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Dear Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Over the last few months you will have heard on the news that West Midlands Police, along with many other public bodies, are facing cuts to their budgets. West Midlands Police are having to find savings amounting to 20% of their total budget over four years.

It is important that these savings are made with the minimum impact on our front line: the police officers and PCSO's who patrol your streets. On way in which we can save considerable sums is to cut the amount spent on postage, stationery and telephone calls. Therefore in future I will be concentrating on communicating with neighbourhood watch co-ordinators and other community contacts by electronic means, such as:

E-mail

West Midlands Police website (www.west-midlands.police.uk)

Facebook

Blogging (<http://kevpittwmp.wordpress.com/>)

and

Twitter (@kevpittwmp)

I will continue to utilise the VC Relay system, though the emphasis will be on sending messages by e-mail where possible.

My main means of contact with neighbourhood watch co-ordinators is now by e-mail. As I do not have an e-mail address for yourself, you are missing out on a great deal of information that would assist you in all sorts of ways. If you have access to an e-mail address I would therefore ask that you either telephone me with the details or send an e-mail from that address to my address (which can be found at the top of this letter). This need not be your own e-mail address. It could belong to a friend, neighbour or relative. Perhaps a younger member of the family has e-mail? Remember you can set up a free e-mail account with a number of providers and use computers at libraries and other centres, if you do not have access to your own.

Not having access to e-mail does not mean you cannot continue to act as a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, just that you may not be as well informed.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Pitt
Community Partnerships Officer



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