

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

WARWICK CENTRAL

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

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APRIL 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 March 2018:

INCIDENT TYPE:	MARCH 2018	MARCH 2017	FEBRUARY 2018
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	55	63	52
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	7	11	11
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	3	3	5
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	6	19	15
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	17	21	11
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	4	9	1
VIOLENCE	28	24	16

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 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: Similar pattern to previous months, although a very slight reduction in incidents. Rear gardens along with conservatories and patio doors still proving vulnerable, and as in the previous month, properties are being targeted during daylight hours whilst the occupants are at work. Always make sure side gates are locked and secure to prevent easy access. Don't leave wheelie bins where they can be used to climb up onto garages or over fences or hedges into rear gardens.

POLICE WARNING
Motorists!
Don't leave
valuables
in your
car

AUTOCRIME: Thefts from motor vehicles continue to be an issue. Checking your car is secured before leaving it takes a few seconds, so check those door handles before wandering off, and always remove your valuables. By clearing your valuables you are removing the temptation for people to try and take them. Remember – **“Remove it or lose it”**



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB at McDonalds continue to be an issue with officers being deployed to deal with nuisance and unwanted youths inside after dark. A lot of neighbour dispute issues this month also, which we are dealing with along with colleagues from Warwick District council.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Incidents of Criminal Damage down in March, with damage to vehicles the main issue with calls reporting wing mirrors being snapped off, and cars being scratched.



THEFTS: 26 incidents of Shoplifting reported in March. Cosmetics and alcohol still proving popular. Thefts from DIY stores in the area continue to be a problem, with power tools of all shapes, sizes and uses being targeted. If you are offered a brand new chainsaw or drill set for a ridiculously low price, have a word with yourself, and think where this bit of kit may have come from??

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 OUR SYSTEM DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE WARD CHANGES THAT CAME INTO AFFECT AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY 2015*****

WARWICK NORTH WARD:

- 8 calls relating to ASB in March and centre around the Spinney Hill area of Warwick. Officers along with colleagues from Warwick District Council have been and visited a couple of addresses in the area and dealt with those responsible.
- 1 residential burglary reported this month from an address on Greville Road.
- 1 reports of theft from motor vehicles this month. A van parked up on Makepeace Avenue overnight of 21st into 22nd March was broken into and a quantity of cash, a SatNav and some tools were removed. (Inc. 105 of 22/03)
- 3 incidents of Criminal Damage, and all relate to vehicles being damaged either with tyres being let down, or wing mirrors being snapped off.

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- 3 reports of thefts from Motor Vehicles on the area in March. 2 of the vehicles were parked up overnight of 24th into 2th March on Chase Meadow. The vehicle that was parked on Morecroft Drive had 6 pairs of designer sunglasses, and a case wine and spirits removed. (Inc. 348 of 25/03). The 2nd was left on Purser Drive, and had a SatNav, cheque book, cash and watches. (Inc. 289 of 25/03)
- Just 1 reported burglary this month, and this was to a void property near Longbridge Island and resulted in nothing being taken.
- In terms of ASB, there aren't any real patterns this month. We have had a few calls regarding youths around the shops on Chase Meadow, a few long standing neighbour disputes, and also youths trying to climb onto the Country Records office building in Priory Park.

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- No change in the issues around McDonalds on Queensway. Perhaps they should consider employing door staff after dark rather than relying on Police to remove nuisance youths all the time?
- 2 Residential burglaries this month. Sometime overnight of the 30th into 31st March offender(s) have gained entry to an address on Fleur De Lys Court through an open downstairs window and taken the occupants medication as well as a quantity of cash. (Inc. 93 of 31/03) The 2nd was a garden shed on Foxes Way which was broken into overnight of 28th into 29th March with offender(s) in search of electrical garden tools and equipment. (Inc. 88 of 29/03)
- Just the one reported Theft from motor vehicle and relates to an iPad and tools removed from a car parked up on Ophelia Drive on Warwick Gates.
- No reports of Criminal Damage in the area in March.

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

- All the youths involved with the destruction of the planters in the Town Centre and the throwing of the plants have now been dealt with by way of a Caution for the offences.
- The mysterious graffiti artists known for defacing street furniture around Warwick, known as "TOKE" has been identified and enquires are ongoing.
- On Friday 16th March the team carried out an Operation along with help from the Special constabulary at 3 location in Warwick tackling a variety of motoring offences. 3 vehicles were seized for driving without Tax or Insurance, and a number of fixed penalty tickets were issued for speeding, not wearing seat belts, and driving whilst using a mobile phone.

APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

APPEAL AFTER BURGLARY IN WARWICK

Officers from Warwickshire Police have launched an investigation after a burglary at "Pelo" hairdressers on Cressida Close, Heathcote, Warwick.

It happened at around 5.20am on Thursday 29th March when three offenders smashed the front door to gain entry.

Those responsible made off with cash and a number of other items.

Now police have launched an appeal to trace anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area around the time of the incident.

PC Ben Allchurch said: "Officers are carrying out a number of enquiries to identify the people responsible and we are appealing to the public for help.

"We would encourage anyone with information about the burglary, or anyone who say anyone acting suspiciously in the area this morning to get in touch with us."

If you can help officers then call 101 quoting Incident 38 of 29th March 2018. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on

0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATES

No updates this month from Neighbourhood Watch, Community Messaging Service, Retail Watch or Community Speed Watch, but if require any further information, then please free to get in touch.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

HOW TO PREVENT METAL THEFTS

With metal thefts across the country, it's worth looking at ways to make your properties and/or businesses as secure as possible, and hopefully minimise the risk of becoming a victim.

- Conduct a "recce" of your premises – especially the external areas and the fabric of the building.
- What metal items do you possess or are part of the building and how easy would it be for a thief to steal? Lead flashing and copper piping are especially attractive to thieves.
- Consider ground anchors to secure large metal items inside sheds and other out buildings.
- Always lock garden sheds, gates and doors.
- Remove or padlock and chain any ladders, beer kegs, wheelbarrows, shopping trolleys, wheelie bins and any other such objects that are near to your buildings.
- Prune back or even remove overhanging shrubs, bushes or trees that could aide thieves in climbing or even hide their activities.
- Use anti-vandal paint two metres high – together with a warning notice. Such paint can be used on drainpipes, roofs and guttering etc. to "target harden" you property.
- Property mark and photograph metal items (including high value metal items such as statues, garden urns, seats and fountains), in order to help with identification if they are taken and then recovered.
- Remember to challenge and report suspicious people you see up to no good in your area.
- Look at buying an alarm or PIR security lights for your garden and around your property.
- Businesses could consider installing CCTV with a minimum seven day, real time recording facility.



METAL	PRICE PER TONNE FOR SCRAP*
LEAD	£1250
ZINC MIXED SCRAP	£600
COPPER WIRE	£3500
BRASS CUTTINGS	£2700
OLD ROLLED ALUMINIUM	£750



Figures correct as of 6th April 2018

Source: <http://www.letsrecycle.com/prices/metals/non-ferrous-metal-prices/>

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', whose only aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal their money or 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.
- 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.
- 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

WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at Myton School in Warwick were.....

1. **Anti-Social Behaviour around Warwick Gates Community Centre.** To conduct regular patrols, early evenings, around the Community Centre, and the wider Heathcote estate, and deal robustly with those caught causing alarm, harassment or distress to residents, or damaging property in the area. We will also be intelligence gathering in terms of any other illicit behaviour in the area.
2. **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.
3. **Patrols of St Nicholas Park & Kingfisher Pools.** Conduct high visibility patrols of St Nicholas Park, Myton Fields and Kingfisher Pools, deal with issues of Anti-Social Behaviour, and people acting in a manner likely to cause alarm and/or distress to others. This will also include vehicles, including cars and off road bikes, that are being used inappropriately.
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.



MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ST GEORGES DAY PARADE.** Sunday 22nd April 2018. A walk around the Town with the Mayor, starting from St Marys Church.
- **WARWICK FOOD FESTIVAL.** Sunday 27th May 2018 in Market Square. 10am to 7pm. Click on www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk for more details.
- **WARWICK THAI FESTIVAL.** 2nd June 2018 at Warwick Racecourse, Warwick, CV34 6HN 10:00hrs till 19:00hrs www.magicofthailand.co.uk
- **TWO CASTLES RUN** - Warwick to Kenilworth. Sunday 20th June 2018, commencing at 9am. Online registration starts on 1st March 2018, Click on www.twocastlesrun.org.uk for all the details.



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 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



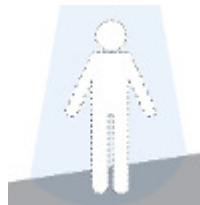
Assaults



Road Traffic Collisions



Cyber Crime



Missing Persons



Fly-tipping



Residential Burglary



Civil Disputes



Dog Fouling



Parking

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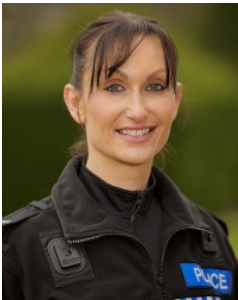
PS 1958 Chris KITSON (Team Manager)



PC 1176 Jamie PARKER (Beat Manager)



PC 723 Ilse TARBUCK (Beat Manager)



PCSO 6179 Pete GROOM



PCSO 6302 Candice CARR



PCSO 6305 Matt HALL



Ways to get in touch with the Team

✉ **wrc.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk**



@Warwickcops

🌐 **<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)