16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 COUNCIL NEWS ITEM Smartwater Project

The Parish Council has joined forces with West Mercia Police and Smartwater Ltd. to create a 'We don't buy crime community'. This type of project has been successfully developed in several Parishes in Shropshire and many throughout the Country and has proven to be a deterrent to criminal activity. Hadnall is one of the latest to take up the offer.

## Under the scheme:

- (a) The police will be responsible for erecting signs on roads in the area, indicating to commuters that the community they are entering is protected by Smartwater and
- (b) Every household in the Parish will be entitled to receive a free Smartwater kit, which is provided by Smartwater and funded jointly by the Parish Council and the Police. The Smartwater kit would normally cost each household at least £25.00.
  - This kit will enable you to securely mark all your valuables and place a notice in your window declaring that you are protected by 'Smartwater'.

We shall be arranging a venue and several times when the kits can be collected and staff from Smartwater and the Police will be on hand to give you advice and help on how to use the product

These events will be widely advertised and details will appear on the Council notice board, the Council web site, in the Village Hall and if there is time – here in the Newsletter.

If you would like more information about Smartwater you will find details on their web site or you can contact rachaeloakley@smartwater.com or the Parish Clerk.