

Alcester Police North SNT. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 9th January 2022

Hello all.

This is our latest weekly report and prompt to see if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the Alcester Police North SNT. Thank you to those that have contacted the Team this week. If you would like to be removed from this local email circulation list, please let me know asap.

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 a public interest from the last week:-

STUDLEY

- *Burglary. The Grove, Studley. Secure shed broken into and items stolen from a briefcase. Reported Friday 7th January. 0108 07/01/2022
- *Anti-Social Behaviour. Toms Town Lane / Littlewood Green, Studley. Moped being ridden up and down the road. Often with two people on – the passengers are not wearing helmets. Causing a general nuisance. Reported 3rd January. 0223 03/01/2022
- *Anti-Social Behaviour. Allendale Crescent, Studley. Ongoing problem with youngsters gathering in area and generally causing a nuisance with noise, litter and cannabis youth.

HENLEY

- *Suspicious Circumstances. Meadow Road, Henley. Noises heard near to car parked on driveway. Area checked by police – nothing untoward found. No offences disclosed at the time. 1am Thursday 6th January. 0008 06/01/2022
- *Vehicle Crime. Beaudesert House, Henley. Damage caused to motorcycle cover and seat. Battery then stolen. Overnight 4th & 5th January. 0065 05/01/2022

DANZEY GREEN

- *Burglary. Farm premises, Danzey Green. Yard and Barn entered. Nothing believed stolen at the time of the report. Overnight 4th & 5th January. 0170 05/01/2022
- *Burglary. Farm premises, Danzey Green. Containers and workshop entered. Quad bike and trailer stolen. Overnight 4th & 5th January. 0078 05/01/2022

ULLENHALL

- *Vehicle Crime. St Marys Close, Ullenhall. Front and rear number plates unscrewed and stolen from car. Between 5th & 6th January. 0117 06/01/2022

Keeping your outbuildings safe and secure - Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower. An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house. Check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft.

Think like a thief - Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

- Alarm it
- Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.
- Lock it, hide it or mark it
- Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.
- Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit Sold Secure to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.
- It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.
- Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.
- Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

The top five most common items stolen from sheds

1. Bikes
2. Mowers
3. Sports equipment
4. Power tools
5. Garden tools

Neighbourhood Watch - Local Neighbourhood Watch schemes work in a variety of ways that reflect the needs of the local community. This includes: sharing crime prevention advice and information; running awareness campaigns; holding social events and awards for local people and businesses; leading community projects, such as litter picks, a community café, flood defence response, presentations in schools and work with young people and children and community messaging with the police. For further information on the work of the NHW and instructions on how to create or join a scheme, visit here - <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>
The Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch page can be found here - <http://warwickshirenwa.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Vehicle Crime – Here are a few crime prevention tips to deter vehicle crime.

- Always lock your vehicle. Whether it's in the garage, on the driveway of your house, unattended for a few seconds or in an isolated car park, lock it and activate any alarm system.

- Always remove valuable items from the vehicle. If this cannot be done the items must be removed from view and secured in a glove box or boot.
- Fit an alarm that will activate on movement in the vehicle. An alarm that can notify you in real time that there is a problem is extremely useful.
- Items such as tools and machinery that cannot be removed can be secured in lockers and security marked with high visibility paint etc.
- If available, park your vehicle in a location that is covered by CCTV, overlooked by houses or is in an area that is in constant use.
- Use anti-theft screws and sticky pads for number plates. If you have a plate that is stolen, replace it with one that has a different design so it is distinguishable from the stolen plate.
- If you see or hear any suspicious activity around a car or car park, ring 101 to report straight away. Active crimes where the offenders are still at the scene can be reported on 999.
- For further advice visit - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/>

Street Safe - The force is supporting StreetSafe a new national online tool to allow people to flag places where they have felt unsafe. The system - which is primarily aimed at women and girls - allows members of the public to anonymously drop a pin onto a map and describe factors that caused them concern, including behavioural or environmental reasons why they felt unsafe. Superintendent Mike Smith, community and response policing lead for Warwickshire Police, said: "We're pleased to support and promote this national initiative. Everyone has a right to walk the streets safely and we are committed to ensuring this happens. A key part of this is tackling violence against women. "We will use the information collected using this tool alongside other community intelligence to identify areas of concern and put measures in place to address them."

More information - <https://bit.ly/3DIF6gO>

Access StreetSafe - www.police.uk/StreetSafe

Welcome to Warwickshire Connected - Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work. Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that's getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing. This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm. The Alcester Police weekly report will continue to be sent out via email to our own circulation list (for the time being) and also on this new system, but we encourage members of the community and business owners in the area to sign up to receive our reports and more. Sign up here - <https://www.warwickshireconnected.com/>

Crimestoppers – Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives you the power to speak up to stop crime, 100% anonymously. This can be done by phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year. After receiving a call or a completed anonymous online form, crimestoppers creates a report that brings together all the information

given making sure it doesn't contain any information that could identify the caller. The report is then sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. This could be the police force or an agency such as the UK Border Agency or HM Revenue & Customs. The telephone number is 0800555111. The online reporting form can be found here - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/Give-information>

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Alcester Police Office Phone Number - 01789 444816 (not to be used for emergencies or priority calls. Always report incidents on 101). Online reporting services are also available on our website - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

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We do not monitor our social media or the local Facebook pages, so please do not use them to report incidents or to pass on important information. Please call us on 101, 999 or use the online reporting forms as required.