

## SmartWater Still Running

Prior to lockdown Parish Councillors began to call on households to gather support for West Mercia Police's We Don't Buy Crime / SmartWater initiative. This programme, which is subsidised by the Police and Crime Commissioner, was explained in the February edition of The Parish Post but for those who can't remember the details they are summarised below. As a result of the pre lockdown visits 80 households have already expressed an interest in joining the programme. However, in order to make the initiative viable in Clunbury Parish viable we need at least 220 households on board. As social distancing rules make door to door canvassing difficult the Parish Council is asking any household who have not already 'signed up' but would like to join the programme to contact a Parish Councillor by phone or email (see below). In this way we hope to reach the magic 80% of households target before the police's offer ends in a few months. Please contact Cllr. David Hill on 660355 or email [davidinclunbury@gmail.com](mailto:davidinclunbury@gmail.com) or Cllr. Pat Harding on 660169 or email [patmharding@aol.com](mailto:patmharding@aol.com) or any Parish Councillor



### Summary of the SmartWater Initiative

West Mercia Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion are offering communities the opportunity to purchase SmartWater kits at a BIG discount. SmartWater is a crime prevention property marking fluid that can be easily used to mark your valuable property. It is invisible in normal light, but shows up under ultraviolet light. Its use in our community would act as a real deterrent to anyone thinking of stealing from somebody's home, and has reduced burglary rates in areas where it has been used. It also helps the Police in reuniting recovered stolen property with its rightful owners.

SmartWater domestic kits come with full instructions on how to register marked property on the SmartWater database. The easy to use packs include:

- Home coding solution
- Window deterrent stickers
- Property stickers
- Instructions
- Registration form

SmartWater is almost impossible to remove, and is capable of marking your valuable items to such a degree that it has been likened to DNA profiling. It effectively marks property with microscopic coding, which is registered on a SmartWater database. Whilst virtually undetectable to the naked eye when dry, the solution can be easily detected on stolen property recovered by the police, who can then establish the true ownership by analysing the fluid and cross-referencing it with the database.

SmartWater kits normally cost from £25 but under this initiative the Parish Council could purchase kits for just under £11 each. If we could achieve at least 70% of all households in the parish registering kits the Police would put up signs warning potential miscreants that this was a SmartWater area.

The Parish Council believes that our community should embrace this opportunity to improve our security and is hoping that sufficient households in the Parish will agree to join the initiative to make it viable and will make a contribution towards the cost. For more details contact any Parish Councillor (contact details are on the Parish Council pages of [theparishpost.org](http://theparishpost.org) website).