

# WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

## WARWICK CENTRAL

### SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

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MARCH 2018



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THE PERCY ESTATE - THE WOODLOES – WARWICK GATES – WARWICK TOWN

### INCIDENT OVERVIEW

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

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	<b>JANUARY 2018</b>
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	52	62	48
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	11	1	14
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	5	10	6
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	15	20	10
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	11	17	7
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1	2	2
VIOLENCE	16	26	32

\* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 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 to last month, a number of domestic burglaries where the offender(s) have gained entry into properties via rear patio or conservatory doors. Most are being targeted during daylight hours whilst the occupants are at work. Unfortunately the Woodloes Estate has borne the brunt of these incidents. Jewellery and cash were the items most sought, but the odd laptop also taken.



**AUTOCRIME:** Thefts from motor vehicles continues to be an issue, and as in every other month, there is never any sign of forced entry. Never leave your car until you are 100% satisfied it is locked and secure, and remove anything of value. Over the coming months the team will be out early evenings checking random roads for insecure vehicles and advising the owners when we find them.



**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Issues continue with ASB at McDonalds with officers being deployed to deal with nuisance and unwanted youths inside after

dark. A few calls this month regarding beggars and rough sleepers in the Town Centre. With the recent spell of icy weather it is good for us to receive calls from the public, as it allows us to identify those in need and signpost them to the relevant agencies and charitable organisations.



**CRIMINAL DAMAGE:** Incidents of Criminal Damage up slightly in February. Damage to vehicles still an issue with a few calls regarding scratches on cars and the odd broken wing mirror. Calls also regarding youths pulling up sapling trees in St Nicholas Park over the half term holidays.



**THEFTS:** 27 incidents of Shoplifting reported in February. Cosmetics and alcohol proving popular this month. Other things taken this month include a pushchair, and a quantity of women's clothes, both from businesses on the Shires Retail Park. We also took a report of a "pay and display" ticket machine being tampered with and a quantity of coins removed from a machine in the Town Centre. No let-up also for the local petrol stations who are still struggling with drive offs.

### **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:**

- 9 calls relating to ASB in February. Most of these relate to neighbour disputes and were around the Spinney Hill area of Warwick.
- 6 residential burglaries in the area. 4 of which were on the Woodloes, and included Brese Ave, Grassington Ave, Kirby Close, and Lee Close. The other was on Charles Street.
- Just two reports of vehicles being entered this month, both on Charles Street, and both incidents appear to have happened around 23/24<sup>th</sup> February. A small amount of cash was taken from the first, and a Gortex coat from the second.

#### **WARWICK WEST WARD:**

- 6 reports of thefts from Motor Vehicles on the area in February. These ranged from a coat and sunglasses being taken from a vehicle on Vine Mews, to a set of number plates from a car parked on St Marys Land, and also 300litres of diesel syphoned off from a lorry parked up over night near Longbridge Island.
- Not one single Burglary reported in February which is always pleasing to see.
- In terms of ASB, the main issues appear to be youths messing around the shops and Community Centre on Chase Meadow around tea time, and also aggressive begging around the town centre.

#### **WARWICK SOUTH WARD:**

- The McDonalds on Queensway continues to make a large portion of the ASB reported to us this month. Perhaps they should consider employing door staff after dark rather than relying on Police to remove nuisance youths all the time?
- The Myton Road corridor is again proving happy hunting grounds for wannabe burglars. With Brittain Road, Leam Road and Bridge End at the bottom end all being

targeted this month. On a couple of these occasions, it appears the offender(s) were looking purely for the keys to new high powered cars parked on the driveways.

**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 9.**



### **GOOD NEWS STORIES**

- All the youths involved with the destruction of the planters in the Town Centre and the throwing of the plants have been questioned. The investigation is yet to be finalised.

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

#### **PLEASE HELP IDENTIFY A PERSISTENT GRAFFITI ARTIST IN WARWICK?**

Who is TOKE? This isn't the first time this tag has appeared in and around Warwick, but these most recent ones appeared around 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 around Montague Road. Graffiti very quickly makes an area untidy and unkempt and raises people's fear of crime. It also cost the District Council money to remove it depending on where it has been daubed. If you have any ideas on who may be responsible then please call the office number **01926 684361** and leave a message. You can do this anonymously if you'd rather or email us at [wrc.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:wrc.snt@warwickshire.police.uk).



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## **SCAM ALERT.**

Last week an elderly lady from Warwick was the victim of a hoax call having been contacted by an unknown woman purporting to be from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs). The lady posing as an officer from HMRC told the elderly lady she owed over £3000 in tax arrears. She was told to attend W H Smiths and buy £1500 in iTunes App Store Vouchers. She was advised to go to a quiet place and give the codes over the phone to her, and this would act as payment.

Please make as many people as possible aware of this type of scam, so more vulnerable people can't be taken advantage of. Or if you work in a shop or bank, and an elderly or vulnerable person is looking to make large purchases, buy goods you wouldn't normally associate with them, or withdraw large amounts of money, please take a second to ask a few questions of that person. Remember, professional curiosity!



## **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 REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF BURGLARY.**

Residential Burglaries continue to be a concern and often can be avoided, or dramatically reduce by taking simple security measures to deter burglars and remove some of opportunities that present themselves as an easy target. Most victims of burglary are concerned that they have been specifically targeted or watched for a period of time prior to their burglary, to determine what their movements are. However, most burglaries are opportunistic.

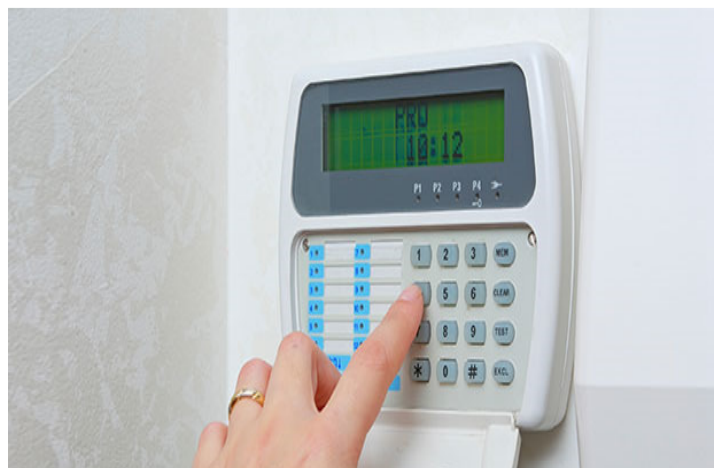
Burglars choose houses that:

- have little or no obvious security
- appear unoccupied
- have easy, unobserved access to the side and rear
- provide them with the chance to gain entry without being seen or heard

### **Alarms are the best deterrent against burglary**

Some people think that an intruder alarm system advertises that you have something worth stealing - this is not the case. Remember, burglars do not want to be seen or heard so time and noise are their enemies.

The alarm industry is governed by inspectorate bodies similar to the 'Gas Safe Register' who oversee the gas industry.



By choosing a company affiliated to one of the recognised inspectorate bodies such as the National Security Inspectorate (NSI) or

Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB), it guarantees that they have met the high standards and business ethics required to be members.

Generally, there are three different types of alarm system response:

1. A monitored system which provides a Police response - if the alarm is activated it signals to the alarm receiving centre who will contact the key holders and the police. The alarm company will charge an ongoing fee for this facility, on top of the initial installation.
2. Speech dialler - if the alarm is activated, the system dials out to a selection of pre-programmed key holder telephone numbers (not 999) to alert the recipient. The alarm company will charge a one-off purchase price for the speech dialler, on top of the alarm installation.
3. audible only system - if the alarm is activated, it will sound, but relies on neighbours and passers-by to respond

All alarm systems must stop sounding and re-arm themselves after 20 minutes.

DIY systems are also available, but are not eligible for a police response.

An alarm company will usually fit an active alarm bell box at the front of the building (which has a sounder and a flashing light) and a dummy bell box at the rear. Due to the fact that most burglaries occur at the rear of the premises, it is good practice to have an active alarm bell box at the rear as well. This will ensure that if a burglar compromises the rear boundary security, they will clearly see that the premises is alarmed, no matter what time of day or night.

### **Good lighting can be an excellent deterrent against burglary, but the right lighting has to fit the right circumstances.**

Security lights that operate by heat and movement sensors, are often activated by small animals, so can increase the fear of crime. They can be a useful addition to the front of a house, so that the lights are activated when visitors approach the front door or the householder is returning home at night.

The more appropriate option for the rear of a property is a low wattage security light that activates by photoelectric cell, automatically switching on as it gets dark at night and switching off as it gets light in the morning. They are commonly referred to as 'dusk until dawn' security lights.



### **Windows and patio doors.**

Most newer patio doors have multi-locking mechanisms, but extra surface mounted patio locks and an anti-lift device to prevent them being lifted from their runners can be added to older doors to provide additional security and reduce the leverage points.

Windows are a common point of entry. Burglars tend to either force them open, remove the external beading or reach in through smaller fan light windows to open larger windows.

Ideally, windows should be internally beaded to prevent the glazed units being removed. External beading is sufficient if the glazed units have been secured in place with either

security clips, security tape or sealant. Window handles should operate shoot bolts into the frame to provide more than one locking point.

If multi-locking handles aren't fitted, surface mounted, key operated window locks will provide additional security and reduce the leverage points.

All ground floor windows and any windows that are easily accessible above ground floor, should be made secure and have key operated window locks, unless they are being used as a fire escape.

Louvered windows are particularly vulnerable, as the individual panes can be removed from the frame. The panes should be secured in place with sealant or totally replaced with a fixed glass panel.

Internal fixed or collapsible security grilles can be used to protect vulnerable windows.

If windows are being replaced, the recommended standard for enhanced window security is British Standard PAS24.



### **Doors and access control systems.**

If your front, rear and side doors are insecure, so is your home. It is also important to ensure that the frame is strong and well fixed, not weak or rotten.

If doors are being replaced, the recommended standard for enhanced door security is British Standard PAS 24, which incorporates the door and frame as a door set.

UPVC and aluminium front doors should have multi-locking systems. If not, additional deadlocks can usually be fitted retrospectively. It is important to lift the multi-locking handle and lock it with a key, to prevent burglars reaching in through the letterbox to open the door.

Wooden front doors should be solid timber, a minimum 44mm thick, supported by three 100mm hinges, a British Standard 5 lever mortice lock fitted about a third of the way up the door and an automatic deadlocking rim latch, about a third of the way down.

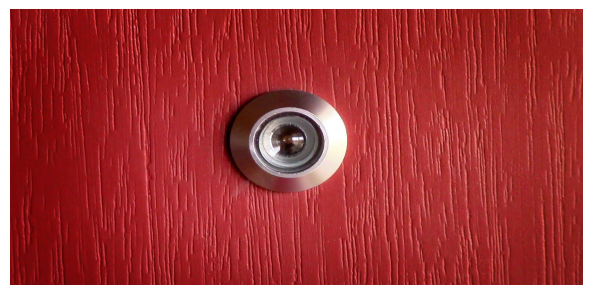
The frame can be strengthened on the inside by fitting metal strips ('London' and 'Birmingham' bars) to support the locks and hinges. If the front door opens outwards, fit hinge bolts to reinforce the external hinges.

Glass panels in the door can be reinforced with security film, fixed diamond mesh grilles or replaced with laminated glass.

Door viewers allow householders to see who is at the door without having to open it first and door chains provide a barrier against callers.

An internal letterbox shield will prevent intruders fishing through the letterbox to open the door or for keys to the house or vehicles parked on the driveway.

UPVC and aluminium rear doors should have multi-locking systems. If not, additional internal surface mounted locking throw bolts should be fitted to the top and bottom of the door to reduce the leverage points.





Consider all the entry points to the building.

### Install a safe.

Burglars very rarely come equipped to deal with safes that are fitted to solid floors and/or solid walls with the correct fixings. A safe will reduce the likelihood of important documents, valuables and sentimental items being stolen in the unfortunate event of the house being burgled.

### Leave the lights on

It's important to leave lights on if you are not returning until late afternoon or early evening, particularly during the autumn and winter months. Timing switches are a must to help give the impression to a would-be burglar that there is someone at home. They can also be used on a radio to further encourage the belief someone is at home.



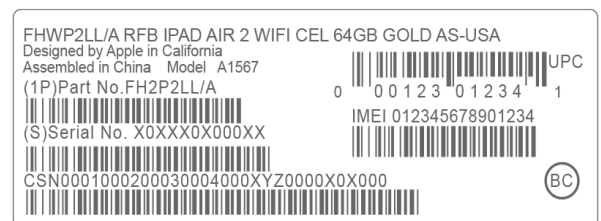
### Mark your property.

Property mark valuables with the postcode and house name or number to assist with identification. This can be done with an ultra violet pen or with a specialist marking kit such as a purpose made stencil with etching liquid, a unique chemical trace liquid or microdot system. Consider <https://www.smartwater.com/> and registering your valuables with <https://www.immobilise.com/>



### Take photographs.

Photographs of stolen objects greatly improve the chances of recovery. Concentrate on what makes this object unique or identifiable. Indicate the object's size and dimensions by placing a ruler next to small items or writing down the measurements.



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## WARWICK CENTRAL COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The top issues agreed at the Community Forum held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 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. *(12 done to date)*

2. **Patrols of the Woodloes Estate.** Conduct high visibility patrols of parks and open spaces on the Woodloes, and the wider estate, and robustly deal 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. *(13 done to date)*
3. **Patrols of St Nicholas Park & Kingfisher Pools.** Conduct high visibility patrols of St Nicholas Park, Myton Fields and Kingfisher Pools, deal 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. *(26 done to date)*
4. **Patrols of Warwick Town Centre.** Carry out patrols of Warwick Town Centre to offer reassurance to local businesses and shoppers alike, and to deal with any rough sleepers and other ASB that may occur. *(63 done to date)*

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**THE NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM IS ON - THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018 AT 6PM FOR 6.30PM, AT MYTON HIGH SCHOOL, MYTON ROAD, WARWICK, CV34 6PJ**

To vote on the issues that affect you and your communities, and help determine the Policing priorities for the next quarter, please click on the link below and cast your vote.  
Poll close midnight on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/43599/Warwick-Central-Community-Priorities>



### **MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **FRENCH MARKET.** Saturday & Sunday 6/7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Market Square. 9am to 4pm.
  - **WARWICK FOOD FESTIVAL.** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Market Square. 10am to 7pm. Click on [www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk) for more details.
  - **TWO CASTLES RUN - WARWICK TO KENILWORTH.** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, commencing at 9am. Online registration starts on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, Click on [www.twocastlesrun.org.uk](http://www.twocastlesrun.org.uk) for all the details.
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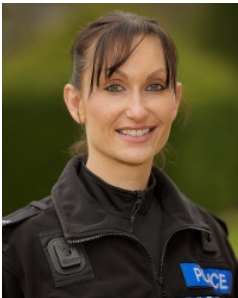
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**PC 1176 Jamie PARKER** (Beat Manager)



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## Ways to get in touch with the Team


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 @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)