

# North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



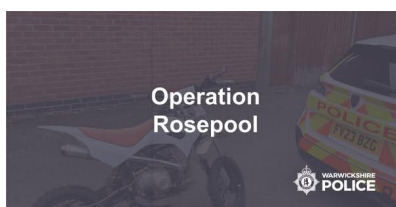
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## Operation Rosepool

**OPERATION ROSEPOOL** kicks off to an impressive start....

Over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> August, officers from North Warwickshire SNT, Staffordshire Police and West Midlands Police came together to tackle the illegal use of off-road bikes and nuisance bikes in our towns and villages.



The results included:

- 5 warrants completed
- 10 people were arrested
- 18 vehicles were seized
- 1 vehicle was recovered seven hours after being stolen.
- 1 motorbike was found seven minutes after being stolen
- 1 bike seized which was involved in drug supply
- 2 E-bikes that were not road legal seized

PCSO Demi Smith said: "We know how concerned people are about nuisance bikes and we will continue to tackle the problem.

"You can provide information through the Dob Em In reporting system (link in the comments below) or by contacting us directly.

"Future operations are planned and the information you provide will help us target these."

**Please see page 2 of this newsletter for how to report nuisance and illegal off-road bikes.**

## OP PLENTY

**#OpPlenty** has now launched in Atherstone, Coleshill 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](mailto:sntreachout@warwickshire.police.uk). There is a link to the referral form in the comments.

## 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](http://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.

# OP ROSEPOOL - Off Road Bikes

## OP ROSEPOOL – Illegal use of off-road bikes.

Due to the ongoing issues with off road bikes in North Warwickshire, North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team now have a dedicated operation for the illegal use of off-road bikes.

Operation Rosepool aims to tackle the illegal use of offroad bikes and nuisance bikes and the impacts they have on the communities in North Warwickshire.



**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.



**As many may have experienced within the local community, the rise in Anti-social behaviour involving a large number of motorbikes.**

Most of these bikes are driven illegally without insurance and pose a danger to the community. Therefore, we need to encourage the community to inform of us of these concerns with as much information as possible so we can get these bikes off the streets and crushed.

We can also issue the driver a Section 59 which grants us the powers to seize and remove vehicles that are being used to cause alarm, distress or annoyance, careless or inconsiderate manner and off-road driving, this will last for 12 months. A section 59 also applies to both the driver and the vehicle so even if someone else drives the same vehicle in an anti-social manner, we can still enforce it.

To report an incident regarding a ASB Bike or vehicle, please call 101 or you can make an online report via our Warwickshire Police website. You can also go on the DOB EM IN website, which is [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin).

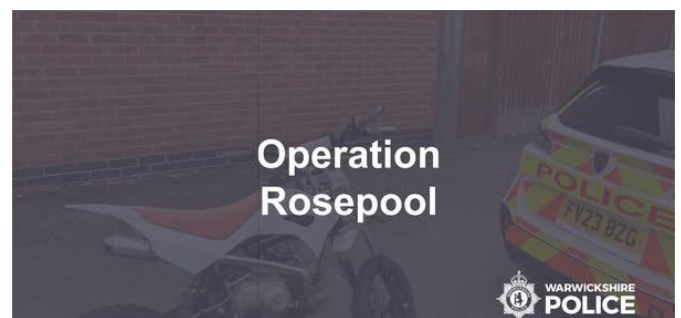


Following reports of nuisance bikes over the weekend, we are committed in targeting the individuals that think it is acceptable to cause danger to other motorists and pedestrians with complete disregard for the law.

Under Operation Rosepool we will be proactively targeting offenders and seizing any vehicles used illegally.

Please continue to report nuisance bikes within your areas. We listen to your reports and will conduct further operations!

To report any issues please let us know via 101 or use our quick and easy online reporting service via our website or you can use the DOB EM IN website to report nuisance bikes.





# Operations

## OP CAR KEY BURGLARY – VEHICLE CRIME

PC 2300 Thompson & PC 1372 Breeze from Coleshill safer neighbourhood team have been out in Shustoke engaging with the local community regarding vehicle crime.



Officers walked around the village knocking doors offering local residents faraday pouches for their vehicle alongside giving out crime prevention advice in relation to vehicle crime.



We shall continue to get out into our local villages and towns in the coming weeks to engage with the local residents, offer crime prevention advice alongside handing out security benefitting items as we look to reduce vehicle crime and burglary in the areas.

## OP TAVACO – VEHICLE CRIME

**Staffordshire Police informed us of two stolen vehicles that may have crossed the border into Warwickshire.**

Due to that information while out on patrol the local PCSO for the Dordon area located and recovered one of the stolen vehicles.

If you have any suspicious vehicles in the area that you may be concerned about, please contact the police via 101 or the Warwickshire Police website.



Further vehicle crime operations have been planned for the next few months. Keep an eye out for further Operation Tavaco news.



## Bobbies on the Beat

### Officers from Atherstone and Coleshill Police attended Atherstone FC vs Nuneaton FC.

A great turnout from both sides, with just shy of 1300 attending the game in total. Fans were in good spirits before and during the game, which ended with a 2-1 victory for Nuneaton FC.

We are aware of some disorder after the game, occurring on Gypsy Lane. We would urge anyone who has information regarding an assault, whereby someone was allegedly struck with a glass, to come forward via 101 or anonymously via the Warwickshire Police website.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/.../how-to-report-a-crime>



### PCSO Scott continued patrols around Ables Way and Carlyon Industrial Estate in Atherstone to deter commercial burglaries.

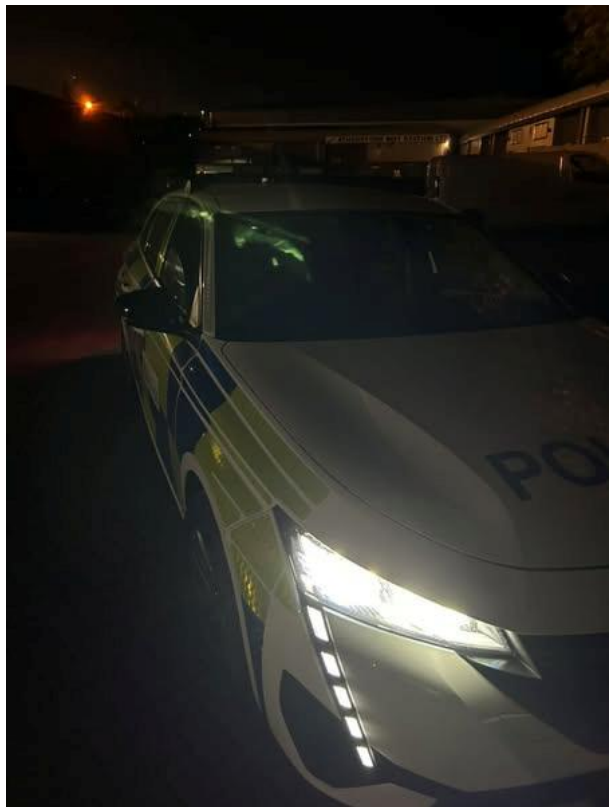
Great engagement with night staff and local businesses starting early.



Late night to early morning patrols have been conducted around Atherstone residential housing estates to combat car keyless thefts by town centre PCSO Scott.

Over the last few months Atherstone & Coleshill SNT have distributed over 1600 Faraday pouches to residents thanks to North Warwickshire Borough Council Community Safety Team who have kindly funded the Faraday pouches.

If you would like a free Faraday pouch and live in the North Warwickshire area, please email your name and address to [nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk).



PCSO Scott has been patrolling around the M42 moto and M6 Corley Services HGV bays to combat theft from lorries.





# Bobbies on the Beat

As a way to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and Retail Crime within Coleshill Town, PCSO Mitchell has been asking businesses to join the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative.

So far 14 businesses have joined the scheme, and we still have spare radios to give out, if you are aware of any locations that could benefit from this scheme please email us on the below email address: [nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)



PCSO Smith and PCSO Mitchell from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team has joined Coleshill Fire Station on ASBIT (Antisocial Behaviour Intervention Team) patrols in the villages and towns.

This is in order to reduce the risk of small fires occurring and crack down on arson.

We would urge owners of unused or derelict properties to make sure they are secure. You can find further information about this on link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/.../keeping-business-safe...>

This is a great example of services working together and we look forward to working with the fire station in the near future.



Coleshill SNT have been on high visibility patrol today targeting areas highlighted by local residents.

Officers have been in the Coleshill, Arley, Ansley, Shustoke and Corley areas looking into concerns.



All was in order however patrols will continue.



**Should you have any issues or concerns in your area please report these via 101 or 999 in emergencies.**



# Community Engagement

**PCSO Rygielski attended the Atherstone Leisure Complex, where she had lots of engagement with members of the public.**

Lots of information with regards to Warwickshire connected was given and many signups were carried out.



**PCSO Rygielski held a cuppa with a copper at Open Hands Community.**

It was great to meet many members of the community and be able to assist with sorting out all sorts of issues.



**PCSO Smith and Beale attended The Link in Water Orton along with Colehill Fire Station.**

It was great to see all the children who were enjoying their summer holidays and speak to them about how to stay safe.



We look forward to attending again. Thank you to Lauren for inviting us.



**If you have an event, you would like us to attend, please email the relevant team using the emails on the last page of this newsletter.**

## Arrests and Outcomes

### **A man has been jailed for seven years for non-recent sexual offences against three women.**

In 2022, our Child Abuse, Trafficking and Exploitation Team launched an investigation into 67-year-old Graham Cockerill of Elwy Circle, Ash Green, Coventry.

Cockerill was reported to have sexually assaulted three women. The first victim, (then under 13), reported assaults by Cockerill taking place in the Coventry area between 2016 – 2022.

Another victim made themselves known to investigators and reported offences by Cockerill throughout the 1970s, between the ages of nine and 14, in the Meriden area.

Through the course of the investigation, a further victim was identified who was aged in her 40s at the time. She sadly passed away in 1995 and had never reported the offences to police.

In June, following a trial at Warwick Crown Court, Cockerill was found guilty of:

- Three counts of sexual assault on a girl under 13 by touching
- Two counts of indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14
- One count of indecent assault of a female over 16 years of age

On Tuesday last week (5 August), he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at Warwick Crown Court. He was also given a 10-year restraining order for one of the victims, a 15-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) and will also be on the Sex Offenders' Register for life.

Det Con James Manders, formerly of our CATE team, commented, "This case demonstrates that in certain circumstances, a victim need not necessarily even be alive for us to obtain a conviction.

"Despite 30 years having passed since her death, and having never reported the crime to the police, we worked tirelessly to gather evidence to ensure we could bring Cockerill to justice.

Thankfully, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) decided to progress with this case thanks to statements from living witnesses about the victim and the offender disclosing details of the crime to them. I'd like to thank the CPS lawyer who decided to authorise this charge and allow a jury to make up their minds about Cockerill's guilt.

"The victims and witnesses in this case are amongst the most extraordinary people I have had the pleasure of knowing during my policing career. They showed great strength and courage throughout the process. As always, the service we provide to victims will always be at the forefront of any investigation, whether living or deceased."

We hope this sentence reassures victims that police take reports of sexual offences seriously and will conduct full and thorough investigations into any reports made.

If you have been a victim of a sexual offence, you can report this to us in confidence either via our website <https://orlo.uk/kRRCA> or by calling 101.

Always call 999 in an emergency. Further support is also available from independent charities and services including [Safeline](#) who offer free, independent and confidential support for anyone affected by, or at risk of, sexual abuse.

For more advice and where you can go for support, please visit: <https://orlo.uk/Nd1Xq>



### **A male has been arrested this month in the Arley area on suspicion of criminal damage after painting another local resident's car and breaching a housing injunction.**

The male was being detained at Nuneaton Station and was interviewed for the offences.





## 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-tZMvpdBw6ruq09UN0oyV0IRVVcxUkRUMEFFMTBIWFBDWk5BWC4u>

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

We are currently in the process of setting up Community Speed Watch for Austrey.

The Community Speed Watch Groups work closely with Warwickshire Police. By conducting the speed checks, they help reduce the speeding issue in the area. Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative and is managed by the volunteers, coordinated by Warwickshire Police.

Are you interested in joining the Community Speed Watch group?

If so email us on [nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk).



## 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

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.



# Vehicle Crime

## Do you have a keyless entry vehicle?

Thieves can steal your keyless vehicle by hijacking and amplifying the signal from your start device (key) in order to start your vehicle.

Help to protect your vehicle by:

- Make sure your vehicle is properly locked/secure and keep your key away from doors and windows. This will reduce the chance of criminals amplifying the signal.
- Some keys have a function allowing them to be turned off. Check your manual to see if yours does and then use it.
- Use some kind of physical barrier such as a steering wheel lock (preferably a disk lock), instal a driving parking post or use a wheel clamp. This will deter many criminals as it will be time consuming for them to move the vehicle.
- Fit a tracking device into your vehicle.
- Keep your keys in a Faraday bag to block the signal to your keys.
- Remove batteries from your spare key or put them in a separate Faraday pouch.
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And remember to be on the lookout for people acting suspiciously and report it by calling 999!

## PCSO Mitchell and PCSO Smith have been out distributing faraday pouches.

These have been distributed around some of our high targeted areas. The pouches have very kindly been purchased by North Warwickshire Borough Council, in our steps to tackling vehicle crime.

We believe a joint approach is key when tackling crime. We have received lots of great comments from residents, many of whom we have been able to offer lots of crime prevention information to. Remember if you see something, even if you believe it to be small, let us know via 101 or <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

If you would like a faraday pouch, please email [nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk) with your address and contact details.



## Initial police response to vehicle crime.

Initial call managed by either LPRC or control room and if the incident is live and ongoing seek immediate deployment.

During the initial contact, the call taker will provide reassurance and discuss all investigative opportunities such as CCTV, Witnesses, Forensic opportunities with the victim or witness.

These questions and responses will be documented on the Strom log and an investigation is then created.

Call taker will provide scene preservation advice to the victim

Should there be no investigative opportunities the investigation will be sent to the CCC to complete and record a review and ensure that all investigative opportunities have been considered.

At this stage a decision will be made to either file the investigation if there are no further opportunities to pursue a positive outcome or allocate to an officer with an action plan should further potential investigative opportunities exist to seek a positive outcome.



## Facts:

- **Keyless entry vehicles are twice as likely to be stolen.**
- **The average van carries up to £2500 worth of tools.**

**Protect your property!!**



Inspector 2561  
Gibbons

## Meet the team



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