

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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May 2019 Newsletter



Incorporating the villages, hamlets and communities of:

Burton Hastings – Copston Magna – Wolvey – Wibtoft – Shilton – Barnacle – Withybrook – Willey – Monks Kirby – Ansty – Pailton – Stretton-under-Fosse – Brinklow – Combe Fields - Easenhall – Harborough Magna – Churchover – Coton Park – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton

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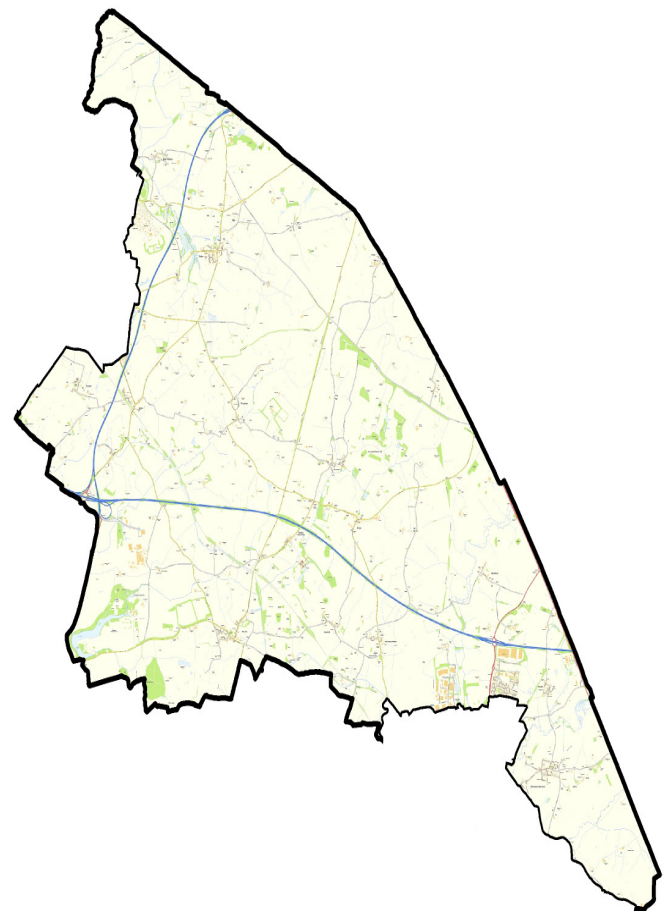
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect their locality.

Our policing area has strategic road links with the M6, A5 and M69 passing through. Local officers, with support tackle the criminals that travel those routes with a view to making communities safer from the threat of harm. The area is mostly made up of rural and village communities which bring their own unique demands.

We focus work around high risk and prolific offenders and our Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
 - Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.



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Your local policing team



Inspector 1598 Karen Jones – Rugby Borough SNT



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Warwickshire Rural Watch
closing the gate on rural crime

Introduction

Welcome to the May issue of the Rugby Rural North Newsletter.

Crime/Incident Overview

This section looks at the crimes/incidents of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is an overview of certain crime/incident-types that have been reported to us over the last month:

Burglary Residential – 5 reported incidents

Inc 479 15/04/2019 – Main Street, Harborough Magna

Attempted break into a tack room at 10.43pm.

Inc 420 01/04/2019 – Wibtoft

Around 8.00pm unknown offenders have broke the door handle on a conservatory, they were disturbed by the homeowner.

Inc 275 09/04/2019 – Charles Lakin Close, Shilton

Between 2.50pm and 4.15pm offenders have entered a property and stolen £600 in cash and some watches.

Inc 192 29/04/2019 – Coventry Road, Brinklow

Four males have stolen Asian Gold from a property.

Inc 305 29/04/2019 – Bulkington Road, Shilton

Between Thurs 25th 10.00am and Monday 29th 6.00pm a wooden padlock has been removed from a garage and a pedal cycle has been stolen.

Burglary Business and Commercial – 3 reported incidents

Inc 51 15/04/2019 – Leicester Road, Rugby

Between the 13th and 15th April containers on a building site have been entered and 2 computers and 4 power tools have been taken.

Inc 138 24/04/2019 – Leicester Road, Rugby

2000 litres of fuel have been stolen from Bowsers.

Criminal Damage – 6 reported incidents

Inc 245 27/04/2019 – Rugby Road, Clifton

A male in his late 40's bold, wearing a black jacket, black boots, a rucksack and a brown dog has dented a rear passenger side wing, because a male had parked up on a grass verge.

Inc 94 09/04/2019 – Shilton Lane, Shilton

Between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on the 08/04/19 unknown offenders have ridden motorbikes over farm land causing £10K worth of damage.

Inc 157 09/04/2019 – Shilton Lane, Shilton

A report of a quad bikes in a field.

Inc 113 20/04/2019 – Brinklow Road, Binley

The front windscreen has been cracked on a JCB digger.

Inc 149 09/04/2019 – Bulkington Road, Wolvey

Damage has been caused to the roundabout in the playing fields.

Theft – 17 reported incidents

Commercial Thefts x 6

Inc 66 11/04/2019 – Rugby Road, Harborough Magna

20 sheep have been killed.

Inc 141 18/04/2019 – Central Park Drive, Rugby

Apple Air Pods have been stolen from a restaurant.

Inc 73 23/04/2019 – Newton Road, Clifton

6 ewes have been stolen from a field.

Inc 51 02/04/2019 – Smeaton Lane, Stretton under Fosse

A caravan has been stolen.

Inc 224 27/04/2019 – Brinklow Road, Ansty

Between 9.10am and 5.10pm work tools have been stolen from a van.

Inc 116 24/04/2019 – Coventry Road, Wolvey

2 caravans have been stolen about 11.00pm 23/04/19.

Inc 440 24/04/2019 – Coventry Road, Wolvey

Between 10/09/18 and 03/04/19 31 Welsh mountain sheep have been stolen from a field.

Vehicle Crime – 12 reported incidents

Theft from HGV's x 3

Inc 127 04/04/2019 – Rugby Road, Clifton

Paperwork has been taken from an insecure vehicle within a one month period.

Inc 227 09/04/2019 – The Orchards, Newton

3 males have entered a works van and stolen power tools and hand tools.

Inc 52 15/04/2019 – Church Close, Harborough Magna

Overnight an IPOD touch has been stolen from a vehicle, there are no signs of a forced entry.

Inc 87 02/04/2019 – Shilton Industrial Estate, Shilton

The front and rear number plates have been stolen from a vehicle.

Inc 109 04/04/2019 – Charles Lakin Close, Shilton

3 males in a silver/grey Astra estate have stolen 2 Makita drill boxes from a works van.

Inc 198 15/04/2019 – Colledge Close, Brinklow

Between 4.00am and 1.45am a sat nav has been stolen from a glove box, there are no signs of a forced entry.

Inc 458 24/04/2019 – Coombe Fields Road, Ansty

Between 9.15am and 3.30pm a window has been smashed and a camera has been taken.

Inc 122 04/04/2019 – Pipers End, Wolvey

Between 8.30am and 11.30am the barrel to a works van has been popped and a Stihl saw has been stolen.

Inc 385 19/04/2019 – Smockington Lane, Wolvey

The front and rear number plates have been stolen off a vehicle.

Mobile Police Visits

Don't forget to visit local officers on their mobile police visits in May.

May 8th and June 12th 2019

Clifton – Lilbourne Road from 11.00am till 12.00pm

Harborough Magna – Rugby Road from 1.30pm till 2.30pm

May 9th 2019

Burton Hastings – Hinckley Road from 9:15am till 10:15am

Withybrook – Main Street from 10:30am till 11:30am

Monks Kirby – Broadhurst Lane (by the village hall) from 11:45am till 12:45pm

Wolvey – The Square from 2:00pm till 3:00pm

Brinklow – Broadstreet (by the village hall) from 3:15pm till 4:15pm

Good News Stories

Police arrest male with dead sheep in vehicle, Rugby.

Incident 34 of 16 April 2019

Police have arrested a 21 year old male from Rugby after an alert member of the public reported a suspicious vehicle in Rugby just after 4am on Tuesday 16 April 2019.

Police arrived and discovered a dead sheep in the back of the car. Officers are in contact with DEFRA to establish who the sheep belongs to.

The man was arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty, driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs, possession of an offensive weapon, and assault on police.

He was also arrested on suspicion of a burglary non dwelling following a suspicious incident in Harborough Magna overnight 15/16 April.

The vehicle and sheep were recovered for further examination.

Enquiries are ongoing and police are appealing for any witnesses who saw a suspicious vehicle in the Harborough Magna area overnight 15/16 April to please contact them on 101 asking for PS Craig Griffiths on ext 3886. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime Prevention Advice

Rules to ensure the safe use of drones

In the legislation part of this site you can read the (ANO 2009) Air Navigation Order 2009 (CAP393) which sets down what can and can't be done with a drone. Articles 166, 167 and 138 of the Air Navigation Order in particular relate to drones.

Generally speaking you can't:

Fly them dangerously anywhere

Drop anything from them

Fly them out of site of the operator

Fly them above 400 feet

Fly them in and around airports

Fly them within 150 metres of congested** areas or organised gatherings of more than 1000 people.

Fly within 50 metres of any vessel, vehicle, person or structures not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft.

Take off and land within 30 metres of any person unless they are under the control of the operator.

This legislation is intended, among many other things, to maintain the safe use of drones. The legislation does not give any specific powers of arrest or seizure and officers should continue to use powers under SOCAP and PACE as appropriate.

Anyone breaching the ANO commits a summary offence only.

** A congested area is defined in article 255 of the ANO 2009 as follows;

Congested area in relation to a city, town or settlement, means any area which is substantially **used for residential, industrial, commercial or recreational purposes.**

Scam Warning - Fake Tv Licensing Emails

An ongoing TV Licensing phishing campaign, first identified by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) in September 2018, continues to be reported to Action Fraud in high numbers. Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails that are designed to steal their personal and financial information. Since April 2018, Action Fraud has received over 900 crime reports with victim losses totalling more than £830,000.

How you can protect yourself:

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Don't assume a phone call or email is authentic, even if someone knows your basic details (such as your name or address). Remember, criminals can spoof phone numbers and email addresses to appear as companies you know and trust, such as TV Licensing.

Your bank will never call and ask you for your PIN, full banking password, or ask you to transfer money out of your account.

What to do if you've fallen victim:

Let your bank know as soon as possible and monitor your bank statements regularly for any unusual activity.

If you suspect your identity may have been stolen you can check your credit file quickly and easily online. Use a reputable service provider and follow up on any unexpected or suspicious results.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

[Appeal for information](#)

Warwickshire Police ask rural communities to be vigilant following recent sheep deaths

Warwickshire Police and partners are urging rural communities to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, after a number of incidents of sheep being stolen and illegally butchered in the county. Since 1 January 2019, 80 sheep or lambs have been reported butchered in fields and 29 sheep or lambs have been reported stolen from farms in Warwickshire.

It's reported that similar incidents have also recently taken place in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, and officers are linking in with border forces as part of the investigation.

Carol Cotterill, Rural Crime Officer at Warwickshire Police said: "Theft and illegal butchery of sheep is a serious offence, which causes suffering to the animals some of which were in lamb or with lambs at foot and financial repercussions to farmers. Enquiries are currently ongoing into the incidents and we would urge anyone who has witnessed any suspicious activity or has any information that could help with our enquiries to please come forward.

Police believe incidents are more likely to happen on clear nights when there is better visibility from the moonlight - in particular when there is a fuller moon.

Offenders may be visiting the area beforehand in daylight to plan the crime

Offenders park a vehicle where they cannot be seen

Offenders are choosing quiet secluded locations near to main roads

Police are warning all sheep farmers and rural communities to stay extra vigilant and have provided the following advice:

Crime prevention advice

If you own livestock or live near fields with livestock in please be extra vigilant and report any concerns to police

Report suspicious vehicles to police

Where possible graze livestock in fields away from roads

Review any weak points in fields in remote locations in particular where sheep are grazed near a main road

If your field is down a quiet track consider parking a vehicle to block access

Padlock field gates and ensure gates and boundaries are in good order

Consider checking your sheep on clear nights, in the early hours of the morning

Join the Rural Watch scheme

Set up a Whatsapp group to share information

Consider grazing other animals with sheep to deter offenders

Contact your rural crime adviser to discuss crime prevention notices, cameras etc

Put your safety first and dial 999 if you believe an incident is in progress

"If you suspect someone has attempted to target your animals, or find that you've lost livestock in this way, please report it to police immediately."

"Members of the public should also be mindful of being offered meat for sale in suspicious circumstances."

George Bostock, NFU Warwickshire assistant country adviser, said: "The illegal slaughter of animals is abhorrent and we would urge anyone with information to get in touch with the police."

"Rural crime has a serious emotional impact on farming families as well as the disruption and financial burden it brings."

"Midlands' livestock farmers rear animals to exceptionally high welfare standards and all of our members care about their stock; to witness this at home, during lambing season, is absolutely appalling."

"Shoppers should always look out for the Red Tractor logo and other assurance marks on the food they buy as it guarantees food quality, safety and standards."

"The NFU will continue to work with Government, police forces and Police and Crime Commissioners to work towards solutions that allow farmers, who already feel isolated and vulnerable, to be better protected."

Warwickshire Police is urging the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity by calling 101.

Information can also be emailed to northwarksruralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk in confidence or via Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via their website.

For further advice on rural crime, please see here: www.warwickshire.police.uk/RuralCrime

and www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk

Contact us!

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☎ **999** – In an Emergency

☎ **101** – To report a Crime

☎ **(01788) 853851** – To contact the team directly (not for reporting Crime)