

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 August 2018:

| <i>INCIDENT TYPE:</i> | AUGUST 2018 | JULY 2018 |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR | 64 | 58 |
| RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (INC GARAGES/SHEDS/OUTBUILDINGS) | 7 | 13 |
| BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BURGLARY | 1 | 1 |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE | 22 | 20 |
| THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (TFMV) | 18 | 5 |
| THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE | 8 | 1 |
| VIOLENCE | 31 | 34 |

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 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 down this month which is good, as clearly people have taken precautions to secure their properties if they have been away on summer holidays. As in previous months, nearly all of the incidents reported, entry was gained or attempted at the rear of the property. 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 create some noise, and give the impression someone is at home.

AUTOCRIME: Thefts from motor vehicles proving an issue again this month. Car number plates still proving popular, so give some consideration to purchasing

POLICE WARNING

Motorists!
Don't leave
valuables
in your
car

locking number plate screws. Any decent car spares outlets will stock them, and they are considerably cheaper than having to purchase a whole new set of plates. We do have a very limited stock, so if you would like a free packet, then please let us know.

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 up very slightly this month, but that coincides with the Summer Holidays. We still had a few calls regarding youths swimming in the canal at the bottom of Lock Lane, but following visits to their respective parents, this has thankfully stopped. The Racecourse is still proving a popular place for local youths to hangout, especially in the area of the small lake at the rear of the course, near to Budbrooke Industrial Estate. Other incidents we have attended included people using motorbikes in park areas and neighbour disputes.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Incidents of Criminal Damage fairly static. Damage to vehicles still being the main issue, with Warwick Racecourse and the surrounding area bearing the brunt.



THEFTS: 33 incidents of Shoplifting reported in August. Cosmetics and alcohol still amongst this month's most sought after items. A few calls also reporting detergents such as Ariel and Persil being taken. This offender must have the cleanest clothes in Warwick, or is selling them on for a pittance. 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:

- Just the 1 confirmed residential burglary this month. A property on Hill Street was broken into around 07:15hrs on 19th August. A male and female offender gained entry, but it appears they may have been disturbed. (110 of 19th August)
- Not much in terms of ASB in August, with 13 calls. Similar pattern to last month with neighbour disputes and people concerned about youths congregating around the area.
- No reports of Criminal Damage this month.
- 5 reports of thefts from motor vehicles. There took place on George Road, Hill Street, Wade Grove, and All Saints Road, during the early part of the month.
- 1 vehicle stolen. A white 15 reg Vauxhall Astra was taken from Lynton Close over night of the 12th into 13th August. (68 of 13th August)

WARWICK WEST WARD:

- No confirmed residential burglaries this month, but there were 2 attempted burglaries at properties on Goggbridge Lane (Inc. 292 of 28th August) and Hardwick Fields Lane (Inc. 197 of 30th August).
- In terms of ASB, there are no particular patterns, although the Racecourse has had issues this month. A few concerns local residents as to groups of youths congregating on Chase Meadow, with the play area on Mander Grove appearing to be the main area.
- 7 reports of Damage. At 22:45hrs on Saturday 25th August, an unknown offender has thrown a brick through a large downstairs lounge window on a property on Browning Avenue. (Inc. 441 of 25th August)
- 1 reported vehicle theft. A white 61 reg 125cc moped was taken from outside the flats on Lyttelton Road overnight of the 25th into 26th
- 10 reports of Theft from motor vehicle, with the Chase Meadow being the worst hit area

WARWICK SOUTH WARD:

- Nothing new to report in terms of ASB this month. A few calls to rowdy youths at the Ten Pin Bowling alley and McDonalds on the Shires Retail Park.
- A number of calls also this month regarding various groups of Travellers and camps that sprung up over the later part of August. At the time of writing, all have since moved away.

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

- A drugs warrant was executed at an address near Emscote Road in Warwick on Friday 17th August. Two males aged 49 & 50 from Leamington Spa, and two males aged 41 & 40 from Warwick were arrested for possession with intent to supply class A drugs. A quantity of what is believed to be Class A drugs were seized at the address. Enquiries continue.
- A suspect has been arrested by police investigating after a taxi driver was robbed in Exham Close, Warwick in the early hours of 30th July 2018. The 28-year-old man from Warwick has been arrested on suspicion of robbery, and has been “released under investigation” while enquiries continue. The incident occurred at 3.55am after the 50-year-old taxi driver picked up two men from Charles Gardner Road, in Leamington Spa. After he dropped them off, the driver was attacked as the men attempted to rob him. They left empty handed but the victim was taken to hospital with an ear injury. Police enquiries are ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the attack or has information about it is urged to contact police on 101 quoting incident 39 of 30 July 2018. To remain anonymous, call the independent charity Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

- PCSO Candice Carr has left Warwickshire Police to join West Midlands Police as a Police Constable. We wish her well in her training as she starts the next chapter of her Police career.

APPEALS, NEWS & UPDATES

WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURES AHEAD OF OVO ENERGY TOUR OF BRITAIN

As Warwickshire welcomes the men's OVO Energy Tour of Britain on 5th September 2018, police are urging local residents to be aware of road closures and plan their journeys.

The race starts at 11am in Nuneaton and finishes at around 3.20pm on Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa.

There will be road closures in place throughout the day in Nuneaton and Leamington. There will then be rolling road closures in place across the county to allow the race to pass through (*details below for closures local to Warwick*). A full list of road closures across the county can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/50783/Police-warn-of-road-closures-ahead-of-OVO-Energy-Tour-of-Britain> or the official Tour website at <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-four/>

Leek Wootton - 12.05pm-12.29pm

A452 Warwick Road and Coventry Road

Warwick - 12.09pm-12.59pm

Primrose Hill, A425 Birmingham Road, A425 Saltisford to A429 High Street, A425 Castle Hill, A425 Banbury Road to B4455 Fosse Way

Leamington Spa - 3.19pm-16.03pm

A425 Radford Road to Newbold Terrace

COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP UPDATES



WARWICKSHIRE RETAIL CRIME INITIATIVE (WRCI). There are no further updates this month in relation to Retail Radio, but if you own or run a shop or business in Warwick, or anywhere across the county and would like more information about the benefits 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

VEHICLE CRIME

A CAR KEY BURGLARY is a crime where an individual breaks into your home with the specific aim of removing your car keys and stealing your car. As car manufacturers have made security such a priority over the last few years, thieves are finding it harder to steal vehicles in the conventional ways.

Perpetrators of this crime often work to order and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. If a criminal is targeting a certain vehicle they will also be targeting the owner, looking for easy ways to exploit their security and get to their keys.

The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car key burglars:

Simple crime prevention methods are the most effective way to deter potential thieves. The more difficult you make it for them, the less likely they are to bother. You can use a number of methods to protect both your car and home:



Protecting your car:

- Always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight. Car thieves can often obtain keys by using a line prop or a long stick with a hook on the end and reach through a cat flap or letterbox and hook your car keys if they are within reach.
- Always lock your car away safely, ideally in a garage if you have one.
- Fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle and consider installing a tracker.
- Use additional security systems such as immobilisers and visible security locks.
- Always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended.
- Always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places.
- Make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle.
- If you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove

Protecting your home:

- Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked.
- Install a high quality burglar alarm.
- Install an exterior security lighting system.

It's not just your car keys:

Like all thieves, car key burglars are opportunists. If they enter your home and cannot find your keys they will steal any valuables they can fit into their pockets or remove without arousing suspicion.

Wallets, purses, credit cards, cash, watches or jewellery will all be taken along with your car keys and car if left on display.

What to do if you are burgled:

If you are the victim of a burglary of any kind, call 999 immediately. If you find yourself face to face with an intruder in your home DO NOT confront them. The minute you confront an intruder you increase the risk of personal harm to yourself and others. Don't take the risk. Remember a car is a block of metal, and a material object that is replaceable, you aren't!

MOTORCYCLES can be an easy target for thieves if they are not secured as they can be wheeled away or bundled into a van in seconds. Motorcycles are twice as likely to be stolen as cars so it's important to keep them safe by taking steps to protect them and by choosing the right security devices.

There are a number of mechanical and electronic security devices available to help make your bike more secure and a few simple precautions could prevent you becoming a victim of theft:

- Buy an alarm, immobiliser and secondary locks like a disc lock, U-lock, chain or cable lock.
- Always use the steering lock.
- Park your motorcycle in good light and where it can be seen, ideally in a garage if you have one. Cover your machine where possible.
- Whenever possible, avoid leaving your helmet, gloves or other possessions on the machine.
- Consider security marking on as many parts of your bike as possible, and make notes of serial numbers on parts.
- The use of approved anti-theft devices such as Sold Secure or Thatcham may help to reduce your insurance premium as well as deterring potential thieves.
- Wherever possible, use parking spaces which are built especially for motorbikes and have stands or security loops for you to secure your machine to.



SCHOOL PARKING

With the new school year just starting up again, the issues of parking around schools at pick up and drop off times will no doubt come to the fore again.

Can we please take a few minutes to remind all motorists of some parking do's and don'ts so that the school run can pass without any problems for parents and local residents alike?

Parents should not park.....

- Near a school entrance.



- Anywhere you would prevent access for the emergency services.
- At or near a bus stop or taxi rank.
- Opposite, or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorized parking space.
- Near the brow of a hill or humped bridge.
- On a blind bend.
- In front of an entrance to a property.
- Where the curbs has been lowered to assist wheelchair users or mobility vehicles.
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of the dedicated cycle lane.

Parents are also advised to....

- Drive safely with due care and attention, and in accordance with the Highway Code.
- Be particularly mindful of children, who could just dash out into the road without any notice.
- Reduce the speed of your vehicle to 20mph or less when in the vicinity of the school.
- Be mindful of kids on bicycles who may well bump up and down curbs and weave in and out of stationary traffic and pedestrians.



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. (35 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. (30 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. (22 done to date)



MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS.** 6th – 9th & 13th – 16th September. An opportunity to visit some of Warwicks historic and iconic buildings for free. For more information, click here - www.heritageopendays.org.uk
- **WARWICK CASTLE LUNA CINEMA.** Warwick Castle on 12th/13th/14th September at 20:30hrs. Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Pretty Woman & Harry Potter: The Chamber of Secrets. For more information click on - www.thelunacinema.com



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



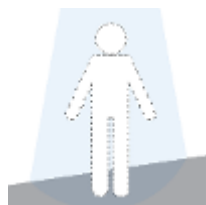
ASSAULTS



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 6305 Matt HAL



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)