

## **Alcester Police North SNT. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 12th December 2021**

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 Hill, Coughton. Secure Silver Ford Transit stolen. Overnight 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December. 0038 08/12/2021

### **STUDLEY**

- \*Anti-Social Behaviour. Allendale Court, Studley. Youths seen congregating in the stairwell to the premises and generally being a nuisance. SNT to monitor. Reported 12<sup>th</sup> December. 0186 12/12/2021
- \*Theft. Store, Alcester Road, Studley. Two males have stolen items from store by way of shoplifting. They have put items in baskets and walked out, joining two females outside. They all drove off on in a White Renault Megan. 7.45pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. 0339 08/12/2021

### **MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN**

- \*Burglary. Farm premises, Mappleborough Green. Chop saw and five cooling units stolen. Between 4am and 6am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. 0176 06/12/2021

### **HENLEY**

- \*Suspicious Circumstances. Edge Lane, Henley. Following alarm activation, two males were seen in private garden. The males made off in a vehicle. No further offences disclosed at the time. 2.30am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. 0022 08/12/2021

**Warwickshire Police to have more officers on duty over the busy festive period** - The force has identified nights over the festive period that are likely to be some of the busiest of the year. These nights will see extra officers on the streets and extra officers to process prisoners. Chief Inspector Steve Beard is leading the Christmas policing operation this year. He said: "We expect some of the nights over Christmas to be extremely busy in the pubs and clubs across the county. We'll have extra officers on the streets to help people stay safe and we'll have other extra officers on duty to help take care of those who don't behave themselves. "We know the vast majority of people will go out, have a good time and go home safely.

Unfortunately, as we all know, there's a minority of people who don't stay in control and cause trouble; we will not hesitate to take action to address this type of behaviour. "Our main advice to people going out celebrating this Christmas is know your limits, stay in control and look out for your mates. "If one of your mates is looking for trouble get them home before we need to intervene."

### **Don't fall foul of Drink / Drug Driving this Christmas**

**Drink driving** - The legal alcohol limit in the UK for driving is 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood or 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. There is no way to know how much you can drink and stay under the limit, since it can depend on your weight, age, metabolism, the amount of food you've eaten and other factors. It's impossible to get alcohol out of your system quickly, it always takes time. A shower, a cup of coffee or other ways of 'sobering up' may make you feel better but won't remove the alcohol from your system. If you've been out drinking, you may still be affected by alcohol the next day and could lose your licence if you drive and are still over the legal limit. Alcohol affects everyone differently and any amount can impair your ability to drive. The only safe option is to avoid alcohol completely if you're driving as even 'just one drink' could put you over the limit. If you're driving, don't drink any alcohol at all.

**Drug driving** - It's an offence to drive with any of 17 controlled drugs above a specified level in your blood. This includes illegal and legally prescribed drugs. The limit set for each drug is different, and for illegal drugs the limits set are extremely low. They aren't zero to rule out any accidental exposure (e.g. from passive smoking). You should always check with your doctor or pharmacist if you're unsure about whether your prescription or over-the-counter medication will affect your ability to drive.

The biggest risk you take when driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is the risk of causing a collision.

Driving under the influence of drink or drugs is extremely dangerous and can affect your driving in numerous ways, such as:

- ability to judge speed and distance
- reaction and coordination skills
- blurry or impaired vision
- drowsiness
- aggression
- erratic behaviour
- panic attacks and paranoia
- hallucinations
- nausea
- dizziness
- tremors

Alcohol and drugs can also create a false confidence which can lead to an increase in risk-taking behaviour, which puts your life and the lives of others in danger.

Penalties - If you're found to be over the drink-drive limit, and/or driving while impaired by drugs, you can receive:

- a criminal record
- a maximum penalty of six months in prison

- an unlimited fine
- an automatic driving ban of at least one year (three years if you have been convicted twice in 10 years)

Other problems you may face include:

- an endorsement on your driving licence for 11 years
- an increased insurance premium
- if you drive for work, your employer will see your conviction on your licence
- trouble travelling to countries like the USA

Penalties for causing death whilst driving dangerously under the influence of alcohol or drugs - If a driver kills someone while under the influence of alcohol, they can be charged with causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs (Section 3A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991, section 3)), which carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison and an unlimited fine.

### **Going out for Christmas - Checklist for securing your home when you leave it -**

It's vital to leave your home secure whenever you leave it. Getting into an 'exit routine' can help ensure that you don't forget obvious, important things, like not leaving your valuables near windows, or no lights on if it will be dark before you get home. Here's what you should do just before you go out. Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything. Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- double-lock any door
- make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- in the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- if you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- set your burglar alarm
- make sure the side gate is locked
- lock your shed or garage
- lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor

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