

# Graffiti

Help and  
Guidance

Having your property vandalised by graffiti can be distressing and costly. There are many ways you can help protect your property and deter graffiti vandals.

Create barriers with fences, gates, locks if possible.



Keeping the property clean and neat, vandals are more likely to graffiti property they believe they can get away with it on.



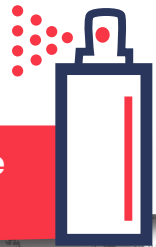
Planting, not only adding to beauty of the area but making the area harder to get to. Consider thorny plants.



Use protective coatings (anti vandal paints) if possible.



Should you be a victim of vandalism/graffiti then you have been a victim of crime. It is important that you report it as a crime.



For non emergencies all 101 to report the crime or email [contactus@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:contactus@westmercia.police.uk)

# What you should do

Note the crime reference number given to you.



Take a photo of the graffiti.



Clean the graffiti or paint over, this gives the message that it will not be tolerated. If possible, use a pressure washer to remove dirt, mildew or other materials that would prevent new paint from adhering. At minimum, clean all surfaces to be painted.



Check any CCTV footage you may have or neighbouring property.



Use a matching paint or a neutral color like grey, white or beige. Paint it in a block or square, making sure that the paint covers all the way to the top and to the bottom.



Should you require help with the suggestions above, the Duckworth Worcestershire Trust will be able to support you email [info@dwt.org.uk](mailto:info@dwt.org.uk)