E-scooters and hoverboards

Make sure you know the law and consider safety before buying, or allowing your child to ride, an e-scooter or hoverboard.

In the West Mercia policing area of Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire there is only one e-scooter trial, based in Redditch. Therefore, unless part of this loan scheme e-scooters and hoverboards can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Electric scooters

Although e-scooters are available to buy they are currently illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes and pedestrian-only areas.

E-scooters are currently classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) by the Government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles in terms of requiring insurance, tax, MOT, licence and registration.

There is no mechanism in place at the moment to obtain any of these for e-scooters so as this requirement can't be met their use in public areas is illegal.

Anyone found using them in public areas risks having the e-scooter seized by the police.

More information can be found at **www.gov.uk/e-scooter**

Hoverboards

Hoverboards, also known as self balancing scooters, are not legal for road use and cannot be ridden on the pavement as this would be an offence under section 72 of the Highways Act 1835.

Safety equipment

All riders, regardless of experience, should wear correctly fitting safety equipment, which includes:

- a motorcycle helmet (E marked or Kite Marked);
- gloves;
- elbow/knee pads.

As riding a motorised vehicle of any kind requires a certain level of skill and judgement, we recommend that young riders are supervised at all times.

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:
www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention/

For crimes in progress call 999.
For non emergencies report online:
www.westmercia.police.uk/report