

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

November 2020 News



Welcome

Rugby Safer Neighbourhood team have made the decision to produce a joint newsletter covering all the areas that the team cover from the town centre to the rural villages within Rugby. It will contain a few snippets of what the team have been up to. It will also contain information on how to reduce crime and advice on how the team can give you support. It will have useful links in order for enquiries to be dealt with by the most appropriate service. Crime statistics can be found on Warwickshire Police website via link <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-map>

What we have been up to...

Beat Manager Aaron Sahota along with partner agencies have identified their core issues, they have planned a number of operations on Town North over the next couple of months that will focus on:

- Drug taking/dealing
- Speeding
- Road Traffic Offences and Anti-Social Behaviour
- COVID-19 – shops not enforcing the rules.

Rugby Safer Neighbourhood team are always on the lookout for ways to engage with the public especially that clubs and events have ceased during the Covid pandemic. We as an SNT have missed attending the summer fetes, festivals nursery talks, public meetings etc. As winter we will be out and about on foot in all weathers, please feel free to speak to the team if you have any issues or would just like a friendly chat.



Community Engagement.

The team have been out in all weathers during the month engaging with the communities. PCSOs Sam Goode and Helena Seal helped local residents in the clearing up of litter left behind at Long Lawford ford. Several bags were filled and disposed of. Keep Britain Tidy. PCSO Nina Parish reacted quickly to a loose dog in the Hillmorton area, making a make shift lead out of her high Vis jacket and returning the dog to its thankful owner.



PCSO Ben Avery whilst on patrol in Shilton observed a male in a vehicle which was acting suspicious in the car park. The vehicle was found to be stolen and used in crime. The driver made off from Ben. The vehicle contained a number of fake registration plates, weapons and had been used in crime. There has been a report in the use of youngsters using nitrous oxide canisters within Rugby. Please educate your children of the dangers.



Cycle Safety

Rugby Town East SNT have engaged with cyclists on the Crick Road who were travelling to and from DIRFT. A number of cyclists were stopped and cycle safety advice was given to them. We also handed high visibility backpack covers and high visibility bands for the cyclists to be more visible on the roads, especially now with the darker night's drawing in.



Safer Neighbourhood Team Execute Drugs Warrants.

An intelligence led operation took place on Bagshaw Close, Ryton upon Dunsmore. During foot patrols of the village the local PCSOs gathered intelligence about a property being used to house a cannabis farm. With careful planning by the team they obtained a warrant and it was executed by SNT. 250 Cannabis plants seized and a suspect was arrested and charged.

On the morning of Friday 16 October 2020, a team of Officers from Rugby executed a Drugs Warrant at an address on Sandown Road, Rugby. Local Officers have been gathering intelligence and working with members of the public, concerned that drug dealing was taking place at the address. Cannabis, cash and other drugs paraphernalia were seized from the address. A male was also arrested at the scene.

If you have information about the supply of drugs call Warwickshire Police on 101 or you can report this illegal activity anonymously by calling the independent charity Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

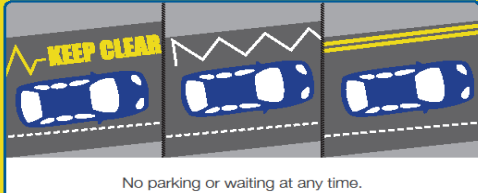


Tackling School Parking.

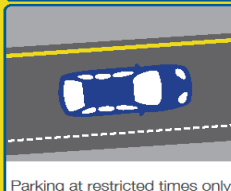
The team have had reports of illegal and irresponsible parking by parents around schools at drop off and pick up times. The team have been out giving advice to parents during these times and have been appalled at some of the attitudes of some parents. Parking opposite a junction is an offence as it is an unnecessary obstruction of the highway and puts others at risk.

Think before you park!

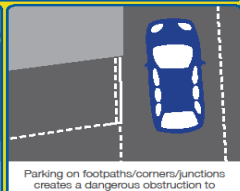
Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger



No parking or waiting at any time.



Parking at restricted times only.



Parking on footpaths/corners/junctions creates a dangerous obstruction to pedestrians and other drivers.

If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.
The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.

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Think before you park



Your parking could be putting someone's life in danger!

Inconsiderate parking can put other people's safety at risk. If your parking forces someone to walk or cycle off course, you should not be parked there.

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As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences.

This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Your submission will be sent to Warwickshire Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of our road traffic police officers.

Due to the large volume of submissions received each week, we are unable to update each submitter regarding the outcome of their allegation. However, all submissions are dealt with pro-actively to help reduce risk taking and poor driving on our counties roads.

Any footage submitted through the portal can be used by us to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

For more information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions section or email OpSnap@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk



Fireworks.



FIREWORKS

Please consider livestock, horses and domesticated pets in your local area 

- If you are planning on setting off fireworks, inform your neighbours if they own livestock, horses and/or domesticated animals
- Fireworks should not be set off near to any fields/land where animals may reside
- Bangs, flashing lights and smells produced by fireworks are unnatural to animals and may cause them to be unsettled
- An animal that is frightened and anxious may react out of the ordinary. This could pose a threat to individuals and the animal itself

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to be in possession of fireworks in a public place

Private Individuals cannot set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

This is extended to:
1am on Chinese New Year
1am on Diwali
1am on New Year's Eve
Midnight on 5 November

Please think before you set off fireworks!



BONFIRE NIGHT

REMEMBER! REMEMBER!

- It is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone under 18 years of age. Maximum penalty of £5000 and/or six months in prison.
- It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Bonfire night extended until 12 midnight).
- It is illegal to let off any firework in a public place and this carries a fine of up to £5000. Police may also issue an £90 Fixed Penalty Notice.
- All fireworks sold to the public must comply to British Safety Standard BS 7114.
- The police have the power to stop and search anyone suspected of carrying fireworks.
- The sale of banger, mini rockets, fireworks that fly erratically (squibs, helicopters etc), aerial shells and maroons is illegal.
- Irresponsible use of fireworks can damage property, cause injury, scare people (particularly the elderly) and frighten animals.

Information.

IT'S A SCAM

Fraudsters want your PIN and bank card

- A fraudster telephones you claiming to be from your bank or the police. They tell you that your bank card details have been used fraudulently.
- They suggest that you hang up and ring the bank/police back to ensure the call is genuine. **Don't be fooled – they stay on the line. They then tell you to read out or key in your PIN.**
- They send a taxi/courier to you to collect your bank card. With this and your PIN, they spend your money.



THE PHONE CALL



THE COURIER



THE PIN NUMBER

JUST REMEMBER:
Your bank or the police will never ask for your PIN or bank card – don't give them to anybody!

If you've been a victim of this crime call the police on 101.

BEWARE

Wheelie bins can be used in the following ways by burglars...

- A climbing aid to gain access to your property
- An indicator as to whether you are home
- A removal aid to take the items away that they have stolen
- To find out information about you that you may not have destroyed
- To start small fires



Make sure your wheelie bin is out of sight of burglars. Store or secure it away until collection day.

TriPPiNg oUt...

to your fInAL destination?

Nitrous Oxide - 'Laughing Gas'

It is an offence to possess with intent to...

- Supply
- Offer to supply
- Produce
- Import or export

...psychoactive substances for human consumption.

Inhaling nitrous oxide can be dangerous, and can lead to loss of blood pressure, fainting and even a heart attack.

Prolonged exposure to Nitrous Oxide may also result in bone marrow suppression and poisoning of the central nervous system.

These risks are likely to be exacerbated if the exposure to the gas is combined with alcohol or other drugs. (Home Office).



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BEGGING

GIVE BEGGARS A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT!

Please don't 'kill with kindness' by giving money to people begging.

Your well-meaning action could be causing more harm than good as often the money is used to fund drug or alcohol addiction.

To truly help those in need please consider giving to local charities who are committed to helping provide assistance, shelter or longer term solutions.



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children
Barnardo's

Take a few simple steps to avoid becoming a victim of burglary

Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a give away that no one is at home.

Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows – even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.

If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you go out and also when you go to bed.

Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.

Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101.



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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
- The Land Registry 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

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.

Warwick District Council: www.warwickdc.gov.uk

North Warwickshire Borough: www.northwarks.gov.uk

Stratford on Avon District Council: www.stratford.gov.uk

Rugby Borough Council: www.rugby.gov.uk

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council: www.nuneatonandbedworth.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

This independent website also offers advice www.problemneighbours.co.uk

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Contact us!

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