

# WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

## WARWICK CENTRAL

### SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

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DECEMBER 2018



CHASE MEADOW – EMSCOTE - HEATHCOTE - THE FORBES ESTATE – THE PACKMORES  
THE PERCY ESTATE - THE WOODLOES – WARWICK GATES – WARWICK TOWN

### INCIDENT OVERVIEW

Incidents recorded for the Warwick Central Safer Neighbourhood Team for November 2018:

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>	<b>OCTOBER 2018</b>
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	60	69	50
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	14	30	9
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	8	4	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	20	33	18
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	30	19	13
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1	6	4
VIOLENCE	22	31	29

\* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

### CRIME OVERVIEW

This section looks at the crimes of public interest that have occurred on the Warwick Central Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area, crimes such as burglary, theft, auto crime and criminal damage: Below is a very brief overview of the types of incidents that have been reported to us.



**BURGLARIES:** Both Residential and Commercial burglaries up a little this month compared to last month, and the same period last year. Garden sheds and garages proving popular with offenders seeking out high value electrical tools such as drills and strimmers. With the darker nights, don't leave the house without leaving lights on to give the impression people are at home if you are going out, and know you'll be home after dark, get some timer switches, so you aren't returning to a house in darkness.

**AUTOCRIME:** The last few days of the month saw a spike in the number of incidents of thefts from motor vehicles which is a very real concern. Valuables are still being left in cars, and cars are still being left insecure. Removing the temptation, removes the risk of becoming a victim, and by checking your car is safe and secure, reduces that risk even further. All that said, these offenders are

POLICE WARNING

**Motorists!**  
Don't leave  
valuables  
in your  
car

happy to try door after door, street after street, and their “industry” has been rewarded, and unfortunately this was the case in the very early hours of 28<sup>th</sup> November across Warwick Gates and the new development on the Heathcote and Harbury Lane. As part of our Community Priority taskings, and as a result of recent events, we have been out trying car doors in the area, and on one night alone on Warwick Gates, **we found 27 insecure vehicles**. This shows the scale of the problem, and just how easy it is for wannabe crooks to get into cars, and once in, to take whatever they think they can sell on for a profit.



**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** ASB incidents up lightly on October. Calls to McDonalds starting up again, after a recent lull. We still continue to receive calls regarding youths causing a nuisance around the Racecourse and the Hampton Road corridor. A few incidents of properties on Ophelia Drive having stones being thrown at them from youths using some of the alleyways as cover. Other calls relate to 2 males on scooters setting fireworks off on cars parked on Greville Road, 2 schoolboys trying to push all the planks of wood that is being used to replace the lock gates, into the canal, as well as the usual neighbour disputes.



**CRIMINAL DAMAGE:** Incidents Damage fairly static during November. A couple of domestic properties reported smashed windows, as did a local school after a pupil went on a destructive spree. The hospital also had issues with a patient breaking fire alarms whilst being treated. The rest of the calls of Criminal Damage are to vehicles parked on the streets of Warwick.



**THEFTS:** 15 incidents of Shoplifting reported in November. Cosmetics, including electric toothbrushes and Gillette razor blades proving popular this month, and with Christmas fast approaching, wines and spirits also proving popular.

### **INCIDENTS & ISSUES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.**

Below is a brief selection of some of the incidents that have occurred across the area, ward by ward.....

***\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE BASED ON THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WARDS, AND NOT THE WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS\*\****

### **WARWICK NORTH WARD:**

- 1 attempted commercial burglary at McColls on Spinney Hill in the early hours of 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, and 1 attempted residential burglary at a property on the Greenway on the Woodloes whilst the owner was away on holiday towards the end of October. Just the 1 confirmed burglary where a property on the Woodloes was broken into whilst the owner was in hospital. It is believed a quantity of jewellery was taken.
- 9 reports of ASB in November. A couple of neighbour disputes in that number, as well as a few issues with youths around Portobello Way and a road rage incident on Spinney Hill.
- 7 incidents of Thefts from Motor Vehicle (TFMV) this time around. 2 relate to a local national chain hotel which was targeted overnight of 8<sup>th</sup> into 9<sup>th</sup> November. The other 5 were all around Spinney Hill and Chesford Crescent.

### **WARWICK WEST WARD:**

- 3 confirmed residential burglaries last month. A garage on The Butts was broken into and a car that was parked inside was entered and a SatNav removed. The other two were on Priors Grove Close, and Young Close.
- In terms of ASB, the Racecourse, is still a place where youths like to congregate, which on the whole doesn't cause any problems, but it's the odd one or two within the group that spoil it for the rest, and is the reason why we get called. Other incidents include patients at Warwick hospital causing issues for staff, and revellers leaving some of the town centre pubs.
- 3 incidents of Theft from motor vehicle. 1 was on Wavytree Close, the other 2 were either on a shop forecourt, or a hotel car park.

### **WARWICK SOUTH WARD:**

- Another relatively quiet month in terms of ASB, although calls to McDonalds starting to increase slightly, as local youths are looking for somewhere warm and dry to catch up with friends.
- 20 incidents of Theft From motor Vehicle during November. The new development on Harbury Lane has been worst hit, but the wider Heathcote Estate bearing the brunt.
- A couple of confirmed burglaries this month, but a number of attempted burglaries. A number of garages along the Harbury Lane corridor were tried in the early hours of 28<sup>th</sup> November. From the CCTV footage, it appears to be a group of 3 or 4 teenagers trying random garages.

**If you have any information about these, or any other incidents, then please get in to touch as soon as possible on the contact numbers shown on Page 10.**



### **GOOD NEWS STORIES**

- PCSO Matt Hall left the team on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 but is staying with Warwickshire Police, and has just started his training to become a regular Police Constable, and we wish him all the very best.
- We have 2 new PCSOs who are currently in training, and are expected to join the team early January 2019.
- 3 local youths have been referred to the "Arrest Diversion Scheme" following incidents in the Town. 2 were involved in an affray at Warwick Racecourse, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> for an assault on an officer at the Mop in October.
- A male from Rugby was jailed for 8 months after being found guilty of the theft of an antique inkwell from Warwick Castle back in July.
- 3 local males have been jailed for their part in a cross border drug dealing gang. Their sentences range from 6 ½ years to 3 ½ years. 3 further males are also due to be sentenced in early 2019 for their involvement in the same drug ring.

### **APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES**

## DON'T RISK A DRINK DRIVE CONVICTION THIS CHRISTMAS



Motorists across Warwickshire are being reminded of the dangers of driving under the influence of drink or drugs during the festive period.

With the season of festivities nearly underway Warwickshire Police are launching a publicity and enforcement campaign to raise awareness of the issues around drink and drug driving. The topic is being highlighted across social media and local radio advertising will be taking place across the region. Increased enforcement activity from police officers across Warwickshire will also be in place.

There is no fool proof way of calculating how much you can drink and remain under the limit, or knowing how much an individual person can drink and still drive safely. Importantly, it is hard to calculate how long alcohol may stay in your body if you are driving the morning after so the safest option if you are driving is to drink no alcohol at all. There are plenty of alternatives available with public transport, taxis and sharing designated drivers. Pedestrians are also being encouraged to stay safe during the festive season and to plan safe routes home and to drink responsibly.

Figures indicate that, over the past 3 years, 10 people were killed and 80 seriously injured in Warwickshire following collisions where drink or drugs were recorded as a contributory factor.

The campaign supports the month long winter drink drive campaign (starting 1<sup>st</sup> December) by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC). Police forces throughout the UK will be working hard throughout December to make sure the roads are safe for everyone this Christmas and Warwickshire Police will certainly be no exception to this. Enforcing the drink and drug drive law is a 24/7 commitment for Warwickshire Police and to reflect this police officers will be enforcing at all times of the day and night.

Assistant Chief Constable Alex Franklin-Smith for Warwickshire Police comments: "There are still people out there who feel they can gamble with drinking and driving and think they know how much the limit is but the simple fact is, there is only one way of being sure that you are safe to drive and that is not to drink at all. Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive. Worryingly, and despite many warnings over the years about the dangers of drink/drug driving, there are still far too many reckless drivers ignoring the devastating consequences. Alcohol and drugs both affect your ability to judge speed and distances accurately and slow down your reaction time. We're urging people to think hard about the consequences that a collision and a conviction could lead to".



## **COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP UPDATES**

### **REGISTER TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY MESSAGING SERVICE (CMS)**

If you haven't already registered, please follow the link below and start receiving news message and alerts from us.

CMS is the ideal way to keep updated with what is happening in and around your local area. Whether you live in Warwick, or work here, or simply have an interest in the town, there is CMS group to suit you, and keep you up to date with what's happening in the area. There is Business Watch, Community Watch, Faith Watch, Forecourt Watch,



Horse Watch, Pub/Hotel Watch, Rural Watch, Shop Watch and Waterways Watch.

To start receiving these alerts and messages you will need to register your interest by clicking on the link below - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/8217/Register-to-receive-messages-from-our-Community-Messaging-Service>

### **INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

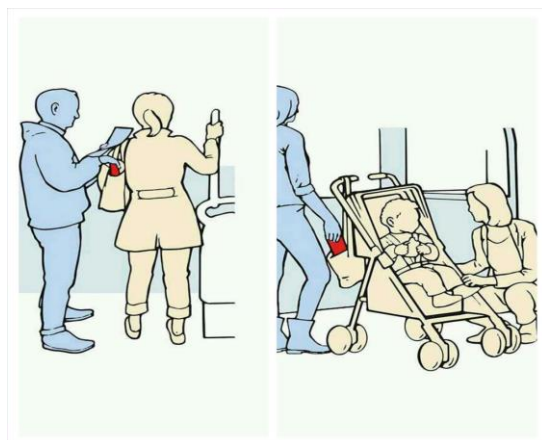
#### **PICK-POCKETS.**

Over recent weeks we have received a few calls from shoppers around the town reporting their wallets or purses missing believing they have been pick-pocketed.

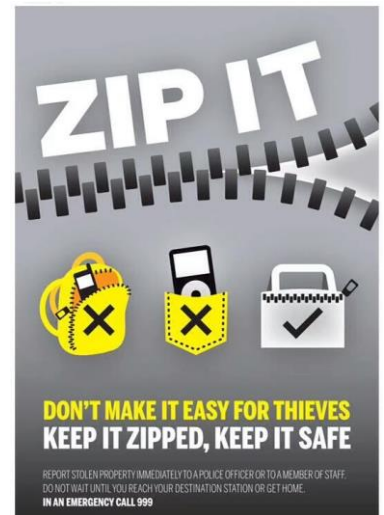
With the Festive period almost here, and people busy Christmas shopping, it's worth thinking about your personal safety and security when out shopping around town as many people are often oblivious to people looking to take advantage of wallets, purses and handbags packed with cash and credit cards. A lot of the following is also very relevant if you are out socialising on an evening out, as a crowded bar or pub can over suitable cover for pickpockets to ply their trade.



- If you are using public transport, be ever mindful of who is standing close to you, and be extra vigilant if they are holding a newspaper/magazine, as this provides ideal cover for a quick dip into you bag, or coat pocket.
- Bags on the back of pushchairs, are often easy pickings for thieves, as you are distracted tending to your little 'uns.
- Pickpockets quite often work in tandem, with one distracting the victim, whilst the other one does the "dipping"



- Always be suspicious if you are approached by strangers asking directions, or for the time. Whilst many are genuine; they could however be acting as a decoy for their friend who is busy rummaging through your belongings.
- When using an ATM/Cashpoint, be mindful of your surrounding and who else is hanging around the machine. If in doubt, let others in the queue use the machine before you, or simply use another bank.
- NEVER accept help from people wanting to show you how to use the cashpoint, and never divulge PIN numbers or personal details to people hanging around the ATM.
- Try not to carry large amounts of cash out with you, but if you do, try and split it across different pockets and locations.
- Be mindful when paying for items with cash that you don't advertise the fact you have large rolls of money, as this will certainly draw unnecessary attention.
- If you stop for a cake and coffee on your shopping expedition, always remember to keep an eye of your bags of shopping, and keep them close to you.
- Consider purse bells, as they will hopefully alert you should someone try and steal out of your handbag.
- Don't make it easy; keep ALL your bags ZIPPED at all time



## VEHICLE CRIME

**A CAR KEY BURGLARY** is a crime where an individual breaks into your home with the specific aim of removing your car keys and stealing your car. As car manufacturers have made security such a priority over the last few years, thieves are finding it harder to steal vehicles in the conventional ways.

Perpetrators of this crime often work to order and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. If a criminal is targeting a certain vehicle they will also be targeting the owner, looking for easy ways to exploit their security and get to their keys.

The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.

### Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car key burglars:

Simple crime prevention methods are the most effective way to deter potential thieves. The more difficult you make it for them, the less likely they are to bother. You can use a number of methods to protect both your car and home:



### Protecting your car:

- Always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight. Car thieves can often obtain keys by using a long stick with a hook on the end and reach through a cat flap or letterbox and hook your car keys if they are within reach.
- Always lock your car away safely, ideally in a garage if you have one.
- Fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle and consider installing a tracker.
- Use additional security systems such immobilisers and visible security locks.
- Always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended.
- Always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places.
- Make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle.
- Don't assume your key fob has locked the vehicle, always check it manually to make 100% sure it is locked and secure.
- If you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove

### **Protecting your home:**

- Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked.
- Install a high quality burglar alarm.
- Install an exterior security lighting system.

### **It's not just your car keys:**

Like all thieves, car key burglars are opportunists. If they enter your home and cannot find your keys they will steal any valuables they can fit into their pockets or remove without arousing suspicion.

Wallets, purses, credit cards, cash, watches or jewellery will all be taken along with your car keys and car if left on display.

### **What to do if you are burgled:**

If you are the victim of a burglary of any kind, call 999 immediately. If you find yourself face to face with an intruder in your home DO NOT confront them. The minute you confront an intruder you increase the risk of personal harm to yourself and others. Don't take the risk. Remember a car is a block of metal, and a material object that is replaceable, you aren't!

**MOTORCYCLES** can be an easy target for thieves if they are not secured as they can be wheeled away or bundled into a van in seconds. Motorcycles are twice as likely to be stolen as cars so it's important to keep them safe by taking steps to protect them and by choosing the right security devices.

There are a number of mechanical and electronic security devices available to help make your bike more secure and a few simple precautions could prevent you becoming a victim of theft:

- Buy an alarm, immobiliser and secondary locks like a disc lock, U-lock, chain or cable lock.
- Always use the steering lock.
- Park your motorcycle in good light and where it can be seen, ideally in a garage if you have one. Cover your machine where possible.



- Whenever possible, avoid leaving your helmet, gloves or other possessions on the machine.
- Consider security marking on as many parts of your bike as possible, and make notes of serial numbers on parts.
- The use of approved anti-theft devices such as Sold Secure or Thatcham may help to reduce your insurance premium as well as deterring potential thieves.
- Wherever possible, use parking spaces which are built especially for motorbikes and have stands or security loops for you to secure your machine to.



## **WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Warwick Space, Coten End in Warwick were.....

1. **School Parking Patrols.** To conduct high visibility patrols of all local schools in the area both in the mornings as well as the evenings and deal with a variety of motoring offences, including seatbelts, mobile phones, speeding and inappropriately parked vehicles. *1 patrol done to date.*
2. **Town Centre Patrols.** To carry out Hi-Viz patrols of the Town Centre, to offer reassurance to visitor and retailers alike. During the Christmas period, this will also involve more plain clothed patrols to hopefully ID pickpockets and known shoplifters operating in the area. *4 patrols done to date.*
3. **Vehicle Crime Patrols.** Patrols of local car parks and residential areas to identify vulnerable vehicles and to offer crime prevention advice to the owners. *9 patrols done to date.*
4. **Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols of the Lower Emscote Road.** Carry out patrols of the Lower Emscote Road, around Bridge Street and Portobello Way in Warwick. Dealing with people acting in an anti-social manner. We will also be intelligence gathering in terms of any other illicit behaviour in the area. *1 patrol done to date.*

FIGURES CORRECT AS OF MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

The date, time and location of the next Warwick Town Community Forum is TBC.

More details can be found at –

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickforum>



## **MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST MARYS.** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm at St Marys Church. For me details click on [www.armonico.org.uk](http://www.armonico.org.uk)





## USEFUL CONTACTS

Below are some advice sheets to help explain community issues and to better signpost people to the most appropriate agency to deal with them.

Simply click on the link beneath the picture and you will some quick hints and tips on how best to deal with your issues, concerns or complaints.



NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE



NOISE ISSUES



HIGHWAYS & ROAD FAULTS



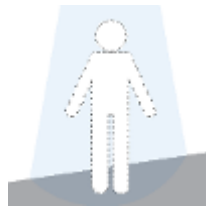
ASSAULTS



ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



CYBER CRIME



MISSING PERSONS



FLY-TIPPING



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



CIVIL DISPUTES



DOG FOULING



PARKING

**Warwick SNT would like to wish you all  
a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and  
Happy New Year**



# WARWICK CENTRAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PS 1958 Chris KITSON (Team Manager)



PC 1176 Jamie PARKER (Beat Manager)



PC 723 Ilse TARBUCK (Beat Manager)



PCSO 6179 Pete GROOM



## Ways to get in touch with the Team

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🌐 <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/1892/Warwick-Central>

☎ **999** – In an Emergency

☎ **101** – To report a Crime

☎ **01926 684361** – To contact the team directly (Not for reporting Crime)