

North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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January 2025



Good Result

Whilst on OP TRAVAVO vehicle crime patrols, officers in North Warwickshire got some good results in Kingsbury.

Two males from the Birmingham area have been charged and remanded in custody for a house burglary in Kingsbury where two vehicles were stolen from a property.

Officers were quick to detain the two suspects and recover the vehicles.

The incident occurred early hours on Friday 17th January 2025.

Incident number 25 - 17/1/2 relates.



We will NOT tolerate people offending in North Warwickshire and we will continue in our efforts to get these criminals off the streets and make the neighbourhoods as safe as we can.

If you have been affected by vehicle crime or would like some advice on how to keep your property safe, please come along to one of our Cuppa with a Copper events (details on following page) or email the team for your area using the emails on the last page of this newsletter.

OP PLENTY

#OpPlenty has now launched in Atherstone and the surrounding villages.

The scheme was already running in Nuneaton and Bedworth, and since last year, there were 35 people visited as a result of Op Plenty.

Op Plenty involves our Safer Neighbourhood Team officers dropping by the homes of vulnerable people in our community for a cup of tea and a chat to check whether they are OK and if there's any further support that can be provided.

Inspector Andi Gibbons of North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team said "We're very happy to announce our support of Op Plenty in Atherstone and the surrounding villages. "We are in quite a rural part of the county, and we're aware that this can sometimes make the loneliness of older people in particular who find travelling difficult more pronounced. "Op Plenty gives us a way of finding out where those who would appreciate us dropping by are, and a reason to check in."



If you know someone in your community, be it a neighbour, friend, or relative, who would appreciate a visit from one of our officers for a cup of tea and a chat, fill out a form and send it to sntreachout@warwickshire.police.uk. There is a link to the referral form in the comments.

Please make sure that you have asked them for their permission first!

Get Connected with Warwickshire Police

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT have been promoting Warwickshire Connected.

Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work. Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing.

This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm.

Follow the link to sign up today:

www.warwickshireconnected.com



Also please follow our Facebook page where we put updates of what Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Teams get up to.

There are updates on going incidents, appeals and much more. We will be posting about upcoming events also so please take a look, see when they are and come along. We like to be as accessible as possible so using our social media page is a great way for us to communicate with our communities.

Cuppa with a Copper

PC 2300 Thompson, PC 1372 Breeze, PCSO 6360 Smith, PCSO 6067 Beale & PCSO 8810 Mitchell have attended 'Cuppa with a copper' community engagement event at Fillongley village hall.

Thank you to all those who made the effort to come down and speak with the local team despite the adverse weather conditions. It was great to engage with local members of the community in Fillongley alongside North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch and Warwickshire Fire Service.

These community engagement events will continue to be held on a regular basis across all villages of North Warwickshire throughout 2025 where the local Safer neighbourhood team will attend alongside key community partners like we have done so today.

The events we have held so far have been a huge success and have allowed members of the community to come and meet the team, raise concerns they may have as well as allowing us to provide crime prevention advice and provide feedback on work that we have been doing in each specific area.



Upcoming events as follows:

25/01/2025 – Unit 6 The Arcade Atherstone 1300-1530

08/02/2025 – Curdworth Village Hall 0930-1130

13/02/2025 – The Atherstone Library 1000-1200

19/02/2025 – Jubilee Court Kingsbury 0930-1130



Cuppa with a Copper

Cuppa with a Copper events in North Warwickshire.

Coleshill SNT attended Water Orton library, Mickle Meadow this month alongside key community partners including **North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch**. It was a busy and successful event. Here are some dates for the next events:



Operations

OP RESOLVE – ATHERSTONE



OP Resolve patrols continue in Atherstone Town Centre.



OP PLENTY – ATHERSTONE AND COLESHILL

Atherstone SNT would like to say a massive Thank you to Claire Tesco Atherstone Community Champion and Tesco's for the very generous donation of all these chocolates, to enable us to continue with **#opplenty**.

We have been so fortunate to be able to supply thirty people with hampers, which were supplied through Ediblelinks.

Being able to get out to see these individuals, has really made a massive difference.

If you know someone who is in need of a visit over the Christmas period due to loneliness or vulnerability, please ensure you make a referral, however, please remember to get their consent.



Officers from Coleshill SNT were out visiting the most vulnerable in our communities.

We gave out food bags to those who need them. Thank you Ediblelinks for kindly sorting the food bags for us.

We will be out visiting more people over the coming months.

If you know someone vulnerable who you think would benefit a visit from their local neighbourhood team, please refer them on the following link:

tinyurl.com/opplentyform

#opplenty



Operations

OP RESOLVE - ATHERSTONE

Thank you to the member of public who called us reporting this vehicle as suspicious.

Upon attendance officers found the vehicle to be insecure and the registration not matching the VIN and damage to the interior.

The vehicle has been recovered as stolen.

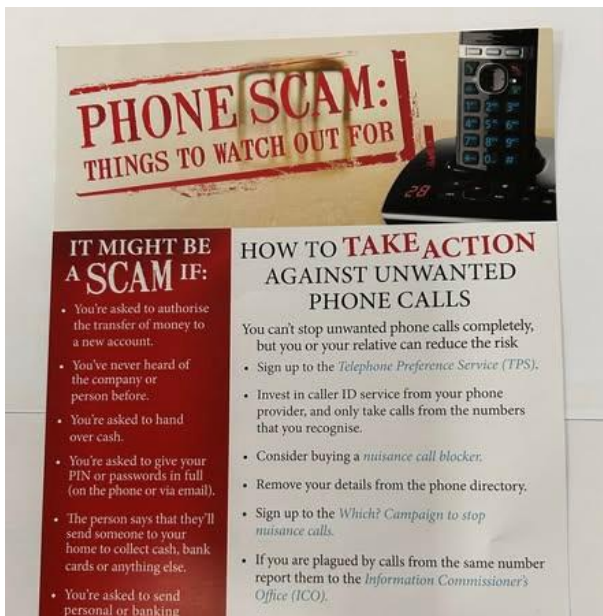


Atherstone SNT have been working with the town centre supermarkets and shops.

This was after concerns have been raised by a member of staff regarding a vulnerable customer purchasing large amounts of gift cards to pass on to phone scammers.

Please bear in mind any vulnerable family members or persons who may be a target by telephone or social media scammers.

If you are in a shop and have any concerns about someone's vulnerability, please raise this with the store manager at the time.



OP REDUCE – COLESHILL



- 127 PNC VEHICLE CHECKS
- 17 PNC BODY CHECKS
- 11 EMERGENCY STORM LOGS ATTENDED
- 7 CLONED VEHICLES IDENTIFIED
- 5 VEHICLE SEIZURES
- 3 STOP SEARCHES CONDUCTED
- 2 FAIL TO STOPS
- 8 ARRESTS (including Drink Drive, Disqual Drive)
- 5 TORs issued.
- 3 RTCs ATTENDED
- 1 STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

We're pleased to report a number of arrests of people during a vehicle crime operation last weekend.

PC Johnny Howells from the Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood team organised Op Travaco.

"We initially ran the Op Travaco in the north of the county following a spate of vehicle crime.

"However, it was clear criminals were travelling into the area from across Warwickshire and beyond, so we decided to run it across the whole county.

"We had almost 50 officers from our safer neighbourhood, rural crime and roads policing teams. We were joined by our specials who volunteered their own time to take part in the operation. All these officers were tasked with proactively policing the roads and targeting people they suspected of being involved in criminal behaviour.

"The operation proved successful with eight people arrested for offences including failing to stop, drink driving and drug offences.

"We also seized a stolen vehicle and another four vehicles without insurance.

"As well as these results, perhaps the main success of the night is that we secured a lot of intelligence that will help us tackle more crime in the county in future. So if you are planning on coming to Warwickshire to commit crime, we will be running these operations again and we are out looking for you. You have been warned."

Bobbies on the Beat

Coleshill SNT have attended Wilmott Avenue today following reports of a suspicious vehicle parked in the road.

The CITROEN PICASSO was found to be SORN off road and promptly seized.

Whilst waiting for the initial vehicle to be recovered an AUDI TT was also checked and found to be on false plates. The second vehicle was seized, and enquiries will be made into the ownership of the vehicle.

Thankyou to the members of the community for raising the issue.



Coleshill SNT are aware of recent anti-social behaviour in the area of Ravenswood Hill.

We are making every effort to identify the culprits who are causing issues to residents.

PCSO Yaqub from Coleshill said “This is unacceptable behaviour; residents are feeling vulnerable and targeted. We will not tolerate such behaviour and are looking to identify the individuals involved.

If you have any information regarding the issue, please email sntnorthwarwickshiresouth@warwickshire.police.uk



Following recent burglaries and reports of ASB, Officers from Coleshill SNT have been out visiting businesses and residents who have been affected.

Officers have also been conducting high visibility foot patrols to deter any further criminality.



Atherstone officers on patrol have located a stolen vehicle.

The vehicle has been collected for examination and will be returned to its owner.



Bobbies on the Beat

PC 2300 Thompson and PC 1372 Breeze have conducted high visibility patrols in Kingsbury.

Whilst on patrols officers have conducted enquiries following recent concerns raised to the team from members of the community as well as Warwickshire County council in relation to ASB. Patrols shall continue to be conducted in a regular basis.



PCSO Smith and PCSO Mitchell have been conducting high visibility patrols around Coleshill and the surrounding villages.

We have linked in with **Coleshill Fire Station** and other organisations within the area.

Further patrols will be conducted.



The Off Road Team have been patrolling hotspot areas.

A Section 59 Warning Notice has been issued to a male who has been riding an off-road bike on the road in one of the villages. If we see him riding the bike again, it will be seized.

Further off-road bike patrols will be conducted over the next couple months.

If you witness someone riding an off-road bike in an antisocial manner, please report them through the QR code below.



PC 2300 Thompson and PC 1372 Breeze from Coleshill SNT have attended local businesses in Gun Hill, New Arley following various stores becoming victims of theft at the end of 2024.

Following our enquiries in recent weeks where we have worked alongside local businesses, we have issued banning letters to suspects and been able ensure the stores have been fully reimbursed from those responsible via out of court disposals.



Damage at community centre

Over the Christmas period unfortunately there has been damage at Penmire, Grendon community room which is mainly used by elderly residents.

Items have been stolen from the room and it has also been searched.

Graffiti and fire extinguishers also have been set off at the location.



We are investigating the offence and anyone with information please email nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk or contact 101



Apply for the Cadets

Applications for our cadet scheme are still open!

We have three units - in Nuneaton, Leek Wootton and Rugby - and would welcome applications from people who live or go to school in Warwickshire and will be aged between 13 and 16 on 1 September 2025. To find out where your local unit is, or to learn more about becoming a cadet, please visit tinyurl.com/4hhzy23e



"I applied to the cadets when I was 13 after my mum showed me an advert on Facebook. As this was during lockdown, my interview was on Zoom. I was definitely nervous as I'd never had one before, but I soon settled into it and worked to complete the tasks. Asked to prepare a 30 second speech about myself, I decided to play my guitar while saying mine and I think my musical talent won them over as a few weeks later I was invited to join! I had an overwhelming sense of achievement, and my family and friends were delighted I'd been successful.

"The first time I went to headquarters in Leek Wootton I was nervous to say the least. I had so many questions in my head: Would I be the youngest? Would I fit in? How awful could marching be? I turned up with a face mask on and a large backpack containing my boots. Myself and the other cadets were introduced to the scheme and made to feel welcome. We had networking activities to get us working together and I spoke to cadets from all different backgrounds. Although I was one of the youngest, it didn't matter as we were all in the same boat. As part of the programme, I attend a weekly session at Leek Wootton where we work on our policing knowledge. We have talks from police officers and staff in different roles and have had demonstrations from the dog unit and firearms officers. We develop our leadership skills with team exercises and in the summer months play touch rugby and frisbee.

"Every year we go on a week's excursion, which is one of the most memorable experiences you will have as a cadet. It teaches us to push ourselves outside our comfort zone while participating in activities such as surfing and raft building. Being a cadet has given me many incredible opportunities such as meeting royalty and visiting the security institute. I've also been out patrolling with officers around Leamington which was very eye-opening. Even though I joined as a young teenager, through all the teamwork tasks, volunteering opportunities, building friendships and memorable experiences, I've really developed as a person and will bring these newfound skills into adulthood. Oh, and to answer my earlier marching question - you'll get used to it!"

Arrests and Outcomes

Officers from Atherstone, Coleshill & Nuneaton Police carried out a drug's warrant at an address on Longstreet, Atherstone.

The teams were supported by drone officers and a dog handler.

Officers found a large cannabis factory at the property along with a male who was arrested on suspicion of cannabis cultivation.



If you notice any suspicious activity at a property, call it into us on 101.

Louis Barnett, formerly of Plowden Road, Birmingham, has been sentenced to prison following a robbery in Kingsbury earlier last year.

At around 4.10am on 5 March, 32-year-old Barnett and another man broke a house on Mill Crescent, where he threatened one of the occupants for his car keys and assaulted him. The keys were stolen, and Barnett and his accomplice then attempted to steal two vehicles from the driveway. Unfortunately for them, both vehicles had steering locks on and having been disturbed by a neighbour, they made off from the property with only the keys.

Two days later, Barnett was arrested at Birmingham airport while waiting to go on holiday.

Last week, he was sentenced to six years' and nine months' imprisonment.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Christopher Lynch from Nuneaton CID, said: "This robbery was an understandably distressing incident for the victims, who were put through a terrifying ordeal in their own home. "I would like to express my thanks to them both as they have displayed immense courage throughout the investigation, and I hope this sentence will help to provide them with some sense of closure.

"On the day he was arrested, Barnett was intending on going on holiday. Instead, he'll now be having an extended stay in prison."



Arrests and Outcomes

Two off road bikes seized in Hartshill.

Officers have been on patrol in Hartshill whereby they have seen two mini XRX on private farmland which they had no permission to be on.

The vehicles have been seized using section 59.



Officers were also alerted to a stolen bike been hidden in Hartshill.

Officers located the bike and confirmed it was stolen from Nuneaton. The bike was recovered for forensic examination.



On 23rd December, a male was arrested for drink driving at approximately 01:00 hours on the M42 after a report of a vehicle being driving dangerously.

It was reported driving on the hard shoulder and reversing along it.

The vehicle was stopped by officers and driver provided sample of 133 at the roadside (legal limit is 35!)

Driver in custody. Don't drink and drive.



Atherstone SNT welcomes PC Clayton to the east team this month who quickly got his first arrest.

After assisting PCSOs Scott & Payne to reports of males stealing from the Co-op supermarket.

With the help of our town centre CCTV operators observed one of the suspects leaving with a basket full of items but was quickly stopped by the PCSOs. The suspect was arrested and taken to custody.

This was some great teamwork by our SNT, Rural crime officers, CCTV operators and the Co-op.

If you would like more information about joining the WRCI please contact us.



Community Engagement

Over the holiday period we saw an increase in the number of vehicle thefts over the north of the county.

Atherstone SNT have been out conducting vehicle checks and foot patrols around Oldbury, Hartshill and Warton this evening.

Approx 250 cars were tried and only 5% were insecure or with valuables on show.

If you require a vehicle pack for your car or van, please drop an email to nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk with your details and a member of the team will be in touch...



PCSO Scott has been at Racemeadow Primary Academy School promoting road Safety where pupils were given free bike lights / reflective belts and locks to secure their bikes.

This is our 5th year attending Racemeadow just after the Christmas period running this safety event in line with children receiving new bikes.

Thank you to Mrs Collinson head teacher for her continued support and warm welcome.

Also thank you to Faye Wileman from Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership for supplying the bike lights and reflective belts.



PCSO Rygielski met with the ladies at the Atherstone library to discuss future events we'll be holding there.

Look out for these events being advertised. There is something for everyone.



PC 2300 Thompson & PC 1372 Breeze have conducted patrols in Kingsbury.

Following recent reports of ASB and damage incidents that have occurred in the area in recent weeks which have been reported to Coleshill SNT.

Patrols shall continue to be conducted on a regular basis as we look to provide reassurance to the community and deter any criminal activity in the area going forward.



Speed Watch

Speed watch checks have been completed in North Warwickshire and will continue.

PC 2300 Thompson & PCSO 6280 Yaqub have conducted a speed watch operation following concerns raised to Coleshill SNT from local residents regarding speeding in certain areas on our patch.

Over 120 vehicles were checked across Coleshill, Ansley Common and Fillongley, glad to report the majority of road users were abiding by the speed limit with 3 vehicles exceeding the 30 MPH limit.



Whilst in the local villages, officers visited businesses and organised future community engagement events which we shall post on our social media in the near future.

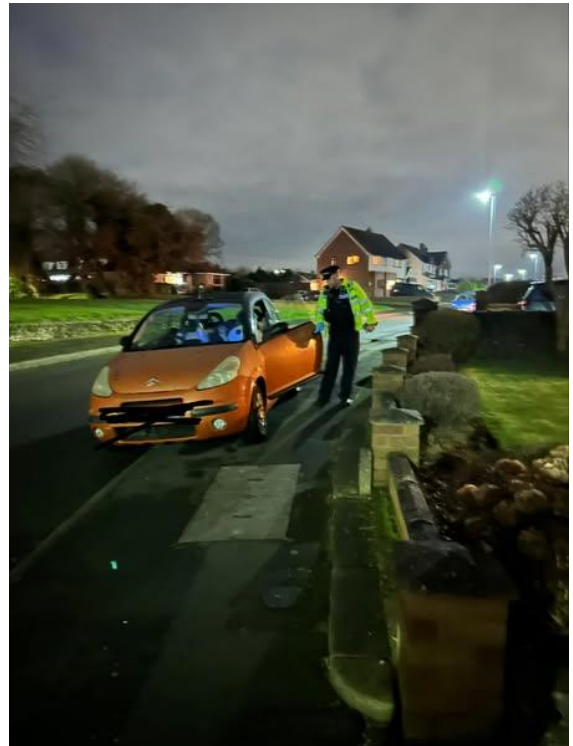


Car Key Burglary OP

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT have been conducting Car key burglary operations across North Warwickshire.

These operations will continue over the coming months.

Coleshill SNT have conducted a car key burglary operation in various areas of Coleshill as part of our ongoing effort to reduce vehicle crime in the area and raise awareness to the local community on the topic.



On 14th January, over 180 vehicles were checked with 11 being left insecure, this allowed officers to engage with these vehicle owners and give crime prevention advice.

The operation shall continue to be carried out across the coming weeks and months in various different villages in the North Warwickshire area.



We want to know what you think!

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT are community-based officers. We want to know what our communities would like to see us prioritising.

If you would like to raise a priority with us, click on the link and fill out the form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tq8ko-8K90eih5grpzEdigTsBhM7-tZMvpdBw6ruq09UN0oyVOIRVVcxUkRUMEFFMTBIWFBDWk5BWC4u>

or scan the QR code and fill in the boxes for it to be considered.



Vehicle Crime awareness

Theft from cars is one of the local policing teams priorities.

We have made numerous linked arrests recently and conducted various operations but one of the main targets for criminals is unlocked vehicles. Please make sure your vehicle and property is secure.



Community Speed Watch

PCSO Yaqub has been training volunteers for speed watch this month.

This month, the speed watch teams have been out conducting speed checks in the villages. The community speed watch groups are a valued part of our communities. They take time out of their lives to help make our communities safe on the roads. If you would like to sign up to be a member of your local speed watch group, email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



We are looking to set up a speed watch group in Coleshill Town and Kingsbury. If you would like to put your name forward to be trained, please email the above email address. We will be looking to get volunteers trained in November, so apply now so you don't miss your chance!

E-Scooters

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of 'powered transporters'. This covers a range of personal transport devices that are powered by a motor.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence and insurance. There are two ways of using an e-scooter:

- by privately owning one
- by renting one through an authorised rental scheme

Owning your own e-scooter

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance. If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter, the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car. Where you can use your own e-scooter: If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it in on private land, such as in a garden. But you must have the permission of the landowner to do so.



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Gibbons



PS 671
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Meet the team

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