

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 July 2018:

INCIDENT TYPE:	JULY 2018	JULY 2017	JUNE 2018
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	58	144	74
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS)	13	7	14
BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	1	11	7
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	20	21	30
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV)	5	21	12
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1	4	7
VIOLENCE	34	35	23

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 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 pretty static in July. A common theme this month, is that almost all of the incidents reported, entry was gained or attempted at the rear of the property. So, always make sure access to the rear of your house is secure. Suitable locks on side gates are a must. Consider prickly strips on side gates and fencing to prevent people climbing over. Ensure wheelie bins aren't located near to fences or walls, as this enables an easier route in and out of gardens. Always secure windows and doors when leaving the house unattended, and give some thought to timer switches, not just for lights, but during the day for a radio or television to give the impression someone is at home.

AUTOCRIME: Thefts from motor vehicles the lowest it has been for many months which is always promising. A few reports of theft of number plates in July, so remember locking number plate screws can be purchased from most decent car

POLICE WARNING

Motorists!
Don't leave
valuables
in your
car

spares outlets, and they are certainly cheaper than having to replace a set of plates.

In the hot weather, don't forget to close windows when leaving your car. A small hand can easily reach in and open the door, even if it's only slightly ajar. Please continue to check car doors are locked when leaving your vehicle, and always remove valuable items. All you are doing is reducing the risk of being a victim. Remove the temptation for someone to steal your belongings, and make it as difficult for them to get in.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB incidents down slightly in July, with no real patterns. Vacant properties and construction sites appear to be a popular place for teenagers to hang out, but these are clearly not safe on so many different levels. The same can be said about The Country Records offices in Priory Park which has had a few issues with youths climbing up onto roofs and causing some low level damage. We have also had numerous calls regarding youths around 12yo jumping and swimming in the locks at the bottom of Lock Lane.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Incidents of Criminal Damage down a fraction on June's figures. Damage to vehicles still being the main issue with calls reporting wing mirrors being snapped off, and cars being scratched. Warwick Racecourse has seen a few incidents this month with youths gaining entry after the site has closed, and breaking fixtures and fittings as well as damaging vehicles left on site. Warwick Castle has also suffered a similar fate with youths getting in after the site has closed and breaking bollards and fence panels.



THEFTS: 34 incidents of Shoplifting reported in July, with everything from cosmetics to alcohol, and power tools to joints of meat amongst this month's most sought after items.

We all love a bargain, but please ask yourself why someone is offering you a £60 bottle of Channel for a fiver, or £200 chainsaw, still in its box for £10. Clearly this is too good to be true, and obviously knocked off. 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 OUR SYSTEM DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE WARD CHANGES THAT CAME INTO AFFECT AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY 2015*****

WARWICK NORTH WARD:

- 2 confirmed residential burglary this month. A property on Greville Road was broken into around 01:15hrs on 17th July, and offenders stole the keys to a Black VW Golf, and made off with the car. (Inc. 12 of 17th July). A garden shed on Montague Road was also broken into overnight of the 11th into 12th July and a quantity of garden and power tools were removed as well as bicycle.
- Not much in terms of ASB in July, with just 8 calls. Mainly neighbour disputes and people concerned about youths congregating on the play area on the Woodloes.

- 1 report of Criminal Damage. This relates to two white males about 12yo using a traffic cone to smash up the Volvo signs on Wedgnock Lane at the junction with Rothwell Drive at 19:40hrs on 28th July.
- 2 incidents of vehicle crime, and both of those relate to vehicles parked on a hotel car park on Haywood Road, and took place on 16th into 17th July.

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- Overnight of 22nd into 23rd July, a property on Narrow Hall Meadow was entered through an open downstairs window. Offenders have taken the keys to an Audi Q5 and an E Class Mercedes, and made good their escape along with the aforementioned cars. (Inc. 52 of 23rd July).
- No particular patterns in terms of ASB, although both Warwick Castle, and the racecourse have had issues this month with youths causing a nuisance after the sites are closed.

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- No issues of ASB reported around St Nicholas Park, Kingfisher Pools or Myton Fields in July. Also no reports from McDonalds on the Shires Retail Park which is promising and nice to see after meetings between the SNT and staff at the restaurant to look at the issues.
- 6 Residential burglaries in July. At 02:00hrs on 19th July a property on Bridge End was broken into, and despite being disturbed by the family, they took the keys to a black VW Golf, and made off in said car (Inc. 15 of 19th July)

If you have any information about these, or any other incidents, then please get in touch as soon as possible on the contact numbers shown on Page 11.



GOOD NEWS STORIES

- A local youth has been issued with a Section 59 warning for driving his vehicle in a manner likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress around the streets of Warwick. If he is caught again, or his car is seen driving in an anti-social manner, it will be seized.
- The graffiti menace known as “Gonge” has been identified and interviewed on suspicion of causing criminal damage. We are currently working with various council departments and Network Rail with a view to the offender cleaning up his artwork from the streets of Warwick.
- A 21yo lady has been arrested and charged with theft at an elderly people’s home in Warwick following an operation involving our “We Don’t Buy Crime” team who supplied us with marked money.
- The male who allegedly stole an antique inkwell from Warwick Castle has been arrested and charged for the offence, and due in court mid-August.

APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE IS APPEALING FOR WITNESSES OR INFORMATION FOLLOWING AN INDECENT ASSAULT IN WARWICK ON SATURDAY 28TH JULY 2018

Shortly after 3pm, a woman was watching a Morris dancing parade as part of the folk festival on Castle Lane, when a verbal altercation took place with a man in the audience. The man then inappropriately touched the woman over her clothing and slapped her face. The offender is described as a slim white man in his mid-twenties, 6ft or taller, with short fair mousey hair. He was believed to be wearing a green jacket, light-coloured cargo shorts and was holding a Sainsbury's bag for life. It's believed he may have been with another man who was wearing glasses and a white lanyard.

Investigating officers would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the offence. If you have any information, please call Warwickshire Police on **101**, quoting incident number 299 of 28th July 2018.

Alternatively, information can be given to the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP UPDATES



WARWICKSHIRE RETAIL CRIME INITIATIVE (WRCI), Work continues to find the perfection location to install a radio transmitter, which will then allow the best coverage for as many shops and businesses not just in the town, but hopefully out as far as Spinney Hill, The Woodloes and Chase Meadow. Trying to find the right location to erect a transmitter has been an issue for close on 2 years, but with a bit of luck, we are moving a little closer to getting Retail Radio back up and running in the Town. For more information about the benefit of WRCI then please click on - http://wrci.org.uk/about_wrci.htm

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

WATER SAFETY

During the school holidays and in particular in hot weather as we have experienced over the past month or so, increasing numbers of children and young people are putting themselves at risk of drowning by swimming in open water. Many will have seen the tragic events last

week at a quarry in Bishops Itchington where a 17yo male decided to cool off and go swimming in the pool with his friends, but jumped in, and unfortunately never resurfaced.

A big issue already this summer is youths jumping in and swimming in the locks on the Grand Union Canal in Warwick. There are numerous things that make this a real danger to those children. Locks are deep, and have numbers of underwater obstacles.



The photo above shows the debris found when a lock was drained for repairs in London. The water maybe colder than you think. In humans, cold shock response is perhaps the most common cause of death from immersion in very cold water, such as by falling through thin ice. The immediate shock of the cold causes involuntary inhalation, which if underwater can result in drowning. The cold water can also cause heart attack due to vasoconstriction, the heart has to work harder to pump the same volume of blood throughout the body. Also canals are not the cleanest, so swallowing a few mouthfuls of canal water is not only unpleasant, but can make you ill and you could also contract Weil's disease. **Weil's disease** is a form of a bacterial infection also known as Leptospirosis that is carried by animals, most commonly in rats and cattle. It can be caught by humans through contact with rat or cattle urine, most commonly occurring through contaminated fresh water.

St Nicholas Park is also a popular haunt, with two bridges providing quite the allure for youths to jump into the river from, but in hot weather, any expanse of water will be a draw for fun seeking youths.

Water may look safe, but can still be dangerous with underwater obstacles and currents. You may well be a good swimmer, but an indoor pool is totally different.

Dangers may include.....

- It is very cold
- There may be hidden currents
- It can be difficult to get out (steep muddy banks)
- It could be deeper, or a lot shallower than you thought. Estimating the depth is very difficult
- There may be hidden rubbish including shopping trollies and bicycles
- It maybe polluted and make you ill
- There are no lifeguards and/or buoyancy aids to help if you get into trouble



For more help and advice about staying safe around water, check out the following....

<https://www.rospa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/parents-water/>

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

If you are planning an overseas holiday this summer, or working outside of the UK, make sure you check out the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website for the most up to date information and travel and security advice on your chosen destination. The website is.....

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> and you can follow them via Twitter - @FCOtravel



ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA

Unfortunately Alzheimer's and other types of dementia are diseases that can affect anyone, but especially older people. The word dementia describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem solving or language. Dementia is caused when diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease or a series of strokes, damage the brain. Dementia is progressive illness, which means the symptoms will gradually get worse.

Like many people, people with dementia like to go for a walk about. Often this is not a problem for the person - they may find it a positive experience, and walking can have both physical and psychological benefits for them. However, there may be times when walking does present risks, such as the person getting lost or leaving the house during the night when they are not appropriately dressed.

There are devices available to help keep track of family members or friends who are sufferers. These include....

An alarm system - This provides an alert when someone has moved outside a set boundary (e.g. the front garden). These devices cannot locate a person.

Tracking devices or location monitoring services - These use satellite or mobile phone technology to locate and track the person. The types of devices include watch-based devices, smart phone apps, key rings and pendants. These are generally used when there is a particular risk of the person getting lost or going missing. The location of the person carrying the device can be viewed on a computer, tablet device or mobile phone. Many tracking devices also allow the person to press a panic button if they get lost. Many new mobile phones also have location finder technology. This could be considered instead of a stand-alone tracking device. When purchasing a device to enable safer walking, it is important to consider how reliable it is. For example, will it work when the person is indoors, and how often will it need charging? There are a number of different devices on the market, and it is something that could be worth considering for family or friends who are suffering with dementia.

There are a number of both practical and moral issues to be considered, but in the unfortunate event a loved one going “walk about”; it hopefully means a speedy return to a place of safety and comfort.

In the event of a loved one moving into a nursing home, it’s worth considering letting staff have a current photo of that person, as in the event they do disappear, it can make the Police job so much easier trying to locate someone if we have a good idea of what they may look like.

Information provided courtesy of - <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>

(Other websites are available and Warwickshire Police is not responsible for the content of external links)



Picture Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2218582/Shoes-built-GPS-track-Alzheimers-patients-sale-UK.html>

For information about support groups, services and general advice, contact your local Alzheimer’s Office.

Alzheimer’s Society
10 Wise Street
Leamington Spa
CV31 3AP
SouthWarks@alzheimers.org.uk
Tele – 01926 888899

SUMMER DRINK DRIVING AWARENESS

It’s estimated that nearly 3 in 10 of UK adults drink more alcohol when the weather gets warmer.

A cool alcoholic drink may seem like a good way to chill out and relax on a hot day but there are many potential downsides.

Check out the <https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/> guide to enjoying a drink during the summer months, so if you do choose to drink alcohol, keep in mind the following top tips to help you stay safe in a heat wave.

1. Drink within the limits

Research has revealed that when the mercury rises, we drink an extra 333 million pints of beer and 67 million more litres of wine. The summer evenings are lighter, there are more events such as weddings or festivals and getting together with friends or family is more likely to be suggested.

The best way to ensure you enjoy yourself is to know your limits and not drink above the government's guideline of 3- 4 units a day for men, 2-3 units a day for women.

You can check exactly how many units you're drinking and easily record your drinks on the go using the free Drinkaware Alcohol Tracking App.

2. Drink plenty of water

Alcohol is a diuretic, which means it encourages the kidneys to lose extra fluid. That is why you go to the toilet much more when you drink alcohol. For every 1g of alcohol you drink, urine excretion increases by 10ml.

Alcohol can also have the effect of making you sweat more. The combination of sweating more in the heat and going to the toilet more regularly means you could lose more fluid than you take in and become dehydrated. Dehydration can cause headaches, dizziness, sickness, tiredness or heat exhaustion. In extreme cases severe dehydration due to alcohol poisoning can cause brain damage. It is also one of the main causes of a hangover.

A tip is to drink plenty of water or soft drinks in between alcoholic drinks to try to prevent dehydration.



3. Don't drink and drive

If you're drinking alcohol, avoid it too close to bedtime. On average it takes an hour to process one unit, but this can vary widely from one person to another.

Just because you've been to sleep, it doesn't mean you're not affected by alcohol. You could still be over the limit the morning after drinking.



4. Avoid swimming

The Drowning Prevention Charity, RLSS UK state that about a quarter of all adult-drowning victims have alcohol in their bloodstream. While going for a swim may seem like a good idea to cool off on a hot day, please don't enter the water if you've been drinking. Alcohol can work on the

brain to lower inhibitions, which can impair your judgement making you more likely to take risks. Alcohol slows down your reactions making it more difficult to get yourself out of trouble. It also numbs the senses, particularly sight, sound and touch making swimming difficult.

The RLSS UK also urge people not to walk home near water after a night out as alcohol can affect your co-ordination which could make you more likely to fall in.

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. *(21 done to date)*
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. *(15 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 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. *(15 done to date)*
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. *(17 done to date)*

FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SUNDAY 29TH JULY 2018



MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **RETRO WARWICK CLASSIC CAR SHOW.** Sunday 12th August, 10:00 – 16:00hrs in Market Place, Warwick.
- **WARWICK REGATTA.** River Avon, St Nicholas Park, Warwick, Saturday 18th August 2018. For more info, click on.... www.warwickboatclub.co.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



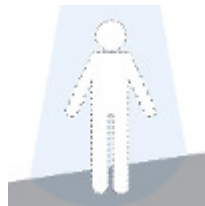
ASSAULTS



ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



CYBER CRIME



MISSING PERSONS



FLY-TIPPING



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



CIVIL DISPUTES



DOG FOULING



PARKING

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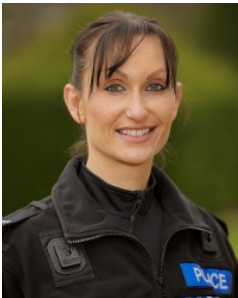
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Ways to get in touch with the Team


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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)