

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 2019:

INCIDENT TYPE:	OCTOBER 2019	OCTOBER 2018	SEPTEMBER 2019
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	48	50	49
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	8	9	10
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	3	2	9
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	21	18	15
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	4	4	2
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	18	13	10
VIOLENCE	33	29	24

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2019

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.



AUTOCRIME: Thefts from Motor Vehicles is still arguably our biggest area of crime, yet possibly the easiest to prevent. We all know people are out at night trying car doors, on the prowl for anything they can sell to make easy money. Removing all valuable items such as Mobiles, Laptops, Sat-Nav etc. removes the temptation for offenders, and in turn reduces the risk of you becoming a victim. Never leave your car without checking it is locked, safe and secured. See the guide later on.....

THEFTS: 31 incidents of Shoplifting reported in October. As in previous months, alcohol and joints of meat still proving very popular. With Christmas on the horizon, perfumes and aftershaves, as well as coats and jackets being targeted. Bicycles still vulnerable to being taken if not correctly secured. Even if you are only going to be a few minutes, make sure you lock and secure it to something sturdy.





ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB incidents fairly static again this month. The MOP went off without incident, and was arguably one of the quietest fairs in recent years. Halloween also passed without incident. Chase Meadow has had a few issues recently with reports of youths congregating in the parks and causing general ASB, but there has also been a few incidents of property being damaged by youths throwing stones.

BURGLARIES: Garages and garden sheds still the main targets with power tools being much sought after. Like in previous months, rear gardens are particularly vulnerable and the favoured point of entry. Make sure side gates and entrances are always locked and secure. Check doors and windows are secured before leaving the house unattended. Leave a light on, or the radio to give the impression somebody is at home. If you are returning late, think about timer switches. People won't break into a house if they think someone is at home, so always try and give your home that lived in look.



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:

- 4 residential burglaries reported in October, although only one resulted in a crime being raised. 2 related to a vulnerable person, and the last one was where a Housing Association came to fit a new door and locks at an address but ended up at the wrong property, which obviously caused a few problems when the resident returned and realised all the locks had been changed!!
- Just 4 incidents of ASB this month, and none of these relate to any area or persons being specifically targeted.
- 4 reports of Thefts from Motor Vehicles (TFMV) this month. A briefcase was removed from a car on Dickins Road around 20th October, whilst the others relate to vehicles parked in a business car park on Haywood Road.

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- 1 residential/domestic burglary reported this month. A property on Wilmhurst Road was found burgled on 6th October by the person looking after the property for the occupants who were on holiday. Access was through the side garden gate, and then in via the rear conservatory doors. A number of electrical devices were taken.
- 20 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents in October. The play area on Mander Grove on Chase Meadow has been popular with youths over the past few weeks, and this has unfortunately seen a number of properties on Mander Grove and Robins Way suffering

damage, as they youths appear to be running through the alleyways and throwing stones into people's back garden or their driveways.

- 10 incidents of Theft from Motor Vehicle. A large proportion of these incidents took place on business car parks or hotel car parks where vehicles had either left whilst the owner was at work, or spending the night.

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- 24 reports of ASB this time around. Evenings see a number of calls to McDonalds and the Ten Pin bowling alley. With the colder, darker evenings, youths seem to be using both to hangout and keep warm, whilst taking advantage of free Wi-Fi and phone charging facilities. A few calls from around Portia Way reporting youths playing knock and run. We also currently have 2 or 3 ongoing neighbour disputes which we are working with partner agencies to resolve.
- 4 incidents of Theft from Motor Vehicles. The areas included Myton Croft, Rich Close and Palmer Crescent.
- 2 confirmed burglaries this month.

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 team spent an afternoon at Heathcote Primary School marking pupils bikes on behalf of www.bikeregister.com
- A local youth has received a Conditional Caution for the for the Theft of a Pedal Cycle.



APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

BODY FOUND IN RIVER AT WARWICK CASTLE

Officers searching for a missing man from Leamington, sadly found a body in Warwick on Saturday 26th October 2019

Detective Inspector Jim Rankin from Leamington CID, said: "While formal identification is yet to take place, the body discovered on Saturday is sadly believed to be that of 91-year-old Ronald Lovell who went missing from Old Milverton on Sunday, 13th October.

"We are not treating the death as suspicious at this time and our enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances surrounding this death.

"Our thoughts remain with all of Ronald's family, who are being supported by specially trained officers.

"Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Warwickshire Search and Rescue who have worked tirelessly in the search for Ronald, and I would also like to thank the local community for all of their support which has been a vital part of our investigation."



INFORMATION AND ADVICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY CENTENARY

Sunday 10th November 2019 marks Remembrance Sunday, and there will be the usual Remembrance Service at St Marys Church, as well as the parade through the town. For more information as to what else is being done to commemorate the event, please click on - <http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/>



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



OPERATION SNAP - REPORT POOR DRIVING AND DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR



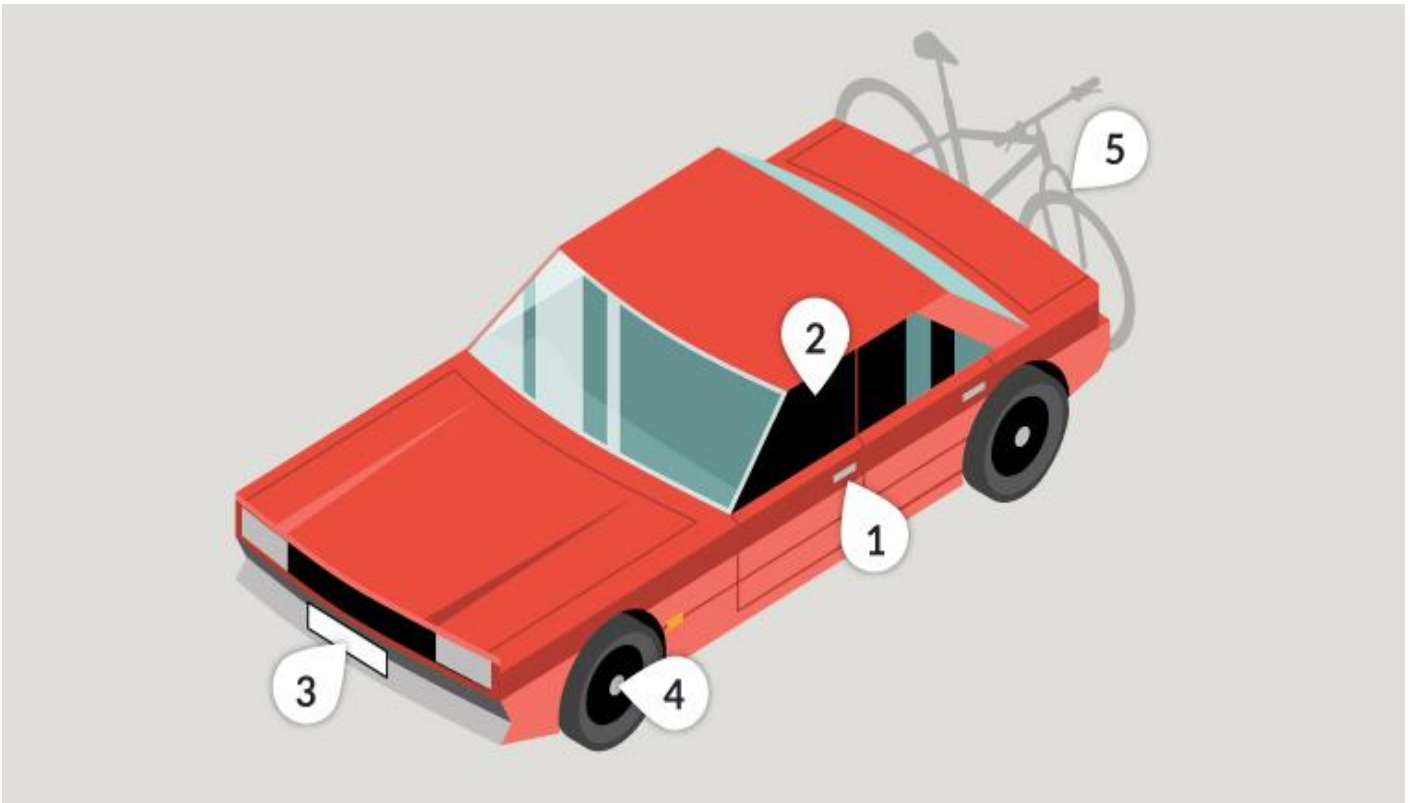
As part of **OPERATION SNAP**, members of the public can submit (via a [secure online form](#)) digital footage showing potential traffic offences. This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or 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 [Click for more info](#)



HOW TO KEEP YOUR SAFE & SECURE

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.



1. Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

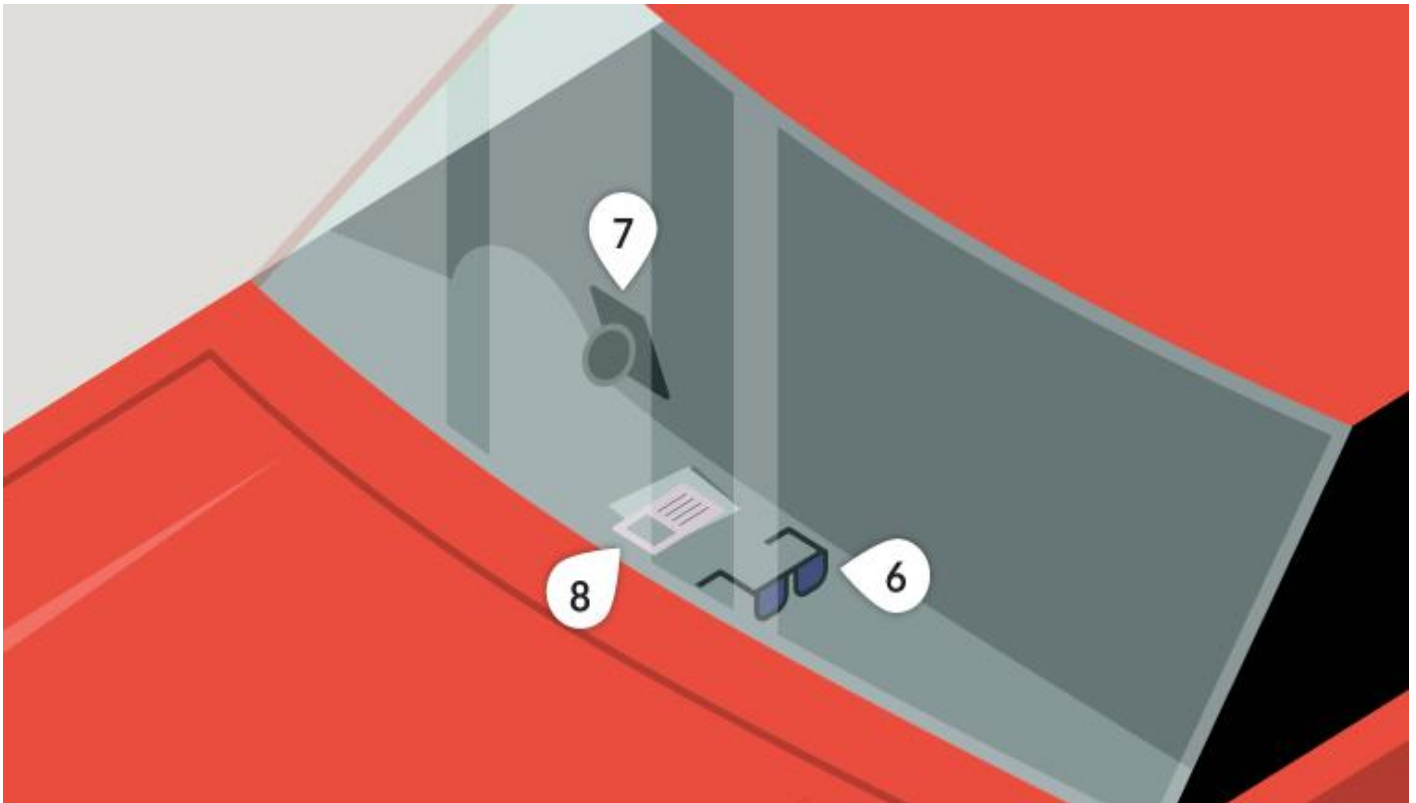
The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

5. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tool chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it. For further information and advice, visit [Sold Secure \(External Link\)](#).



6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving Sat-Nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat-Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat-Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

8. Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit [securedbydesign.com](https://www.securedbydesign.com) ([External Link](#)) for more details.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site like [Immobilise](#) ([External Link](#)).



9. Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

10. Take your documents with you

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

11. Choose your car park wisely

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out [Park Mark \(External Link\)](#).



WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at Saltisford Church, Warwick were.....

1. **Town Centre Patrols.** To carry out Hi-Viz patrols of the Town Centre, to offer reassurance to visitor and retailers alike. This will also include plain clothed patrols to hopefully ID pickpockets, and known shoplifters operating in the area.
2. **Patrols of Parks and Open Spaces.** Patrols of local parks and green spaces to tackle ASB, the use of mini motorbikes, and ensure these places can be enjoyed by the many, and not ruined by the few.
3. **Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols of the Packmores Estate.** Carry out patrols of the area, paying special attention to play area and known hotspots, and deal with people acting in an anti-social manner. We will also be intelligence gathering in terms of any other illicit behaviour in the area.
4. **Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols of the Forbes Estate & Chase Meadow.** Carry out patrols of the area, including Warwick Racecourse, paying special attention to play area and known hotspots, and deal with people acting in an anti-social manner. We will also be intelligence gathering in terms of any other illicit behaviour in the area.

The date, time and location of the next Warwick Town Community Forum is TBC.
More details can be found by clicking the link below.

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



MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WARWICK FARMERS MARKET.** Every Saturday, 0900 - 1600hrs. Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4BJ. [Further Information \(External Link\)](#)
- **WARWICK CASTLE ICE SKATING.** 23rd November 2019 to 5th January 2020. Follow the link for further details - www.warwick-castle.com
- **WARWICK WINTER FOOD FESTIVAL.** Sunday 24th November 2019, 1000 – 1700hrs, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4BJ.
- **WARWICK VICTORIAN EVENING.** Thursday 28th November 2019. 1700 – 2100hrs. Warwick Town Centre.



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



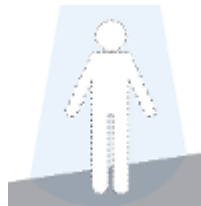
ASSAULTS



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 6324 Fay WILEMAN



PCSO 6326 Jack POWER



Ways to get in contact your Team

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🌐 <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk>

☎ 999 – In an Emergency

☎ 101 – To report a Crime

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