

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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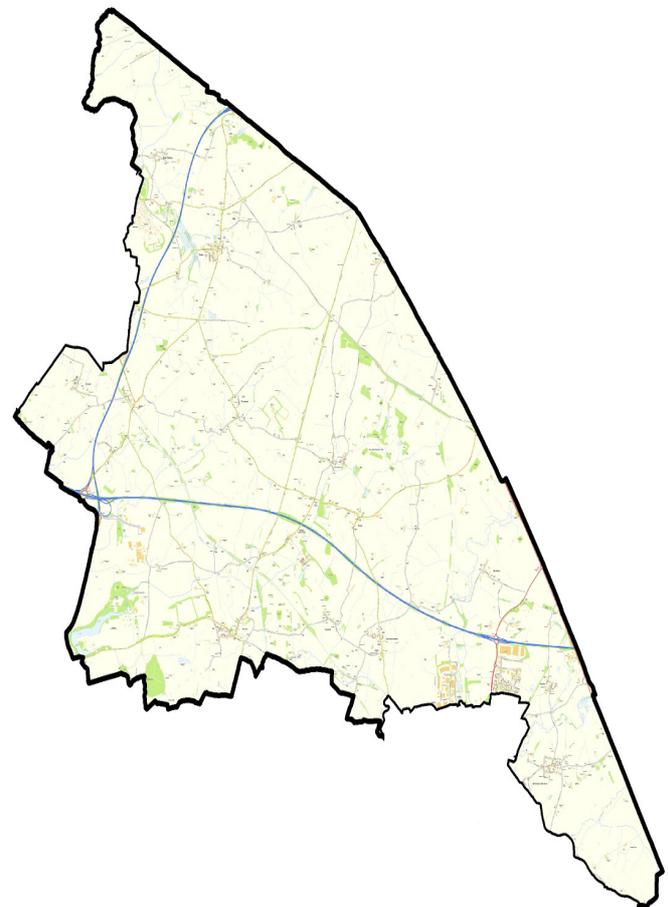
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect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



## Your local policing team



Inspector 1598 Karen Jones – Rugby Borough SNT



Sergeant 0948 Sarah Masters – SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town West and Rural



Police Constable 1350 Rachael Smith – Rugby Rural North



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## **Warwickshire Rural Watch** *Closing the gate on rural crime*

### [Introduction](#)

Welcome to the July 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 – 4 reported incidents**

##### **Inc 310 14/06/2019 – Watling Street, Clifton**

Between 10.00am and 4.45pm unknown offenders have gained entry via a kitchen window.

##### **Inc 43 22/06/2019 – Newton Lane, Rugby**

At 2.30am offenders have cut the padlock to a secure unit and tried to steal 2 Quad bikes, a dark coloured Range Rover was seen at the scene.

##### **Inc 139 08/06/2019 – Hall Road, Wolvey**

Unknown offenders have attempted to gain entry at 00.20am through a window. However they were disturbed by the home owner.

#### **Burglary Business and Commercial – 4 reported incidents**

##### **Inc 162 14/06/2019 – Hillmorton Lane, Clifton**

Between Monday 10/06/19 and Friday 14/06/19 a shipping container has been emptied and tools have been taken.

##### **Inc 118 10/06/2019 – Shilton Industrial Estate, Shilton**

At 11.10pm 09/06/19 a rear fire door has been forced open and racing bikes, wheels and helmets have been stolen.

##### **Inc 249 17/06/2019 – Coventry Road, Wolvey**

Between 10/05/19 and 10/06/19 a steel container has been entered and batteries and fencing have been stolen.

## **Criminal Damage – 6 reported incidents**

### **Inc 263 24/06/2019 – Linnet Close, Rugby**

Four large scratches have been made into the paintwork of a vehicle whilst parked on the road.

### **Inc 270 15/06/2019 – Charles Lakin Close, Shilton**

A side panel on a van has been forced from the top causing the door to bow, no entry has been gained.

## **Theft – 15 reported incidents**

Commercial Thefts x 7

Theft from HGV's x 2

### **Inc 45 26/06/2019 – Leicester Road, Rugby**

A shipping container has been broken into and survey equipment has been stolen.

### **Inc 167 15/06/2019 – Shilton Lane, Shilton**

Between 11.30am and 1.00pm offenders have stolen a handbag from a coffee shop.

## **Vehicle Crime – 7 reported incidents**

Theft from HGV's x 1

Commercial x 2

### **Inc 106 17/06/2019 – George Birch Close, Brinklow**

A side lock has been picked and power tools have been taken.

### **Inc 65 21/06/2019 – Bond End, Monks Kirby**

Overnight a Mercedes has been stolen from outside a property without keys.

### **Inc 370 11/06/2019 – Hinckley Road, Wolvey**

A window has been smashed on a van.

### **Inc 35 22/06/2019 – Bracken Drive, Wolvey**

At 2.00am the informant has witnessed 2 males trying to break into a works van.

## **Mobile Police Visits**

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

### **July 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## [Help and Advice](#)

### Neighbour disputes

We would all like to live in peace with our neighbours, but unfortunately that is sometimes not how things work out. Here's what you can do if you are having problems. Unless a crime has been committed or someone is in immediate danger, the police are unlikely to intervene in neighbour disputes. However, we'll put you in touch with the groups and organisations who can help.



#### Examples:

##### **I'm having a dispute with a neighbour about our property boundaries.**

If you can't find an amicable solution with your neighbour, we suggest seeking the advice of a solicitor to resolve this. You could also contact your bank, building society, or whoever holds your deeds, to confirm the boundaries.

The following resources may also be of use:

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) [www.rics.org](http://www.rics.org)

The Land Registry [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

##### **I'm having a dispute with a neighbour about their CCTV camera pointing at my property**

Many people are installing closed circuit television (CCTV) as a home security measure as it has proved to be an effective tool in fighting crime. Cameras used for limited household purposes are not subject to the Data Protection Act 1998.

However, if the footage covers areas beyond this, such as neighbouring streets or other properties, problems may arise. There could be issues regarding privacy and harassment if you are being recorded in your home.

In the first instance, speak to your neighbour to see if it's possible to reposition the camera so that it does not point at your property. If this is not successful, and you want to take further action, we recommend seeking legal advice from a solicitor.

To find a local independent solicitor visit The Law Society web site [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

This information is provided courtesy of [Ask The Police](#)

## **My neighbour plays music to an excessive level**

A noise complaint can be made to your local council on line.

**Rugby Borough Council:** [www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

If you live in a rented property or local housing then please contact your landlord or the housing association who will be able to provide relevant support and guidance.

Further advice on what to do to resolve a neighbour dispute can be obtained from the Gov.UK website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

This independent website also offers advice [www.problemneighbours.co.uk](http://www.problemneighbours.co.uk)

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## Crime Prevention Advice (From Action Fraud)

### Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines

#### What you need to know

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

#### What you need to do

If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.

Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.

If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

### HMRC Alert

#### What you need to know

- Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls and voicemails, to members of the public purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Fraudsters are spoofing genuine HMRC telephone numbers to deceive their victims over the phone. The fraudsters state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceedings in order to settle the balance. The fraudsters suggest victims can avoid this, by arranging payment to be made immediately by methods such as bank transfer or by purchasing iTunes gift cards.

- If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, sending bailiffs to the victim's address or, in some cases, deportation.
- Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact with the victim.

- In genuine cases, HMRC will initially make direct contact with you via post/letter and potentially follow up that letter with a phone call at a later date.
- If HMRC contact you via telephone they will quote the reference number on the initial letter you should have received. HMRC will not discuss something you are not already aware of, like a tax investigation, and will NOT demand immediate payment.

It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

#### What you need to do

- Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number.
- Legitimate organisations wouldn't ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using an iTunes gift card, or any other type of voucher. If you're contacted by anyone that asks you to do this, you're likely the target of a scam
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.
- Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, you can report this as phishing to Action Fraud

#### **Contact us!**

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**@RugbyCops**

☎ **999** – In an Emergency

☎ **101** – To report a Crime

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