

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

WARWICK CENTRAL

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

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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 October 2018:

INCIDENT TYPE:	OCTOBER 2018	OCTOBER 2017	SEPTEMBER 2018
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	50	83	54
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	9	25	9
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	2	6	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	18	31	20
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	13	16	22
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	4	1	0
VIOLENCE	29	37	24

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF FRIDAY 2ND 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: Residential burglaries static again this month, but down considerably on the same period last year. Once again, garden sheds and garages proving popular for offenders looking for high value electrical tools such as drills and strimmers. Don't forget with the darker nights, to leave lights on to give the impression people are at home if you are going out, and consider fitting timer switches if you aren't back till after dark.

AUTOCRIME: 4 reports of vehicles being taken during October, however the number of incidents of thefts from motor vehicles is down on the previous month. The main problem is that people are STILL leaving valuables in their cars which can easily be seen to wannabe thieves, but also neglecting to ensure their cars are locked before leaving them. Removing the temptation, removes the risk of

POLICE WARNING

Motorists!
Don't leave
valuables
in your
car

becoming a victim, and by checking your car is safe and secure, reduces that risk even further.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB incidents down slightly from September, and down considerable amount compared to the same period last year. A few calls regarding youths causing a nuisance during the evening around Tesco car park on Emscote Road. The new development on Theatre St still proving an attraction, with reports of youths climbing scaffolding and generally messing around. Clearly building sites aren't the safest places to be hanging around, especially after dark. Further calls to the Racecourse and the Hampton Road corridor, again reporting youths hanging out and causing a nuisance for local residents.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Incidents Damage down a fraction on September. Vehicle damage still responsible for a lot of the incidents of Criminal Damage reported to us. Wing mirrors and windscreen wipers proving the most popular target.



THEFTS: 22 incidents of Shoplifting reported in October. Cosmetics and alcohol still the most popular. With Christmas fast approaching, please don't be tempted to get some cheap presents from a person selling a £60 bottle of Chanel or Hugo Boss for a fiver, clearly its knocked off, and remember, handling stolen goods is a criminal offence and can carry a custodial sentence.

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:

- 6 confirmed residential burglary and 1 attempted burglary. These incidents took place on Berwick Close (27th), Hayle Avenue (26th), Wade Grove (8th), The Greenway (7th), Dwarris Walk (4th) and Hill Street (2nd). All of these took place either whilst the occupants were on holiday or out at work.
- 8 reports of ASB in October. A couple of neighbour disputes in that number, as well as a few issues with youths around the bottom end of Greville Road.
- 3 incidents of vehicle crime. A 17 reg grey BMW X5 Estate was taken off the drive of an address on Dale Close sometime overnight of 28th into 29th. Overnight of the 22nd into 23rd a vehicle parked up on Beauchamp road had both its front and rear window wipers snapped off. Overnight of the 14th into 15th a car parked on a driveway on Henderson Road was entered and a wallet and other small bits and pieces were taken.

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- 1 confirmed residential burglary which took place in the early hours of 5th October at an address on Albert Street. IP has heard noises downstairs and gone down to find the area ransacked and the backdoor open. Thankfully it appears the offender didn't get away with anything.

- In terms of ASB, the Racecourse, and the car parks along Hampton Road continue to have issues with groups of youths congregating. Whilst the vast majority don't cause any hassle, it is the odd one or two within the group that are the reason why people feel the need to call the Police. Also we have a few ongoing neighbour issues that we have received call about and are currently trying to resolve.
- 4 incidents of Theft from motor vehicle. 3 of these vehicles were on Chase Meadow, Narrow Hall Meadow (29th), Claypitts Boulevard (27th), and Little Field Close (17th), whilst the fourth was at the service on the A46 Southbound (3rd).

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- Another relatively quiet month in terms of ASB, with a fairly similar pattern to previous months, including calls to "Cruisers" congregating on Queensway in their "Hot Hatches" possibly speeding around the Shires Retail Park. Most ASB related calls are around Tescos and Homebase on Emscote Road regarding young lads on bikes causing issues for customers and staff alike. A number of these lads have been identified and their parents spoken to.
- Just the 1 confirmed residential burglary in October where a new build property off Harbury Lane was broken into, and the boiler and some of the plumbing was taken sometime over the weekend of 6th to 7th October. 2 commercial properties were also victims of burglar, one on Spartan Close (29th) and the other on the Heathcote Industrial Estate (8th)
- 8 incidents of Theft From motor Vehicle, with roads on Warwick Gates bearing the brunt.

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

- The Bridge End NHW had their inaugural meeting at the "New Bowling Green" on 15th October 2018. The event was well supported with approx. 70 local residents in attendance, along with representatives from Warwick SNT and Warwickshire CC Safer Communities Team.
- A 15yo male was arrested at Warwick MOP on Friday 19th October for assaulting a Police Officer, and has since been referred to the Youth Offending Team.

APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

Warwickshire Police is appealing for witnesses or information following an assault at the Warwick MOP.

Between 7.15pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 20th October 2018, a 21 year-old-man was assaulted on Old Square in the town centre.

The victim was punched in the face, causing him to lose teeth.

The suspect is described as a white man, aged between 18-20yo, around 6ft and of a slim build. He was wearing a red hooded top. Investigating officers would like to speak to anyone

who witnessed the assault or recognises the description of the offender. If you have any information, please call 101 quoting incident reference 337 of 20 October 2018.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY CENTENARY

Sunday 11th November 2018 sees the centenary of the end of the Great War in 1918, and Warwick will be marking the occasion in many ways on the day. There will be the usual Remembrance Service at St Marys Church along with the parade through the town. For more information as to what else is being done to commemorate the event, please click on

<http://www.warwickpoppies.org.uk/> or
<http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/>



Please remember that large parts of the Town Centre will be subject of various road closures on the Sunday. To allow free movement of the parade, and to maximise peoples view, any vehicle considered to be contravening the road closure orders will be removed.



OPERATION SNAP - REPORT POOR DRIVING AND DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR



As part of **OPERATION SNAP**, members of the public can submit (via a [secure online form](#)) digital footage showing potential traffic offences. This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on

solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Your submission will be sent to Warwickshire Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of our road traffic officers, who will enforce against any offences committed. Any footage submitted through the portal can also be used by us to help educate other road users, and to advise on case results. For more information, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions section](#).



PHONE SCAMS

Over the past few weeks we have received numerous calls from across South Warwickshire reporting callers purporting to be from the Police, HMRC or a PPI company. They are requesting the purchase of iTunes/PlayStation vouchers and then wanting the activation code or are directly for asking money. The majority of these victims or intended victims have been elderly.

The police take phone scams very seriously. Criminals will often use scam phone calls as a way of defrauding people out of their money. On most occasions, people realise that the call is a scam, but we are encouraging people to continue be vigilant.

What to look out for:

Typically scammers will pretend to be from the Police, and tell callers that their bank cards have been used fraudulently. Often the callers have stated that they are from the MET police, but they have been known to claim that they are from West Mercia Police, MI6 or the fraud squad. They will often say that they have the offenders in custody.

Usually they will then ask the victim to contact their bank to cancel their cards. In doing so, they will 'hold the line', so the victim believes that they are calling their bank, when in fact they are still on the line to the offenders.

They will then encourage the victims to hand over their bank details, including their PIN which they will often ask them to enter into the keypad of the phone.

Following this they will say that the cards are needed and send a courier to collect them. Sometimes they will ask the victims to give a password which the courier will use to make it appear more genuine. Consequently the offenders have been able to withdraw money from victim's accounts.

On other occasions, rather than sending a courier, they have asked the victims to transfer money to a secure police account, asking them to call back to verify that they are genuine, whilst holding the line.



Sometimes the scammers have told the victims to attend the bank to transfer money but told them that bank employees are involved in the scam, so not to mention it to them.

More recently callers have told victims that they are from Customs and Excise and that they have paid too much tax. In order to get this back they must pay an amount of money via a courier.

These scammers will often target those who are elderly or vulnerable. People with common surnames such as Jones or Smith tend to be targeted more often.

What to do:

We offer the following advice to protect you from these scams:

- **REMEMBER POLICE OFFICERS, AND BANKS WILL NEVER EVER ASK FOR ACCOUNT DETAILS OR PINS OVER THE PHONE.**
- Police officers and banks would never come to your house to collect your cards or property.
- They would also never ask you to transfer money to a secure account.
- If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately and call 101 using another phone. In an emergency or if a crime is in progress call 999.

If you have elderly friends or relatives who may be vulnerable to this scam, please talk to them and make them aware.



WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 25th 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.
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.
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.
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.

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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

- **WARWICK FARMERS MARKET.** Saturday 10th November 2018. 9am to 5pm in Market Square, Warwick. For more details click on www.warwickdistrictmarkets.co.uk
- **WARWICK VICTORIAN EVENING.** Thursday 29th November 2018. Touch FM hosts the event in the Town Centre, which runs from 5pm to 9pm. Pop along and see the Christmas lights being turned on along with numerous stalls and side shows.
- **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST MARYS.** Thursday 20th December starting at 7.30pm at St Marys Church. For me details click on 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



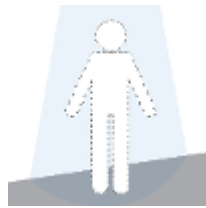
ASSAULTS



ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



CYBER CRIME



MISSING PERSONS



FLY-TIPPING



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



CIVIL DISPUTES



DOG FOULING



PARKING

WARWICK 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



PCSO 6305 Matt HAL



Ways to get in touch with the Team

✉ wrc.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk



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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)