

North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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February 2025



Response Teams conduct patrols in the Northern Villages

D shift response have been patrolling the northern villages throughout the night.

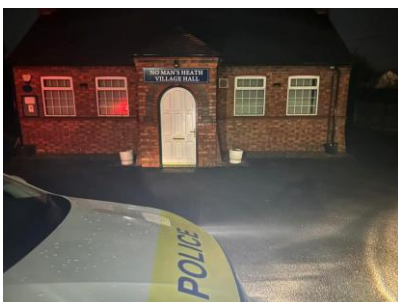


D shift Response have been patrolling the most northern villages.

Areas patrolled throughout the night included junction 10 services and lorry park, Dordon, Grendon, Polesworth, Shuttington, Newton Regis, Warton, No Man's Heath, Seckington, Austrey and the B5493

A number of vehicles were stopped during the night in an attempt to deter/detect car crime.

One suspicious vehicle was seen in Austrey and cannabis smell detected. The driver and vehicle were stopped searched. Cannabis found and person processed accordingly.



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. 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



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

Our cuppa with a copper events have been a roaring success so we are now looking to hold as many as we can.

These events give residents the chance to meet their local team, discuss any issues they are facing, be signposted, get crime prevention advice and packs, whilst doing this have a free hot drink.

If you would like to organise one of these events for your village, use the last page of this newsletter to email the team that covers your area.

Upcoming events as follows:

15/03/25 1000-1200 – Coleshill Library

26/04/25 1130-1330 – Corley Village Hall



Atherstone SNT attended Atherstone Library with North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch for the Cuppa with a copper event.

The morning itself proved to be really useful, between the PCSO's and Neighbourhood watch, with us speaking with almost 50 people.

Please keep an eye out for our next cuppa with a copper where you will be able to obtain lots of useful crime prevention advice and tools.



A fantastic attendance at Open Hands Community for the 'Cuppa with a copper' event this month.

It was great to speak to so many individuals around local concerns. Vehicle packs, safety accessories and an arrange of other crime prevention advice and tools were handed out.



On Saturday 8th Feb, PC 2300 Thompson, PC 1372 Breeze, PCSO 6360 Smith & PCSO 8810 Mitchell attended Curdworth village hall for our local community engagement event 'cuppa with a copper'.

Thank you to those who come down to meet the team and utilise the opportunity to bring local topics to our attention.

Thank you also to Neighbourhood Watch and Coleshill Fire Station for joining us.



Coleshill SNT were at Jubilee Court in Kingsbury for their Cuppa with a Copper event.

Thank you to the residents who attended to discuss local issues.

We look forward to the next one. Dates to follow



Operations

OP RESOLVE – ATHERSTONE

Officers have been out today on patrol in the Atherstone town, it was good to speak with members of the community and address their concerns. We also had a police cadet who was out with us and been shown what community policing is all about.



With the help of patrols colleagues, Atherstone SNT detained a male stealing a high number of valuable items from Dobbies Garden centre.

The team have been actively patrolling the site and have a good working relationship with the staff, to try and deter thieves.

The total loss would have been £450+ worth of items, but the male would rather chat after committing an offence so he did not get away.

OP PLENTY – ATHERSTONE AND COLESHILL



Op resolve team have been speaking with many members of the public in Atherstone.

Officers were able to have a Police cadet on duty with them to tackle to below, which gave Cadet Cooke the insight into patrolling the Op resolve hexagon.

One member of the public notified the officers of an RTC further along the road. They quickly attended and supported the two people involved.

Additionally, the team successfully tackled some ASB issues that were happening around a carpark.



PCSO Scott has visited children's home addresses after reports of anti-social behaviour towards a local resident and her family.

The concerned resident made us aware of her property been targeted where children were climbing boundary walls to enter their garden to intimidate family members.

In a separate incident a further address has been visited after minor damage was done to a resident's property.

The offence was captured on CCTV and the property has been returned to the owner with a letter of apology.

All parents visited were supportive in the action taken and the matters are now resolved.

Operations

PCSO Thompson & PCSO Payne have been conducting late night/early hours patrols around Atherstone and the surrounding villages over the weekend as part of our on-going Car Key Burglary operation.



These operations have been successful in identifying vehicles which are at risk of being targeted and educating vehicle owners on how to secure their property. Further operations have been organised.

Atherstone SNT, have been out patrolling Hartshill this month.

They have been performing vehicle checks-informing residents if their vehicle has been left insecure or with valuables on show.

We have only had around 4% left insecure out of 500 vehicles, this was off the back of a group being seen round the area recently- as well as our routinely vehicle operations we have been performing.

Areas covered were Charnwood Drive, Trentham Drive, Laurel Drive, Oldbury Road, Moor Road, Drayton Close, Cherry Fields plus many more.

If you see anything that looks suspicious, please can this be reported to 101/999 or via an online submission.



OP RESOLVE – ATHERSTONE

Atherstone Town Centre foot patrols on a cold wet day but luckily the locals brightened the place up.

What a lovely community Atherstone is to work and live.



Officers on OP RESOLVE have been out speaking to many members of the public.

We have had lots of positive engagement with many members of the public really pleased to see us.

The team have also been joined by a cadet who is learning what it takes to complete a patrol on op resolve.



Bobbies on the Beat

PC 2300 Thompson & SGT 671 Skelsey have attended the 'Coleshill Pub Watch' meeting as part of the ongoing work we are doing alongside Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative.

This meeting was attended by local councillors and various licensees from premises in the Coleshill area to discuss local issues and what further work we can collaboratively do in order to continue to maintain law and order in Coleshill when it comes to local pubs in the area on weekends. Thank you to all who attended today's meeting and to The Coleshill Hotel for kindly hosting the meeting, we look forward to next month's meeting.

Following the meeting officers conducted foot patrols on Coleshill high street due to recent reports of anti social behaviour, various local businesses were visited in order to provide reassurance and discuss how we can assist those being affected and our plans to tackle certain issues of concern in the area.



PC 2300 Thompson & SGT 671 Skelsey have conducted foot patrols of Coleshill High Street due to ongoing concerns raised to the team regarding ASB occurring in the town.

Officers engaged with a male on the high street where a community protection notice warning was issued due to continued ASB associated with the male. The person involved has previously been offered support and referrals where he has persistently refused to engage.

Thanks to community engagement by local residents and businesses, we are able to put these types of measures in place in an attempt to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town.



PCSO 8810 Mitchell has been on high visibility patrol in Kingsbury and the surrounding areas.

Whilst on patrol PCSO 8810 Mitchell also assisted in a breakdown on Coton Road in Marston.



PCSO Yaqub from Coleshill SNT has been out on high visibility patrols and has been targeting the hot spot areas for criminal activity and Antisocial Behaviour.

Patrols have been conducted in: Coleshill, Grimstock Hill, Gilson, Maxstoke, Shustoke, Ansley Village, Arley, Fillongley, Corley, Fillongley and Corley Services.



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Bobbies on the Beat

This vehicle was stopped at Corley services on Saturday 25th January 2025.

The driver was a provisional licence holder, driving uninsured and without valid MOT or Tax. Driver reported to court and the vehicle seized.

Further to this the driver was also arrested for immigration offences as he had failed to comply with his terms and conditions of his visa. Driver was handed over to the appropriate agency.



Whilst patrolling vehicle crime hotspots, PC 2300 Thompson & PCSO 6280 Yaqub were alerted to a suspicious looking vehicle in Coleshill.

Following conducting further checks on this vehicle officers discovered it was on false number plates and was suspected stolen, vehicle was recovered by Fillongley Garage.



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.



Early morning patrols have continued around Atherstone & Mancetter residential estates by PCSO Scott.

These were just a few of the streets patrolled. The local industrial estates Ables Way & Carlyon were also patrolled.

Some great engagement with shift workers.



Atherstone CCTV made us aware about a male in Atherstone Town Centre who required medical attention.

After a swift response from officers and with a helping hand from members of the public, we were able to assist the male prior to ambulance arrival. We would like to thank the members of the community that helped yesterday before the male was taken to hospital by Ambulance.

VAWG Walks

Coleshill Walk with us took place on Sunday 9th Feb.

It was a lovely cold and fresh morning, thank you to everyone that attended.

We had some conversations about personal safety, suggestions for future walks and we provided some personal safety products.

Walks can be arranged during the day, evenings or weekends. They are approximately 2 miles, suitable for all and we always finish the walk back at the start.



Walks are advertised on social media, Warwickshire Connected and posters will be in the local areas.

We look forward to meeting you on the next walk.



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

A 35-year-old male from the Polesworth area has been remanded into custody until 29/09/25 after being arrested for criminal damage in Atherstone Town Centre.



On Sunday 2nd Feb, with the help of patrols colleagues, Atherstone SNT detained a male stealing a high number of valuable items from Dobbies Garden centre.

The team have been actively patrolling the site and have a good working relationship with the staff, to try and deter thieves.

The total loss would have been £450+ worth of items, but the male would rather chat after committing an offence, so he did not get away.

A Range Rover was stolen in Water Orton using a key less method at approximately 03:40 hours on Sunday 9th Feb 2025.

Within 12 minutes the vehicle was located and one male arrested in the Birmingham area for the offence with the vehicle recovered.

Man receives prison sentence after breaching ASB criminal behaviour order.

Sgt Adam Skelsey said “We use Criminal Behaviour Orders as a final warning against people who commit antisocial behaviour repeatedly and cause problems for our communities.

“On this occasion, Stephen Cheshire [63 of Kingswood Road, Nuneaton] has ignored this warning. Atherstone residents will be spared his presence for two months as a result, and hopefully when he returns Cheshire will have corrected his behaviour.”

An area around Long Street in Atherstone which includes Sheepy Road was identified as a hotspot for antisocial behaviour as part of the hotspot patrolling initiative [#OpResolve](#).



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.

During a search of an address in Tamworth, for an unrelated offence, 820 vapes were discovered giving suspicion the occupant was selling these for profit.

At approximately £10 a vape, £8,200 worth of illegal vapes were seized.

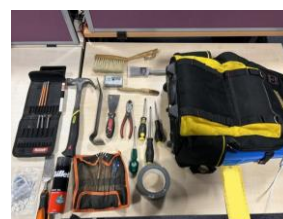
Current legislation states that disposable vapes of 20mg/ml must have a capacity of 2ml or less to be able to be sold from a licenced seller, whereas the ones seized were 4ml.

Disposable fakes pose a risk to children and can also be faked and being unregulated could cause further health issues.



Great cross-border work by our officers last week, working on a joint operation with colleagues from Staffordshire Police to arrest three males for car key burglary and keyless theft offences.

Two males were located in the Tamworth area after warrants were executed, and a third at an address in Grendon.



Community Engagement

Plans in place for Atherstone Ball Game 2025.

Planning for the Atherstone Ball Game is now taking place, and we are supporting the organisers to ensure the event goes smoothly.

Like last year, we will be utilising CCTV and drone footage to help us maintain the safety of those taking part.



Coleshill SNT have been conducting patrols at Corley Services Northbound and Southbound.

Officers have been speaking with drivers offering safety advice relating to vehicle crime and suspicious behaviour.

Thank you to those who spoke with us today, your concerns will be looked into as we continue to tackle issues in the area.



Please come and join us for a bike coding event.

You can get your pushbikes put on the national police register for FREE....

11am-1pm

Sunday 6th April

Dobbies Garden Centre, Atherstone, CV9 1RF

PCSO Smith and PCSO Mitchell attended Curdworth Parish Council Meeting to give a full report to the councillors.

Issues were discussed and measures will be taken to solve them.

We look forward to attending the next meeting.

PCSO Yaqub and PCSO Payne attended a community engagement event at Austrey Village Hall.

Thank you to the residents for sharing their concerns. It was nice to speak to the local community and give crime prevention advice.

We will be attending more community events in the area and engaging with the local community over the coming months.



PCSO Hodson & PCSO Thompson held a Crime Prevention Event at Polesworth Library.

It was nice to see so many families enjoying the library facilities, who took an interest in crime prevention with us.



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 more speed watch groups in the villages that don't have them. 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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