentice and graduate routes in the future."

Councillor Bernard Williams added, "It's encouraging that companies such as Jaguar Land Rover give career talks to students. Young people benefit when employers and schools work together and these talks provide young people with an opportunity to hear about education opportunities such as work placements as well as career routes. Ultimately, it helps them make better-informed choices and achieve their true potential."



Students from years 9 to 13 pictured with Councillor Bernard Williams, Chairman of South Staffordshire Council, Les Ratcliffe, Head of Community Relations at Jaguar Land Rover, and Nicky Crookshank, Headteacher at Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School.