

Alcester Police North SNT. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 21st November. 2021

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:-

COUGHTON

- *Vehicle Crime. Coughton Fields Lane, Coughton. Blue Land Rover stolen without keys. 1.25am Sunday 21st November. 0130 21/11/2021.

SAMBOURNE

- *Vehicle Crime. Sambourne Lane, Sambourne. Both number plates stolen off car. Overnight 16th & 17th November. Noises heard at 12.25am. 0125 17/11/2021
- *Vehicle Crime. Trust Cottages, Sambourne. 3m tipper trailer stolen. Overnight 14th & 15th November. 0066 15/11/2021

STUDLEY

- *Vehicle Crime. Middletown Lane, Studley. Secure White Vauxhall Astra stolen from driveway. Overnight 20th & 21st November. 0072 21/11/2021
- *Damage / ASB. Sports Fields, Eldorado Close, Studley. Roof on football dug outs damaged. Bin also thrown onto pitch. Caller concerned regards the increase of ASB in the area. Reported 19th November. 0111 19/11/2021
- *Vehicle Crime. Bell Mead, Studley. Secure works van broken into and various items stolen. Intel from the area suggest that the offence occurred at midnight 16th / 17th November. 0107 17/11/2021
- *Vehicle Crime. Bell Mead, Studley. Number plate stolen from car. Overnight 16th & 17th November. 0051 17/11/2021
- *Attempt Theft. Business, Bromsgrove Road, Studley. Two males in a white van have tried to steal cooking fat from the side of business. They have been challenged and have put the oil back. The first part of the registration number was 'EN07'. 8am Monday 15th November. 0123 16/11/2021
- Suspicious Circumstances. Holt Gardens, Studley. Man and female from a white van seen looking through skip. The first part of the registration number was 'F10'. 9.45am Tuesday 16th November. 0107 16/11/2021

WOOTTON WAWEN

- *Vehicle Crime. Stratford Road, Wootton Wawen. Catalytic converter stolen from a Toyota Auris. Between 13th & 16th November. 0290 16/11/2021

HENLEY

- *Vehicle Crime. High Street, Henley. Secure Light Blue/Grey Range Rover stolen by male with full face mask. Last seen in Station Road. Area Search made by police and vehicle located by West Midlands Police on their area forty minutes later. 11.20pm Thursday 18th November. 0435 18/11/2021
- *Theft. Warwick Road, Henley. Two fire extinguishers stolen from equipment cabinet on forecourt of business. Intel from the area suggest that the offenders arrived in a Silver VW Jetta with a registration number starting 'FM08'. 8.10pm Tuesday 16th November. 0103 17/11/2021
- *Vehicle Crime. Riverside Gardens, Henley. Catalytic converter stolen from car. Overnight 13th & 14th November. 0225 15/11/2021

TANWORTH

- *Vehicle Crime. Penn Lane, Tanworth. Secure Black Fiat Abarth stolen without keys. Overnight 17th & 18th November. 0108 18/11/2021

EARLSWOOD

- *Vehicle Crime. Car park, Forshaw Heath Lane, Earlswood. Secure works van entered, although nothing believed stolen. Overnight 11th & 12th November. 0167 17/11/2021

CLAVERDON

- *Vehicle Crime. Church Road, Claverdon. Both number plates stolen off car. Overnight 14th & 15th November. 0065 15/11/2021

What is happening in your area? – Explore the latest crime statistics, find the force responsible in any area, read about how they are performing and what's being done to tackle crime by visiting the Police UK website - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/>

Catalytic converter theft protection advice - Did you know a thief can steal a catalytic converter in a matter of minutes? Most vehicles have catalytic converters, which can be stolen for the value of the precious metals or illegally re-sold. We've seen a recent spate in catalytic converter thefts across the county. Thieves tend to target hybrid cars – including models such as the Toyota Prius, Auris, Honda Jazz and Lexus – as the value of their converter is higher and they can be accessed more easily with a jack.

The simplest way to prevent catalytic converter theft is to put your vehicle in a garage or secured area if you have one. Alarms, lighting and CCTV can also help to deter thieves.

Other ways to protect your vehicle include:

- buying and fitting a protection device specifically to cover the catalytic converter
- installing motion-activated lighting if you park your vehicle on a driveway, but if this isn't possible, park it in a well-lit, busy area

- using your vehicle's alarm or installing a Thatcham approved alarm, which should activate if the vehicle is tilted or lifted
- ensuring your dashcam is set to detect movement
- looking out for anyone 'working' or acting suspiciously under vehicles (particularly in busy car parks)
- avoid parking half on and half off the pavement as this makes it easier for thieves to access underneath the vehicle

In addition, if you are going to be visiting somewhere for a long period of time (e.g. a supermarket), we would advise you to park so it is difficult for thieves to lift your vehicle. Marking kits are available which can assist police investigations as converters can be tracked back to the vehicle they came from if located. Please call 101 to report any incident and always dial 999 if you see a crime in action.

Keeping your shed or garage 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

Public Contact Survey 2021 - Warwickshire Police is committed to being able to deliver an effective and appropriate response to all requests for service. We appreciate it can be a traumatic and difficult time when you may need to contact the police and therefore we are continuously seeking ways to improve the experience, not least at the very first point of contact you have with the force. To help inform our understanding of how people wish to contact and engage with the force and the services provided, we invite you to participate in a survey. The purpose of this survey

is to understand the views of the public and how you interact with the police to help us learn, adapt and improve our services. <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163153197663>

Make The Right Call - To help people contact the right service first time, there are a number of pages on our website which advise who the best agency is to speak to on issues including fly-tipping, noise complaints and parking, as well as reporting abuse on social media. <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/campaigns/campaigns/2019/make-the-right-call/>

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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/>

Twitter - @AlcesterCops
Facebook - Alcester Police
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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.

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