

Alcester Police North SNT. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 23rd January 2022

Hello all.

This is our latest weekly report and prompt to see if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the Neighbourhood Team. Thank you to those that have contacted the Team this week. If you would like a 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 our police systems. **Please remember to report any anti-social behaviour, suspicious activity or crime** done via the 101 and 999 telephone numbers or if not an emergency via our online reporting forms. 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:-

MORTON BAGOT

- *Burglary. Farm, Morton Bagot. Quad bike stolen from farm. 5am Friday 21st January. 0080

STUDLEY

- *Vehicle Crime. Node Hill Close, Studley. Front number plate on car unscrewed and stolen. 18/01/2022

WOOTTON WAWEN

- *Vehicle Crime. Pennyford Lane, Wootton Wawen. Quad bike stolen from premises. Found on 21st & 22nd January. 0102 21/01/2022

HENLEY

- *Vehicle Crime. Arden Road, Henley. Batteries stolen from caravan and car parked on driveway. SD-853-22-2323-0
- *Theft. Shop, High Street, Henley. Items stolen from shop by male offender. 4.30pm Sunday 16/01/2022

ULLENHALL

- *Vehicle Crime. Rams Hill Lane, Ullenhall. Person(s) have attempted to gain entry to secured area. 0148 18/01/2022

HOCKLEY HEATH

- *Vehicle Crime. Car park, Stratford Road, Hockley Heath. Hole cut in driver's door of secured car. Car stolen. Overnight 18th & 19th January. 0080 19/01/2022

CCTV – If you have any cctv footage that may show offenders or suspicious vehicles relating to the incidents listed, please contact us. Footage that clearly shows the faces of possible offenders, their clothing or the registration number of the vehicle is of great interest. Please contact us for crime enquiries.

Crimestoppers – Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives you the power to speak up to help solve crimes. You can do this by phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year. After receiving a call or a completed anonymous report, Crimestoppers will pass that information to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people. The relevant authority could be the police force or an agency such as the UK Border Agency or HM Revenue & Customs. The online reporting form can be found here - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/Give-information>

Keeping your outbuildings safe and secure - Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the first place with an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower. And first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house. Check that your insurance covers outbuildings from theft.

Think like a thief - Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows they should be 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 of doors.
- Lock it, hide it or mark it
- Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. If possible, shed doors should be secured with a chain.
- Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit Sold Secure for 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 hidden.
- Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked.
- Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or phone number.

The top five most common items stolen from sheds

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

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 in a public 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 to a secure boot.
- Fit an alarm that will activate on movement in the vehicle. An alarm that can notify you in real time is most useful.
- Items such as tools and machinery that cannot be removed can be secured in lockers and stores.
- If available, park your vehicle in a location that is covered by CCTV, overlooked by houses or other buildings.
- Use anti-theft screws and sticky pads for number plates. If you have a plate that is stolen, replacement 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. If you 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>

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