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& TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN WARDS

ALCESTER SOUTH COVERING

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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 27th July 2025

Based at Alcester Police Station, The Safer Neighbourhood team's primary roles are around crime prevention, problem solving both long standing or emerging issues of community concern and community engagement. We are supported at Alcester by colleagues from Patrol teams whose role is to respond to incidents and investigate crimes that occur in the area 24/7. The SNT is supervised by Inspector Jake Kibblewhite who leads on Neighbourhood Policing for Stratford District and Sgt Ebbs who also oversees neighbourhood Policing in the Shipston on Stour area. The Alcester SNT currently consists of 2 Police officers and 5 Police Community Support Officers, and our contact details are shown above.

Hello all.

This is our latest combined weekly report and prompt to see if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the Alcester Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Thank you to those that have contacted the Teams this week. If you would like to be removed from this local email circulation list, please let me know asap. This report will also be sent out on the Warwickshire Connected alert system.

For operational and privacy reasons not all the incidents that occur on the Alcester area are listed in this report, although they are recorded on police systems. Please remember to report any anti-social behaviour, suspicious activity or crimes to us as soon as possible - this can be done via the 101 and 999 telephone numbers or if not an emergency via our online reporting forms that can be found on our website. If you have any information or cctv footage that may relate to the incidents listed, please contact us.

Incidents of a public interest from the last week: -

SALFORD PRIORS

ASB. Cedar Close. Youngsters on electric bikes & scooter causing a danger and nuisance in the area, riding across gardens and into the road etc. Reported 23rd July. 0073 23/07/2025

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STUDLEY

Burglary. St Chads Road. Dwelling entered and untidy search made. Unsure if anything stolen at the time of the report. Overnight 20th & 21st July. 0059021/07/2025

BEARLEY

ASB. Grange Road. Group of youngsters on electric scooters riding on the footpaths causing a danger and generally being anti-social towards members of the public. Ongoing problem. Reported on the 21st of July. 0344 21/07/2025

HENLEY

Suspicious Circumstances. Edge Lane. Female seen walking along the lane possibly taking photos of properties etc. 10.30am Monday 21st July. 0271 24/07/2025

Suspicious Circumstances. William James Way. Tall male wearing a balaclava seen acting suspiciously in the area. Walking around property. 1am Wednesday 23rd July. 0161 23/07/2025

EARLSWOOD

Vehicle Crime. Car park, Earlswood Common. Males in a Black Ford Focus seen taking tools etc from a works van. 7.30pm Thursday 24th July. 0347 24/07/2025

HOCKLEY HEATH

Vehicle Crime X 3. Car Park, Stratford Road. Three vehicles entered and various items stolen including tools. At least two males arrived in a vehicle and carried out the thefts. 7.50pm Thursday 24th July. 0348 24/07/2025

Hot weather home security

With the hot weather still with us, we're reminding people to keep their homes secure.

In the summer months, unfortunately we do tend to see an increase in burglaries. With doors and windows often being left open, this can present an easy target for thieves.

Here are some simple steps you can take to help protect your property:

- Close and lock all windows and doors before going to bed or leaving your home—even for a short time.
- Use window restrictors that allow ventilation without allowing full access.
- Install motion-activated lights or smart lighting around entry points to deter intruders.
- CCTV or video doorbells can act as both deterrents and valuable evidence.
- Check garden gates and sheds—ensure they are locked, and tools are out of sight as these can be used to gain access to your home.
- Be a good neighbour. If you see anything suspicious, report it to us immediately.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as Smartwater. If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if recovered, stolen items can then be returned to their rightful owner.

Let's work together to keep our community safe. If you have any concerns, please contact your local neighbourhood policing team.

In an emergency, always call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101 or report online.

Keyless Vehicle Theft

Vehicles with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the vehicle. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your key to open your vehicle, you don't have keyless entry.

What is keyless vehicle theft?

Keyless vehicle theft or 'relay-theft' is when a device is used to fool the vehicle into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the vehicle and starts the ignition. Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your vehicle key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your vehicle and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal it without gaining access to your keys. If you have the kind of fob where you have to press a button to unlock your vehicle, then you're not at risk from relay theft at all.

Keeping your vehicle safe from keyless theft

Don't worry - there are a number of sensible precautions you can take to protect your vehicle from keyless entry theft.

Consider buying a Faraday pouch and store your keyless fob in it - Faraday pouches - also known as signal blockers - work by blocking your key signal, which prevents would-be thieves from stealing your vehicle. They are readily available to buy for as little as £5. Make sure you test to see if your pouch works. You can do this by putting the key in it and walking up to your car and checking if it unlocks.

Faraday pouches have a metal lining to block the signal and are more reliable but if you don't have one, you could keep your keys in a metal box such as a biscuit tin may also work. Ensure you check this before you rely on it.

Buy and fit tamper-proof screws to your number plate - When vehicles are stolen, thieves sometimes remove the number plates and replace them with false number plates that do not belong to the vehicle. With tamper-proof screws, it is virtually impossible to remove the plate without the locking tool.

Keep fobs, including spares, well away from doors, windows and the vehicle itself Think about the safest place to keep keys at home. The further away the fob is, the less likely the thieves are able to pick up the signal. This includes keeping your keys away from the front door, back door or windows.

Check your owner's manual to see if the fob can be switched off completely - Where possible, ensure the fob is switched off every night when your vehicle is most vulnerable to keyless entry theft. You may also want to consider switching the fob off in the day for extra peace of mind.

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Reprogramme your key fob if you buy a second-hand vehicle - If you buy a second-hand vehicle that is a keyless entry, ensure your key fob is reprogrammed.

Ask about getting a key fob with a motion sensor - The motion sensor detects when the fob has been stationary for a while, which triggers sleep mode. During sleep mode the fob no longer responds to the relay signals, protecting the vehicle however full functionality is restored when the owner moves the key. If you've got an older vehicle, it's worth checking whether you can update your fob with a motion sensor.

How does keyless vehicle theft work?

Keyless entry vehicle theft involves thieves working in pairs to steal vehicles that are parked close to their owner's home. One stands outside with a special device that remotely receives a signal from the key fob. The other stands next to the vehicle with a second device that receives a signal and unlocks your vehicle.

The thieves are then able to quickly get into your vehicle and drive away - in some cases this may take less than a minute.

Are keyless entry vehicles safe?

While relay attacks are becoming increasingly common, not every keyless entry vehicle is at risk, and some might be more secure than others.

