

David joined West Mercia as Special Constable in 1998 and it was early in his career that it was noted how totally committed he was to his position.

This has become clearly evident as he has immersed himself totally in the best principles and practices of the local policing model. David is considered by both his regular and special colleagues alike to be “part of the furniture”.

He has an in-depth knowledge of the towns he patrols and is able to recite the targeted local policing patrol menus virtually from memory.

David arrives for duty like clockwork week in and week out. He supports his regular colleagues when they most need him not when it just suits him.

He is always ready to support and assist in organisation of local special events such as the carnival, mayors parade and has become an integral part of the “party in the park” events; an initiative to engage with the local youth community. During these events David can be found performing many diverse tasks that it would be hard to traditionally associate with policing. He may be serving burgers, erecting a music system or hauling a trailer to and from the site. All of this though is assisting the police service to integrate with the community it serves. Particularly in the case of “party in the park” integration with a section of the community where it is traditionally difficult to find common ground

David is also quite at home dealing with the serious, emotive and sometime dangerous issues that manifest themselves during the “public order” shifts of Friday and Saturday nights.

Whilst providing reliable dependable service to West Mercia and his local community David has also been involved with incidents traditionally not associated with that of a Special Constable. He has single-handedly dealt with a leaking gas tanker in a busy town centre ensuring public safety until assistance arrived. He has also assisted in the rescue of many individuals from a tragic river based incident, going on to assist for a total of 14 hours rather than leave his post with the task incomplete.

David exemplifies all that is good about the Special Constabulary. He is totally dependable and reliable and can be given a task in the confidence it will be completed without fuss. He has the ability, commitment and dedication to perform these duties and tasks year in year out with only a kind word and pat on the back to motivate. He will consistently rise to the challenge to deal with the unexpected and ensure the law is upheld all held against a background of fairness and professionalism.