

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 May 2019:

INCIDENT TYPE:	MAY 2019	MAY 2018	APRIL 2019
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	64	71	57
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	4	8	18
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	4	5	6
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	13	18	20
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	18	12	9
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	4	4	2
VIOLENCE	36	35	25

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 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.



BURGLARIES: Both categories of Burglary down on April's figures. Garages and garden sheds still the main targets, with power tools being much sought after. Like in previous months, rear gardens are often 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.

AUTOCRIME: A slight increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles in May. Removing all valuable items such as Mobiles, Laptops, Sat-Navs etc. removes the temptation for offenders, and in turn reduces the risk of you becoming a victim. Never leave your car without checking, and checking again that is locked, safe and secured, with nothing of value left behind.

POLICE WARNING

Motorists!
Don't leave
valuables
in your
car



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB incidents fairly static again through May. McDonalds on the Queensway and The Bowling Alley on Tachbrook Park Drive still having issues, but down on the previous month. A few calls also to the lower Emscote Road area regarding issues with local youths. These youths have previously been ID'd, and we are working with local schools, as well as Warwick DC Housing Department, to look at resolving some of the problems in the area.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Incidents of Damage down slightly during May. Some of those figures relate to domestic incidents that have taken place inside the property. The remainder of the calls concern vehicles parked on the streets around Warwick, that have had wing mirrors snapped off, or window wipers broken or bent.



THEFTS: 55 incidents of Shoplifting reported in May which is quite a rise from the 30 in April. A variety of shops being targeted again this time around, with alcohol still proving to be the most taken item, closely followed by joints of meat, razor blades, and electric toothbrushes. .

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:

- 2 residential burglaries in May. The first, on Millbank resulted in an 18 reg Silver Volvo being stolen, after the address was broken into during the day on 17th May 2019. The second was on The Woodloes, although there is a suggestion the offender(s) may have been an ex-partner or the victims' carers.
- 14 incidents of ASB this month. A lot of these relate to ongoing problems at the bottom of Greville Road and Emscote Road, but most recently a couple of neighbour disputes around the Woodloes and Spinney Hill area.
- 5 reports of Thefts from Motor Vehicles (TFMV) this month. Roads affected include, Woodloes Avenue South, Kempton Drive, Lacell Close, All Saints Road, and Rohan Gardens.

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- No residential/domestic burglaries reported during May.
- 30 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents reported in May. Some of those incidents this time around, appear to the Town Centre when the pubs are turning out which may have been the reason behind some of the problems. A number of Neighbour Disputes as well during May, some of these are down to one of the parties suffering with Mental Health concerns.
- 9 reported incidents of Theft from Motor Vehicle. These incidents took place on Birch Meadow Close on the Saltisford, Stand Street, Goldsmith Avenue, Lyttelton Road, Linen Street, Milton Avenue and Wathen Road.

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- A lot of the ASB this month relates to parks and open spaces. The play areas and wooded areas on the Warwick Gates being a popular haunt for local youths.
- 4 incidents of Theft from Motor Vehicles. The areas included Myton Croft, Rich Close and Palmer Crescent.
- 2 confirmed burglaries this month. It appears both were targeted 29th into the 30th May 2019. The first thankfully, offender(s) got away empty handed, but the second one a quantity of jewellery was taken.

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 8.



GOOD NEWS STORIES

- A drugs warrant was executed at an address on the Percy Estate on Tuesday 14th May. Three males living at the property were arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply Class A drugs. A quantity of money was seized, along approximately 40 wraps of Cocaine. The males have now been released and enquires continue.

APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

No Appeals or news updates this month.

COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP UPDATES

WARWICKSHIRE RETAIL CRIME INITIATIVE (WRCI) Some positive news with regard to re-establishing the Warwick Retail Radio link in the town.

A huge thank you to St Marys Collegiate Church for allowing us to fit a radio receiver on the roof. We have long struggled to find a suitable location, and we appear to have found the best possible at St Marys Church. This is the ideal location as it is the highest point for many miles around. Hopefully we will have full coverage for the whole town, and with a bit of luck, up to Spinney Hill, The Woodloes and Chase Meadow. For more information about the benefit of WRCI then please click on - http://wrci.org.uk/about_wrci.htm



INFORMATION AND ADVICE

BEWARE OF BOGUS CALLERS

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers'. Their one and only aim is to get into homes, to distract people, and steal their



money or other valuables. You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door.

By using the advice on this page, you can protect yourself and vulnerable members of your family.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the Police, health organisations or gas, water or electricity companies. They can be convincing and persuasive. They use 'props' like an identity card or wear overalls with a company logo. If you are expecting the caller, remember to check their identification very carefully against the letter you have been sent or the password you have agreed before you let them in.

HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF FROM BOGUS CALLERS?

- If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it.
- Make sure your front door is fitted with a door chain.
- Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water, or Police.
- Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider – Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller – they may be bogus.
- Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them. Some areas in the country have “nominated neighbour schemes” you can sign up to.
- Many service providers provide password schemes; these are worth considering, so when unannounced callers knock at your door they should know the password if they are genuine.
- The “Water board” no longer exists, it is an obsolete phrase used only by bogus callers.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank where it is safe and gaining interest.
- Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times.
- Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them – distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.
- If somebody asks for your help – needs to make a telephone call, lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or pen and paper for example, refer them to a younger neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Alternatively, call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.
- Not sure? Don't open the door!



Some Useful Contacts and agencies who can offer help and advice.

<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> **0300 123 2040**

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/> **03454 040506**

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/consumers/support-advice>

<http://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/>

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards>

Address: 160 Old Budbrooke Road,

Warwick CV35 7DP Phone: **01926 414040**

THE NEW FISHING SEASON



The new fishing season starts on Sunday June 16th, so please make sure you have a current angling licence. They can be purchased from the Post Office or online via

<https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence>

Call the Environment Agency incident hotline to report:

- Damage or danger to the natural environment.
- Pollution to water or land.
- Poaching or illegal fishing.
- Watercourses blocked by a vehicle or fallen tree causing risk of flooding.
- Dead fish or fish gasping for air.
- Flooding from main rivers or the sea.
- Incidents at Environment Agency-regulated waste sites.
- Illegal removals from watercourses.
- Unusual changes in river flow.
- Collapsed or badly damaged river or canal banks.

Incident hotline - Telephone: 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)



BIKE SECURITY

Reports suggest that in 2018, 96,210 bikes were stolen across the UK, with only a small percentage of those ever recovered, and returned to their rightful owners.

The Office for National Statistics suggests the typical victim is 16 – 35 years old.

Here are a few simple tips to hopefully prevent you adding to that already incredibly high statistic.

- Always lock your bike, even if you are only leaving it for a few minutes. It takes second to steal a bike, and in the blink of an eye, yours has gone, and you are walking home!



- Make sure you lock it and leave it in a well-lit public area with lots of people passing by. Railway stations and other public buildings often have designated bicycle racks. Always try and find a location that is covered by CCTV.
- Invest in a good quality “D” Lock. A cheap, poor quality lock can easily be bolt cropped and/or cut through with a hacksaw. Also consider two locks. Make life as difficult for wannabe thieves as possible.
- Always lock it to something immovable, an object that can't be broken.
- As many as half of all cycles are stolen from the owner when it's in your garage, or flat.
- Make sure it's covered on your household insurance, consider insuring it independently.
- Take photos of your bike, and ALWAYS record the frame number.
- Consider registering it via <https://www.bikeregist.co.uk/> approved cycle database.



WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at Emscote Infants School, All Saints Road, 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. This will also include plain clothed patrols to hopefully ID pickpockets, and known shoplifters operating in the area.
3. **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.
4. **Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols of the Heathcote and Warwick Gates 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.

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

- **TWO CASTLE RUN.** Sunday 9th June 2019. Starting 09:00hrs from Warwick Castle, concluding at Kenilworth Castle.
- **WOMEN'S CYCLE TOUR.** Stage 4 of the OVO Women's Cycle Tour, Thursday 13th June. For more details and a copy of the route, click on - www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-4/
- **WARWICK OUTDOOR CINEMA.** Saturday 22nd June at Warwick Racecourse from 7pm to 11pm. "The Greatest Showman".



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



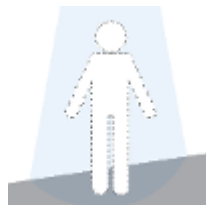
ASSAULTS



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 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)