

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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August 2020 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 - Houlton

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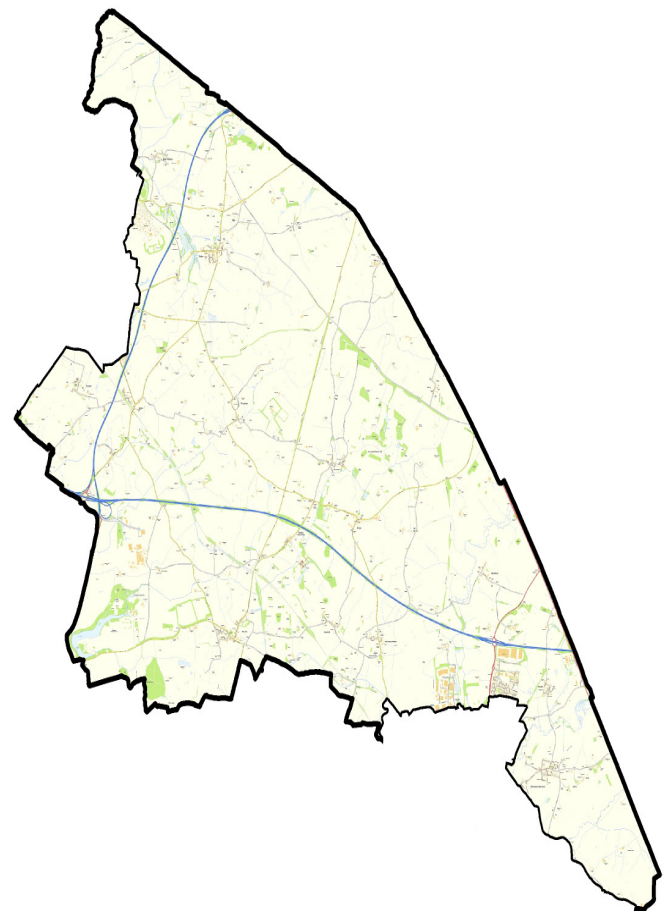
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect 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 1784 Sally Bunyard-Spiers

Sergeant 1187 Shaun Haywood– SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town West and Rural

Police Constable 1237 Rebecca Fenton – Rugby Rural North



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Warwickshire Rural Watch
Closing the gate on rural crime

Introduction

Welcome to the August 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 – 3 reported incidents

Inc 183 05/07/2020 – Main Street, Houlton

Between 2.00pm 02/07/20 and 10.30am 05/07/20 a secure bike shed has been entered and a bike has been stolen. Incident 396 05/07/20 relates to the same incident and another bike being taken.

Inc 85 12/07/2020 – Fennel Close, Coton Park

A flowerpot has been thrown at a window, no entry was gained.

Burglary Business and Commercial – 1 reported incident

Inc 313 20/07/20 – Newton Lane, Newton

Theft of tools from an open container at 2.45pm.

Criminal Damage – 3 reported incidents

Inc 81 02/07/20 – Spring Road, Barnacle

Children have been witnessed playing and damaging crops.

Inc 88 08/07/20 – Coombe Abbey

Between 5.30pm 06/07/20 and 9.30am 08/07/20 damage has been caused to Go Ape equipment.

Theft – 7 reported incidents

Commercial x 1
HGV x 1

Inc 105 06/07/20 – Moors Lane, Rugby

5 canopy tops to windows and 25 lintels have been stolen from a builder's site.

Inc 160 07/07/20 – Snellsdale Road, Rugby

Between 3.15am and 4.00am a building site has been entered and trad decking has been stolen.

Inc 183 27/07/20 – Shaughnessy Way, Houlton

A canopy has been stolen; it was last seen in March 2020.

Inc 116 13/07/20 – Coombe Abbey

Brass dedication plaques from 4 benches have been unscrewed and stolen.

Vehicle Crime – 5 reported incidents

Inc 210 20/07/20 – Mayo Court, Clifton

A left blower has been stolen from a trailer.

Inc 335 31/07/20 – Church Street, Clifton

Two wheels have been slashed on a vehicle.

Inc 389 19/07/20 – Withybrook Lane, Shilton

A rear window has been smashed and a fisherman's chair has been stolen.

Inc 259 20/07/20 – Coventry Road, Wolvey

A van has been stolen with keys.

Mobile Police Visits

Unfortunately due to social distancing still in place all Mobile Police Stations Visits are cancelled until further notice.

Community Speed Watch Groups

Hopefully CSW groups will be up and running again this month. Groups will be notified when they are able to resume their duties.

Good News

Three arrests as part of week-long crackdown on telephone fraud

Three men have been arrested as part of a week of action against telephone fraud led by the Warwickshire Police Economic Crime Unit.

On Tuesday (4 August), a 44-year-old man from Wednesbury, West Midlands was arrested on suspicion of Fraud and money laundering. This was in connection with an incident in November 2019 where an 84-year-old woman from Nuneaton received a call from someone claiming to be from the police instructing her to transfer money. The woman was defrauded out of thousands of pounds. The suspect has been bailed until next week while enquiries continue.

On Thursday, a 25-year-old man from Birmingham was arrested on suspicion of fraud. This was in connection with an incident in April 2020 where a woman in Warwick received a call from someone claiming to be a high court sheriff who told her that she owed money to the court and that it needed to be transferred into a bank account. She was defrauded out of several hundred pounds. The suspect has been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

This morning (Friday 7 August) a 21-year-old man from Coventry was arrested on suspicion of fraud. This was in connection with an incident in January 2020 where efforts were made to defraud a woman from Bulkington out of several thousand pounds. She was called by a man claiming to be from Natwest urging her to transfer money from her account. The woman realised it was a scam and reported it. The suspect remains in custody.

Warwickshire Police has received more than 100 reports of telephone fraud since November last year.

Detective Sergeant Paul Hainsworth from the Warwickshire Police Economic Crime Unit explained this type of offence is becoming more prevalent and the offenders getting more convincing: "These types of criminals typically target vulnerable people and they can sound extremely convincing. Victims are understandably concerned.

"Recently, we have been supporting the 'Take Five' initiative which urges people to do just that; if you feel something isn't right, take five minutes to consider whether a situation is genuine.

"Criminals will often pressure people to act on the spot whereas legitimate callers will have no problem with you taking your time and carrying out relevant checks."

Take five advice

These types of criminals are experts at impersonating organisations such as the police, a bank or the HMRC. They will often spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you have fallen for a scam and report it.

And remember:

- Your bank will never send a courier to your home
- Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card
- Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN
- Your bank will never ask you to transfer money
- If you receive one of these calls, end it immediately

Crime Prevention Advice

Nottingham Knockers – Cold Callers

In recent days Warwick Police have received reports of cold callers knocking on doors and offering to sell dusters and other household items.

These cold callers are known to the Police as Nottingham Knockers and are usually ex-offenders and they get dropped off in an area for the day and try and sell their goods

In each case the caller shows a card but on checking these are found to be bogus. These doorstep sellers can be persistent and won't take no for an answer.

This is totally illegal and must be reported to the Police on 101 with a description and direction of travel.

Do not fall for their tactics and shut the door.

Please avoid answering the door or buying from cold callers.

You can also report any concerns to Warwickshire Police online at www.warwickshire.police.uk

Warwickshire Police - Vehicle Crime

We've had an increase in the number of sports/high performance Hatchback-type vehicles & Transit style vans being stolen. Be vigilant & report any suspicious activity on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

TV Licensing Scam

If you receive an email from TV Licensing claiming your direct debit has failed, #TakeFive

Criminals are using Coronavirus as a hook to trick you into clicking on links in emails or texts. They may ask you to update your personal and financial information or make payment. Instead, make sure you log in to your account through a secure app or webpage and contact organisations directly using a known number or email. If you think you've fallen for a scam, contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct, such as the one listed on the back of your debit or credit card.

Fly tipping

Fly tipping is a big problem. Not only is it a selfish act it is also a crime. No one likes to see rubbish thrown into hedges, in fields or dumped along roadsides. Clearing up the mess costs local Councils large sums of money each year at a time when budgets are already stretched. Please, if you need to dispose of rubbish do so responsibly.

To report incidents of fly tipping go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flytippingandlitter
Help Keep Warwickshire Looking Beautiful!

"CUCKOOING" (Criminals taking over someone's home)

Watch this film by PC 1942 Stephen Crowshaw, a Warwickshire Officer based in the Nunreaton Safer Neighbourhoods Team, has been working hard to raise awareness of this type of crime.

<https://youtu.be/c-ycrmPLjnE>

Cuckooing is where gangs use violence and abuse to target the homes of vulnerable people and use them as bases for drug dealing. This is known as 'cuckooing'.

What are the signs of cuckooing?

- Signs that 'cuckooing' may be going on at a property include:
- An increase in people entering and leaving
- An increase in cars or bikes outside
- Possible increase in anti-social behaviour
- Increasing litter outside
- Signs of drugs use
- Lack of healthcare visitors

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 **999** – In an Emergency

 **101** – To report a Crime

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