



John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia

We are fortunate that West Mercia is one of the safest policing areas in England and Wales, and an area where most people feel safe. But sadly, knife crime is a growing trend across the UK, and West Mercia is not immune to that trend. As Commissioner, I feel strongly that society as a whole has a unified responsibility to tackle and prevent violent crime, be that in school, at home or out in our communities. I am committed to funding services that divert young people away from crime and criminal exploitation, and ultimately away from the criminal justice system.

The Knife Angel has toured all over the UK, but its visit to Hereford is particularly poignant for me, with the statue being created in Oswestry at the British Ironwork Centre with knives, swords and other weapons seized from public spaces across West Mercia. I am proud of the amazing leadership of the British Ironwork Centre and I am pleased to have played a small part in gathering the knives that make up the iconic statue.

The statue has now become well-known for its anti-violence symbolism, which aims to educate children, young people and adults about the harmful effects that violent behaviour has on communities. I believe that by keeping the issue of knife crime alive and at the forefront of society's consciousness, we can then begin to tackle and overcome it.

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KNIFE ANGEL HEREFORD

14th JUNE - 12th JULY 2021

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NATIONAL UK ANTI-VIOLENCE TOUR

WHAT IS THE KNIFE ANGEL?

The Knife Angel is a stunning 27ft tall, 3.5 ton sculpture of an angel made out of 100,000 confiscated knives received from 43 Police Forces across the UK. Originating from The British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry and created by sculptor Alfie Bradley it took over two years to construct. The Angel has been on tour around the UK and has become a national monument against violence and aggression in all its forms. Clive Knowles CEO and founder of the British Ironwork Centre says "Just imagine in our digital, fast moving world if this anti-violence and aggression stand were to go viral" We can all help to make this happen.

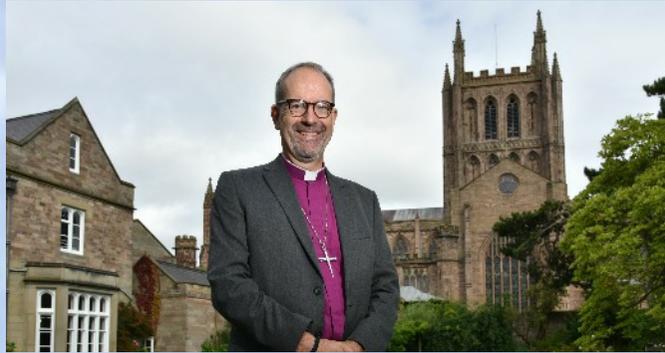


WHO ARE WE?

The team responsible for bringing the Knife Angel to Hereford is headed by Alison Davies and Meryl Cain. Alison lost her son Mark to knife crime in 2018. The team want to raise awareness of the catastrophic impact violent crime has on individuals, families and communities. Please visit the website www.knifeangelhereford.co.uk for a list of FAQ's.



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"Everyone is warmly invited to visit the cathedral during opening hours, where they may pause for reflection and perhaps say a prayer and light a candle at the shrine of St Thomas of Hereford."

**The Rt. Revd. Richard Jackson,
Bishop of Hereford**



USEFUL INFORMATION:-

If you have any information report it to the **Police** on **101** or anonymously to

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Samaritans: 116 123

West Mercia Women's Aid: 0800 7831359

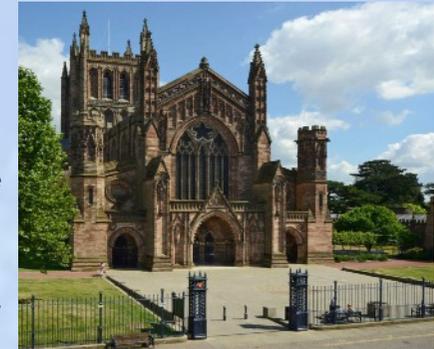
There will be a WEAPONS AMNESTY during the 28 days the Knife Angel is in Hereford. A secure surrender bin travels with the Knife Angel.

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

When the Knife Angel is in Hereford there will be a series of workshops and interactive events. Also on the agenda is a national level conference engaging with professionals working in associated spheres. It is envisaged that this anti violence and aggression initiative will continue as a legacy long after the Angel's departure.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

The Knife Angel will be situated in front of the west door of the cathedral for one month, it can be seen at any time and is free to visit.



HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP?

We will need volunteers and sponsors to:

- Offer pro-bono services or at a reduced rate
- Assist with visitors/groups arriving to see the Knife Angel, hand out leaflets, explain to the public the meaning and making of the Angel
- Assist with workshops for children of all ages (DBS checks will be needed for this)
- Devise and organise fundraising events/initiatives
- Spend time with visitors who have been affected by trauma and signpost them to further support.

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www.justgiving.com/knifeangelhereford