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## Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 Hembry 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: -

### ALCESTER

- Attempt Burglary. Shop, High Street. Front door glass smashed, possibly with wheelie bin. Entry not gained. Overnight 17th & 18th March. 0053 18/03/2025
- Burglary. Springfield Road. Patio door smashed and entry gained. Untidy search of inside. Unsure if anything stolen at the time of the report. Between 15th & 16th March. 0140 16/03/2025

*This newsletter is not intended to record a comprehensive list of every reported crime in the area but includes crimes and incidents that the local community should be aware of. Staying vigilant and working together with the police and your local community keep crime out of your area.*

## **BIDFORD**

- Attempt Burglary. Jacksons Meadow. Garage entered and attempt made to gain access to the main house which was unsuccessful. Nothing believed stolen at the time of the report. Between 9pm 20th and 4pm 21st March. 0245 22/03/2025
- Burglary. Stepping Stones. House entered via rear door and car keys stolen. Subsequently a Blue BMW X1 Estate was also stolen. Overnight 21st & 22nd March. 0099 22/03/2025

## **LITTLE ALNE**

- Suspicious Circumstances. Little Alne. One person seen near to parked cars on driveway, they were challenged and ran off to a vehicle which then drove off. 11pm Wednesday 19th March. Three males were seen in the same area at 3am.

## **STRATFORD BORDERS**

- Vehicle Crime. Brading Close. Moped stolen from driveway. Intel from the area suggest two males pushed the moped away from the area. Both had crash helmets with them. 1.20am Saturday 22nd March. 0064 22/03/2025

## **COUGHTON**

- Vehicle Crime. Coughton Fields Lane. Person visiting area has parked black BMW 4 series in layby. On return the vehicle had been stolen without key. Between 4pm and 5pm Saturday 22nd March. 0225 22/03/2025

## **WOOTTON WAWEN**

- Suspicious Circumstances / Attempt theft. Person working in field off the lane saw a Ford Ranger and a BMW park nearby and the occupants tried to unhook a trailer with quad bike. They were challenged and they drove off. The BMW was later seen at Wootton Hall. Around 7pm Friday 21st March. 0313 21/03/2025

## **STUDLEY**

- Vehicle Crime. Eldorado Close. Orange KTM 125 Motorcycle stolen by two males. They were seen pushing it away towards the High Street area. 4.55pm Wednesday 19th March. 0242 19/03/2025

## **HENLEY**

- Burglary. Tanworth Lane. Rear conservatory door smashed, and entry gained to house. Nothing believed stolen at the time of the report. 3.10pm Friday 21st March. 0197 21/03/2025

## **EARLSWOOD**

- Burglary. Umberslade Road. Business broken into and items stolen. Front window and shutter damaged. A white car was seen leaving the area at the time. 1am Sunday 23rd March. 0017 23/03/2025
- ASB. Earlswood Common / Springbrook Lane. Two people wearing balaclavas riding off road bikes, no helmets, generally being a nuisance. 5pm Saturday 22nd March. 0229 22/03/2025

## HOCKLEY HEATH

- Suspicious Circumstances. Tithe Barn Lane. Vehicle and occupants seen acting suspiciously near to private driveway and cars. 12.45am Friday 21st March. 0336 22/03/2025

### **Some simple crime prevention advice for the warmer weather**

As the weather gets better, we would like to remind residents of simple crime prevention tips that are often forgotten in sunny weather but can also make you vulnerable to theft.

- Always close and lock your doors and windows, even if you're just going into your back garden as you may not hear someone coming through an open window or door at the front.
- Make sure any valuables are left out of sight in your house and shed.
- Keep keys, money and bags away from the letterbox or cat flaps as thieves can hook valuables through small spaces.
- Lock sheds and garages, preferably not using a lock that burglars could use a screwdriver to open.
- Lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, or to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall.
- If out in the evening or overnight, shut curtains and use a timer to automatically turn lights on at night.
- Don't advertise that you are away from home on social media- this could tell a burglar that you're not home.

### **Force leading the way in approach to tackling child exploitation.**

Warwickshire Police is leading the way in a novel approach to tackling child exploitation. Last year the force issued 31 Child Exploitation Warning Notices to people they suspected of being involved in the criminal or sexual exploitation of children. The suspect receives a letter warning them that police are aware of concerns they are involved in the exploitation of children.

Harry Paton, Trafficking and Exploitation Coordinator, explains: "These warning notices are generally issued in conjunction with a criminal investigation and are intended to discourage any further exploitation while the investigation is conducted. They are also a useful tool if there is not enough evidence to proceed with a prosecution. They are intended to make it clear to someone that police know their actions are exploitative and deter future similar behaviour.

"Quite often, the people who are receiving the warning notices are young adults who were exploited as children, so this warning gives them a chance to turn their lives around before they become more deeply involved in criminal activity.

The letter gives advice on where they can receive help and support.

"Recent evaluation of the people we've issued letters to suggests that in more than 90% of cases the recipient has stopped their concerning behaviour.

"If they do continue offending, we can present the letter in court to show that they were given the opportunity to change their behaviour.

"We were one of the first forces to adopt this scheme and the success in Warwickshire has led to interest from other forces across the country who we are now sharing our experience with."

## **Protecting Your Vehicle from Keyless Entry Relay Attacks**

Modern vehicles, equipped with keyless entry systems, can unlock automatically when the key is within close proximity, even from inside a pocket or bag. However, this convenience has come with new risks—specifically, keyless car theft, also known as relay theft.

What is relay theft? Relay theft occurs when criminals use devices to intercept and amplify the signal from your car's key fob, tricking your vehicle into thinking the key is nearby. This allows thieves to unlock the car, start the engine, and drive off—often without leaving a trace. The danger lies in how easily these signals can be captured. Thieves only need to be within a few meters of your key fob to capture its signal, even if the fob is located inside your home, well out of sight.

We are seeing an increase in relay attacks across the West Midlands. Thieves are using relay devices near your car and your key fob; they can amplify that signal and unlock your vehicle. This means that even if your home and car are secure, your vehicle remains at risk as long as your key fob is within range.

### **How to safeguard your vehicle from relay theft**

#### **1. Store keys away from your vehicle**

At home, ensure that your car keys, including spares, are kept at a safe distance from your car. Avoid leaving them near windows or doors where signals can be intercepted.

#### **2. Use signal-blocking Pouches**

Store your car key fob in a Faraday bag or a similar signal-blocking pouch when not in use. These pouches prevent the key fob's signal from being transmitted, ensuring that thieves cannot capture the signal from outside. Regularly check the effectiveness of these pouches, as some can degrade over time.

#### **3. Reprogram your keys for used cars**

If you purchase a second-hand vehicle, it is highly advisable to reprogram the keys. Previous owners may still have access to your car, leaving it vulnerable to unauthorized access.

#### **4. Disable wireless signals on the fob**

Some key fobs have the option to disable their wireless signals when not in use. If your key fob offers this feature, it's a good practice to turn off the wireless signal when you're not using it, reducing the chances of the signal being intercepted.

#### **5. Layer up your security**

While technology can help mitigate some of the risks, physical security devices such as steering wheel locks, immobilisers, or additional security systems remain crucial. These layers of protection can significantly reduce the likelihood of theft, even in the event of a successful relay attack.

#### **6. Talk to your dealership or manufacturer**

Many dealerships are now offering free or reduced security upgrades for vehicles made in a particular year.

**Most importantly, if you see anyone acting suspiciously around vehicles, trying door handles, or hanging around driveways, call us straight away.**