

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 antisocial 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. found on our website. If you have any information or cctv footage that may relate to the incidents listed, please contact us.

Incidents of note from the last two weeks: -

#### ALCESTER

Suspicious Circumstances. Newport Drive. Male went to house and let himself into the porch. When spoken to, he became intimidating while talking about doing some garden work etc. He eventually left towards Bleachfield Street. He was wearing a hi-vis jacket. 10.20am Wednesday 15th November. 0094 15/11/2023

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#### DUNNINGTON

 Suspicious Circumstances. Three males seen trying to enter works van. This wasn't achieved, no damage caused, nothing stolen. 12.40am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. 0025 08/11/2023

## BIDFORD

 Burglary. Steppes Piece. Window smashed and house entered, untidy search made. Various items stolen including clothes. Reported early evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. 0249 11/11/2023

## SALFORD PRIORS

 Suspicious Circumstances. Business, School Road. Three males seen on private property messing with pallets. They ran off when challenged. Nothing believed stolen at the time of the report. 9.20pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. 0327 18/11/2023

## STRATFORD BORDERS

 Burglary. Shipston Road, Stratford. Hole made in garage door and entry gained. Nothing believed stolen at the time of the report. Overnight 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November. 0058 13/11/2023

## MORTON BAGOT

Burglary. House and shed entered and various items stolen, including nail gun and tin slips.
 Between Wednesday night and Thursday morning 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November. 0125 17/11/2023

## STUDLEY

 Theft. Store, Studley. White male has stolen various items from the store by way of shoplifting. Described as a large male wearing a black tracksuit top, black jeans, and black trainers. 5.50pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 0267 15/11/2023

#### HENLEY

 Theft. Shop, High Street. Two white teenage girls dressed in black have stolen items from the shop as well as being abusive to staff and customers. 2.10pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. 0191 16/11/2023

## EARLSWOOD

 ASB. Valley Road / Earlswood Common. Report of four off road motorcycles causing a nuisance on the road and woodland areas. 1.15pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. 0154 11/11/2023

## TANWORTH

 Burglary. Vicarage Hill. First floor window smashed, and entry gained. Untidy search made and various items stolen including jewellery. Between 1pm and 8pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. 0340 09/11/2023

#### **#OpTalkative is our dedicated knife crime campaign**.

We need your help to tackle the problem. If you have concerns about someone carrying a knife, we need to know – the information you provide could save a life.

If you would like to remain anonymous you can report concerns to Crimestoppers. Crimestoppers is not the police, is an independent charity that guarantees you stay 100% anonymous. Please make the right choice.

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## Advice on using e-scooters

What is an e-scooter? - Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters"; this covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax. It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for 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.

**Rental e-scooter trials** - Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Anyone using a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, has to comply with the relevant road traffic legislation or they face potential prosecution.

To rent an e-scooter you must:

- meet the minimum age limit; these can vary depending on the provider, so please check with them.
- hold the correct driving licence (category Q or P/M)
- create an account with the rental company.
- E-scooters can only be used in approved areas.

Legal use of an e-scooter - It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Where a trial rental scheme is running, it's legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations.

**Penalties and offences** - If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance you could face a Fixed Penalty notice:

- with a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for having no insurance
- up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points for riding without the correct licence

You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- riding on a pavement; Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone or other handheld mobile device while riding; £200 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights; Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving: the same as if you were driving a car, you could face court-imposed fines, a
  driving ban and possible imprisonment

If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

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With quite a lot of Christmas light switch on events in the county over the few weeks we're asking you to help us keep everyone safe. If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and report it at https://act.campaign.gov.uk/

**Christmas Events** 

In an emergency call 999. You will never be wasting our time!

# **Parcel Thefts**

We have seen an increase in expensive items being stolen from parcels before their arrival with customers. The parcels arrive having been opened with the valuable contents removed and replaced with worthless objects of a similar weight.

This has been reported from various courier services and distributors.

If you are having a valuable item delivered to you, you have the right to politely ask your delivery driver to wait while you check the contents of the parcel. Some companies will send you a password to give to your driver as proof of delivery. If you refuse delivery due to missing items, the delivery driver should report the reason for refusal to their company. You should always report missing items to the retailer and the courier service as soon as possible.

If you suspect a crime has taken place, report it to police online at www.warwickshire.police.uk/report

## **Doorstep Traders**

Never buy from unexpected doorstep traders. If you need work doing on your property, follow this advice:

- -Get guotes from at least three local traders with good reputations.
- -Only deal with local firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses and visit their premises to make sure they are genuine.
  - -Go on recommendation, ask to see properties they have worked on and speak to the owners if you can.
    - -Fix a price and be specific about the work you want.
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   -Make sure you have everything in writing and don't rely on spoken agreements.
   -If you do agree to buy goods or services on the doorstep, in most cases you will have extra consumer rights.
   -Don't get caught out. Rogue traders like to make you think that they are genuine and local.
   They often use an address to make them appear local and may use local phone numbers or freephone numbers connected to untraceable mobile phones. Some even have websites featuring stolen pictures of work carried out by genuine traders. They also use the same glossy advertising as genuine traders which may feature large discounts for OAPs. glossy advertising as genuine traders which may feature large discounts for OAPs.

Please share this advice with friends, relatives and neighbours who don't access social media.

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

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