

A Message from the Chief Constable

Dear Parish

As you may have seen, national and local figures have been released today on how forces have used the CoVID-19 legislation.

Across our towns and cities in the West Midlands, we have seen most local people complying with the government's restrictions and staying at home to save lives.

My officers have taken every opportunity to speak to people who are out and about and explain why they should return home and, in the vast majority of cases, people have listened and acted positively on the advice.

To everyone who is playing their part and staying at home, I would like to say a huge thank you and keep up the great work because you are doing the right thing to keep yourselves, your family and your friends safe.

A small minority have flouted the restrictions and we have had to resort to enforcement. The number of fixed penalty notices we have issued in the West Midlands between 1 to 14 April is 52. These numbers show we are dealing with the new legislation proportionately and it is only being used as a last resort where a few individuals have refused to co-operate despite our best efforts.

The government restrictions are the most substantial we have ever seen in this country's history. My officers remain on the streets 24 hours a day to support you at this difficult time and to cut crime and keep people safe. We are playing our part, please continue to play yours.

Remember, you can get CoVID-19 related information on our website:

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/coronavirus>

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