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ALCESTER POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 11th June 2023

Based at Alcester Police Station, The Safer Neighbourhood team's primary roles are around crime prevention, problem solving both long standing or emerging issues of community concern and community engagement. We are supported at Alcester by colleagues from Patrol teams whose role is to respond to incidents and investigate crimes that occur in the area 24/7. The SNT is supervised by Inspector Hembry who leads on Neighbourhood Policing for Stratford District and Sgt Ebbs who also oversees neighbourhood Policing in the Shipston on Stour area. Alcester SNT currently consists of 2 Police officers and 5 Police Community Support Officers, and our contact details are shown above.

Hello all.

This is our latest combined weekly report and prompt to see if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the Alcester Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Thank you to those that have contacted the Teams this week. If you would like to be removed from this local email circulation list, please let me know asap. This report will also be sent out on the Warwickshire Connected alert system.

For operational and privacy reasons not all the incidents that occur on the Alcester area are listed in this report, although they are recorded on police systems. Please remember to report any anti-social behaviour, suspicious activity, or crimes to us as soon as possible - this can be done via the 101 and 999 telephone numbers or if not an emergency via our online reporting forms that can be found on our website. If you have any information or cctv footage that may relate to the incidents listed, please contact us.

Incidents of note from the last week: -

ALCESTER

- RTC. Station Road. Parked unattended vehicle hit by unknown vehicle that did not stop at the scene. Around 12.30am Saturday 17th June. 0022 17/06/2023

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OVERSLEY WOODS

- ASB. Oversley Wood. Male on off road bike rising on footpaths etc. Caller concerned for pedestrians using the woodland footpaths. 4.30pm Saturday 17th June. 0324 17/06/2023

BIDFORD

- ASB. The Big Meadow. Group of people with cars causing a noise nuisance. Asked by a person working nearby to turn the music down, but they were then assaulted by a member of this group. Enquiries ongoing. 10.10pm Saturday 17th June. 0489 17/06/2023
- ASB. Gardens off the river. Two males on paddle boards had crossed the river and entered private gardens. They were asked to leave by person working at the premises. 3.45pm Saturday 17th June. 0284 17/06/2023

WELFORD

- Suspicious Circumstances. Millers Close. Black Audi A4 seen acting suspiciously in the area. Occupants were two black males in the 20's. Caller concerned regards their motives, plus they had seen on social media that this vehicle had been seen in similar circumstances by other people. 3pm Friday 9th June. 0182 16/06/2023

COUGHTON

- Suspicious Circumstances. Haydon Way. Two people seen on private property. Area search made by police and police dog. Tracks indicate that the people there may have walked back to the layby on the A425. No offences disclosed at the time. 12.40am Thursday 15th June. 0020 15/06/2023

SAMBOURNE

- Vehicle Crime. The Green. Number plates stolen off car. Overnight 14th & 15th June. 0074 Thursday 15th June. 0074 15/06/2023

STUDLEY

- ASB. Alcester Road. Group of youngsters seen going into derelict building. They have removed boards in order to gain access. Caller concerned regards their safety. No one found on police arrival. 5.20pm Saturday 17th June. 0346 17/06/2023
- Attempt Burglary. Mallard Road. Offender(s) have tried to gain access through garage door. This was not achieved. Daytime Friday 16th June. 0513 16/06/2023

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN

- Vehicle Crime. Haye Lane. Silver Land Rover Sport stolen. Found in Birmingham in the morning. Overnight 12th & 13th June. Possibly around 9.55pm on the 12th. 0076 13/06/2023

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HENLEY

- Theft. Shop, High Street. Items stolen by male, by way of shoplifting. Described as a white male, 20's / 30's, wearing a high viz jacket and black trousers. 6.30pm Tuesday 13th June. 0354 13/06/2023

UMBERSLADE

- ASB. Area near to campsite and animals. Two vehicles driving around the land doing 'doughnuts' etc. Causing a general nuisance to the people and animals nearby. Same vehicles seen last week. Evening of Saturday 17th June. 0466 17/06/2023

Summer Crime Prevention Advice

While the weather is hot it is tempting to leave windows and doors open, while you are away, in the garden or just in another part of the house. Unfortunately, this is a perfect opportunity for the passing thief. Here are a few tips to avoid being a victim of crime

- Close or lock windows and doors that are unattended.
 - Remove any valuables from sight.
- Keep car keys away from the side of the house nearest to the vehicle and preferable in a faraday pouch if 'keyless'
- Window opening restrictors allow you to ventilate your home but make sure they can't be picked and unlocked from outside.
- Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
- Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
 - Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.
 - make sure the side gate is locked.
 - Lock your shed or garage.
 - get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme.
- If your door has a letterbox, a guard fitted to the rear of the door will prevent someone reaching in with a stick and a hook to fish for any nearby items such as a handbag or keys – which should never be kept near exterior doors. Consider cat flaps and dog flaps too.
- Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light.
- Consider an accredited burglar alarm system with audible alarm boxes mounted high at the front and rear of your home. Two visible audible alarm boxes are better than one. Mount them at the front and rear of your home, high up to resist tampering.
- **If you see or hear anything suspicious, call the police immediately on 101 or 999 as necessary.**

Have your say – Public Survey

At Warwickshire Police, we recognise the importance of understanding the perceptions and experiences of Warwickshire's diverse communities.

This survey is a platform for you to have your say and your voice heard. The survey is for anyone over 16 years old who lives in, works in, visits or travels through the Warwickshire Police region.

The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

By completing this survey, you agree to Warwickshire Police using your anonymised data for analysis and reporting that will contribute to local policing. Any information you provide will be treated in confidence and stored securely.

Please use the following link to access the survey:

<https://bit.ly/3oex6RY>

Feel free to share with your family and friends.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email the force's Consultation and Engagement team via surveys@warwickshire.police.uk

Do you know how to spot the signs of a cannabis farm:

- Strong odours – Cannabis crops take around three months to grow, odours can be potent in the final weeks.
 - Covered up windows – Curtains always drawn up or windows covered/boarded up from the inside.
 - Excessive security measures – Excessive security measures such as extra locks or grilles on windows.
- Lots of condensation – Cannabis plants need a greenhouse like environment to grow. Look out for condensation on the windows, especially in the summer months.
 - Lots of visitors – Frequent visitors at unsociable hours.
- Resident only visiting address twice weekly – Some cannabis growers are extremely organised and only tend to the plants a couple of times a week.
- Plant growing equipment – Look out for potential growers taking lots of plant growing equipment in and out of properties, such as soil/fertiliser and plant waste.
 - Lot of cables and wiring – Cannabis farm set ups require lots of cables and wirings for all the equipment. If wires are still hanging from ceilings/walls after a week, this may be a sign of a grow.
- Excessive electricity bills (For Landlords) – Have the electricity bills suddenly spiked or dropped? It may be likely that the tenants are fiddling with the meter.
 - Snow or frost – Cannabis farms produce a lot of heat. Be wary of a property without a snow-covered roof.
 - Bright lights day and night – Cannabis plants need light to grow, look out for properties with bright lighting.
 - Buzz of ventilation – The constant noise of a fan could be for ventilation for cannabis grows.
- Vulnerable adults – Sometimes foreign nationals are forced to tend to cannabis farms and are victims of human trafficking/modern slavery.

If you have any information that could help police identify a cannabis farm you can go to www.warwickshire.police.uk/report or call 101. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.