

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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February 2020 Newsletter



Incorporating the villages, hamlets and communities of:

Burton Hastings – Copston Magna – Wolvey – Wibtoft – Shilton – Barnacle – Withybrook – Willey – Monks Kirby – Ansty – Pailton – Stretton-under-Fosse – Brinklow – Combe Fields - Easenhall – Harborough Magna – Churchover – Coton Park – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton - Houlton

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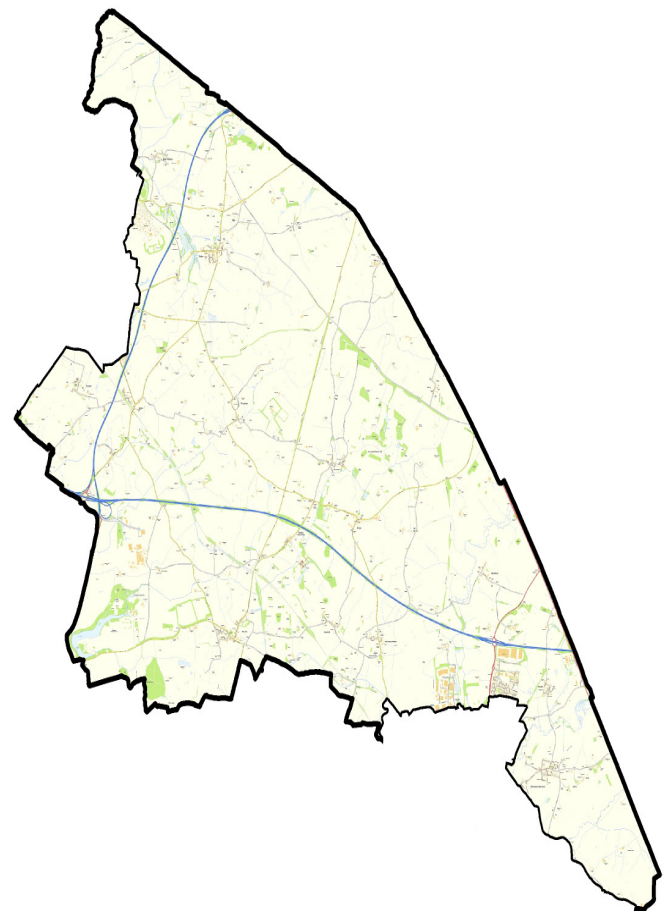
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect their locality.

Our policing area has strategic road links with the M6, A5 and M69 passing through. Local officers, with support tackle the criminals that travel those routes with a view to making communities safer from the threat of harm. The area is mostly made up of rural and village communities which bring their own unique demands.

We focus work around high risk and prolific offenders and our Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
 - Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.



Your local policing team



Inspector 1784 Sally Bunyard-Spiers



Sergeant 0948 Sarah Masters – SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town West and Rural



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Introduction

Welcome to the February issue of the Rugby Rural North Newsletter.

We are pleased to announce that Ben will be introducing new Mobile Police Station visits to The villages of Barnacle, Shilton and Pailton.

Sharon will be adding new visits to the villages of Easenhall, Churchover and Houlton.

All the new dates and times will be further in the newsletter and village notice boards will be updated in the coming weeks.

Please can we remind you to use the service or we may change your location to another village.

Crime/Incident Overview

This section looks at the crimes/incidents of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is an overview of certain crime/incident-types that have been reported to us over the last month:

Burglary Residential – 5 reported incidents

Inc 261 07/01/2020 – Main Street, Easenhall

A BMW has been stolen with keys.

Inc 351 07/01/2020 – Lower Lodge Ave, Rugby

Between 3.00pm and 6.50pm a bay window has been smashed and an untidy search has been carried out.

Inc 161 20/01/2020 – Cypress Road, Rugby

Between 8.00pm and 12.30pm a white VW Golf has been stolen after the rear patio doors have been smashed.

Inc 167 31/01/2020 – Colledge Close, Brinklow

Around 12.30pm a rear patio door has been smashed and the offenders have been disturbed by a house alarm, before leaving a black BMW that they arrived in.

Inc 337 04/01/2020 – Bracken Drive, Wolvey

Around 6.30pm offenders have broken into a shed and then they have tried to break into the house, tools have been left by the back door.

Burglary Business and Commercial – 3 reported incidents

Inc 55 10/01/2020 – Cypress Road, Rugby

Overnight multiple offices have been broken into on a building site, goods have been stolen and keys have been taken for the new homes

Inc 73 10/01/2020 – Crick Road, Rugby

A storage container on a building site has been entered.

Inc 37 15/01/2020 – Central Park Drive, Rugby

A shop has been entered, nothing has been taken.

Criminal Damage – 3 reported incident

Inc 174 05/01/2020 – Lupin Close, Rugby

Between 5.30pm and 12.30pm a large stone has been used to smash a ground floor kitchen window.

Inc 110 25/01/2020 – The Elms Paddock, Clifton

A downstairs window has been smashed.

Inc 75 10/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Around 1.17am two car park machines have been damaged by attempting to drill the lock.

Theft – 3 reported incidents

Theft from HGV's x 1

Inc 193 24/01/20 – Coventry Road, Pailton

At 1.40pm 13/01/20 an unknown person has removed a yellow Jet Washer from the side of a property.

Inc 439 23/01/20 – Five Ways, Wolvey

Between 7.00pm and 10.00pm a laptop has been taken from the boot of a car by smashing the rear window.

Vehicle Crime – 35 reported incidents

Theft from HGV's x 3

Inc 40 03/01/2020 – Lindon Court, Rugby

At 5.25am the drivers lock has been smashed off a works van and power tools have been taken.

Inc 73 03/01/2020 – Central Park Drive, Rugby

Overnight the barrel lock has been pulled out to gain entry, nothing has been taken.

Inc 364 06/01/2020 – Over View Way, Rugby

Between 6.00am and 6.15pm the rear windscreen has been smashed, nothing has been taken.

Inc 43 13/01/2020 – Journal Close, Rugby

Overnight the driver's window has been smashed and a purse containing cards has been taken.

Inc 44 13/01/2020 – Over View Way, Rugby

Between 1.45pm and 10.00pm a Catalytic Converter has been taken.

Inc 112 22/01/2020 – Central Park Drive, Rugby

Overnight a works van has been entered and power tools have been taken.

Inc 269 27/01/2020 – Waver Way, Rugby

A Catalytic Converter has been stolen off a white Lexus.

Inc 50 28/01/2020 – Linnet Close, Coton Park

Overnight a Ford Focus has been stolen without keys.

Inc 69 30/01/2020 – Over View Way, Rugby

Between 7.15am and 11.30pm a Catalytic Converter has been stolen off a Toyota Celica.

Inc 216 30/01/2020 – Over View Way, Rugby

Between 12.50pm and 1.00am a Catalytic Converter has been stolen off a Honda Jazz.

Inc 20 31/01/2020 – Waver Way, Rugby

Between 6.45pm and 9.30pm a Catalytic Converter has been stolen off a Honda Jazz.

Inc 134 31/01/2020 – Church Street, Clifton

Overnight vehicle parts have been taken off a Range Rover Sport.

Inc 172 05/01/2020 – Ansty Hall Hotel

At 00.20am a silver vehicle has been seen to steal a Catalytic Converter from a Honda Jazz.

Inc 111 07/01/2020 – Rolls Royce

A van has had a small hole drilled in to the rear door, nothing has been taken.

Inc 123 07/01/2020 – Church Road, Shilton

Overnight a van has had the driver's side door drilled open and a mobile phone and 2 chargers have been taken.

Inc 90 16/01/2020 – Main Road, Ansty

Between 6.15pm and 8.15pm the driver's side rear window has been smashed and two laptops have been taken.

Inc 443 17/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Between 7.15pm and 9.00pm a hole has been drilled in a side lock on a van, the tools have been left behind.

Inc 440 18/01/2020 – Ansty Hall Hotel

Around 8.15pm a black Golf has tried to break into a works van.

Inc 161 26/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

A silver Toyota has had the rear passenger window smashed and 2 gym bags full of clothes have been taken.

Inc 13 27/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Over the weekend a rear left window has been smashed and a laptop, Bose headphones and other personal belongings have been stolen.

Inc 256 27/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Over the weekend a Catalytic Converter has been stolen from a Toyota Prius.

Inc 498 27/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Between 6.15pm and 9.30pm a Ford Fiesta has been entered by unknown means and a bag has been taken with medical items inside.

Inc 95 28/01/2020 – Ansty Hall Hotel

Overnight the rear doors on a works van have had a cutting flap put in them and a large amount of power tools have been taken.

Inc 155 28/01/2020 – Rolls Royce

Overnight the sliding door has been prised open and a tools box has been taken.

Inc 271 29/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Overnight a Catalytic Converter has been stolen from a Toyota Prius.

Inc 417 29/01/2020 – Coombe Abbey

Between 9.10am and 3.30pm a Catalytic Converter has been stolen from a Toyota Prius.

Inc 164 30/01/2020 – Rolls Royce

Between 6.45am and 2.45pm a Catalytic Converter has been stolen off a Honda Jazz.

Inc 382 12/01/2020 – Main Street, Withybrook

Between 9.00pm and 10.00pm a window has been smashed and a wallet has been taken from the car.

Inc 335 30/01/2020 – Five Ways, Wolvey

The cover to the drivers side door handle has been taken. No entry has been made into the car.

Mobile Police Visits

Don't forget to visit local officers on their mobile police visits in March.

March 4th 2020 - PCSO 6152 Sharon Bailie-Crabtree

Clifton – Lilbourne Road from 11:00am till 12:00pm

Churchover – Main Street from 1:30pm till 2:30pm

Houlton – Maxwell Road from 2.45pm till 3.45pm

March 5th 2020 – PCSO 6152 Sharon Bailie-Crabtree

Burton Hastings – Hinckley Road from 9:15am till 10:15am

Withybrook – Main Street from 10:30am till 11:30am

Easenhall – Opposite the village hall from 11:45am till 12:45pm

Wolvey – The Square from 2:00pm till 3:00pm

Harborough Magna – Main Street opposite The Old Lion PH from 3:15pm till 4:15pm

March 12th 2020 – PCSO 6348 Ben Avery

Barnacle – Lower Road by the village hall from 9:15am till 10:15am

Shilton – Hallway Drive, on the village car park from 10:30am till 11:30am

Monks Kirby – Brockhurst Lane, by the village hall from 11:45am till 12:45pm

Pailton – Coventry Road, opposite the dentist 2:00pm till 3:00pm

Brinklow – Broad Street by the village hall from 3:15pm till 4:15pm

Rugby Free School visit

Ben visits Rugby Free School on the 5th February to complete a school talk with PCSO Galloway about personal safety and how the police can help you.



Sharon has been trained as one of the new Wildlife Officers in Warwickshire

Following a recent National Wildlife Officers course, Warwickshire Police now has an additional 11 new trained Wildlife Officers within the force.

This means there are now 24 trained officers across the county, including officers in our Safer Neighbourhood and Rural Crime teams.

During the week long course, the officers covered all aspects of wildlife crime with input from specialists from around the UK and different wildlife groups.

The officers will also be provided with special kit to fulfil their roles.

This investment is part of Warwickshire Police's ongoing commitment to dealing with rural and wildlife crime in the county.



Rachael has completed training in an Heritage Crime Training Event

Last week five Warwickshire Police officers joined sixty colleagues from seven other forces in England to be trained as Heritage Crime Officers.

The training, delivered by Mark Harrison, Head of Heritage Crime Strategy at Historic England, covered all aspects of heritage crime including illegal metal detecting, theft of lead and other metals, crimes against monuments, buildings, artefacts and sites of special historic interest, plus much more.

Sgt Bob Shaw, PC Rachael Smith, PC Craig Purcell, PCSO Ed King and Rural Crime Officer Carol Cotterill are now trained Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers. Further training for more officers in the force is being arranged for later in the year with Historic England.

The ongoing training of our officers is part of the commitment Warwickshire Police has in addressing rural, wildlife and heritage crime within our county.



Trading Standards warn homeowners about rogue traders following Storm Ciara

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning residents to beware of rogue traders taking advantage of damaged roofs, fences and fallen trees after Storm Ciara blew through Warwickshire and Storm Dennis expected to bring further high winds.

Rogue traders can appear both charming and extremely plausible on the doorstep, but their work is of a poor quality and sometimes they will take money for materials and simply disappear. They may quote low prices, but they will soon demand more money and very often the work they claim needs doing is completely unnecessary.

Trading Standards are also warning residents to beware of rogue roofers going door to door, falsely claiming to work for 'the council'. Residents have reported receiving knocks on their doors from rogue traders saying their chimneys were on the verge of collapsing if something was not done.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

"It can be tempting to employ the first person who comes to your door offering to fix that broken fence or loose roof tile. However, it can be hard to tell a good trader from a rogue on the doorstep, so Trading Standards are advising residents not to buy at the door and instead seek a range of quotes from reputable traders."

Top tips to avoid rogue traders:

- Don't buy from unexpected doorstep callers
- Go on recommendation and use traders that family or friends have been happy with. If that's not possible, consider using a Trading Standards vetted and approved trader. Visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders
- If your home has experienced structural damage you need a qualified surveyor to tell you what the actual damage is, never rely on the word of a builder alone
- Ensure the business has a genuine address – find out how long they have been there for. If necessary 'Google' it. If you find lots of businesses at the same address, that can be a warning sign
- Ask to see examples of their work and verify it with the householder
- Get everything written down – don't rely on spoken agreements
- Be wary of any trader who can start work quickly or straight away. You can expect to wait several months for a good builder to start work
- Don't buy from the first trader who comes to your door or be rushed in to making a quick decision – seek quotes from reputable traders

Report a rogue trader and more information:

- To report a rogue trader operating in your area or to make a complaint contact Warwickshire Trading Standards via their frontline consumer advice service, the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.
- Looking for a Trading Standards vetted and approved trader? Visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders
- For more information on rogue traders or to subscribe to our scams/rogue trader email alert system, visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Warwickshire Police announce results of anti speeding campaign

Over 5,000 people have been caught for speeding offences in Warwickshire during just two weeks of a month long operation aimed at reducing speeding in the county.

Speeding has a direct link to the number of people killed or seriously injured on the county's roads and the first phase of the campaign urged speeding motorists to slow down and obey speed limits by providing statistics and information to encourage them to change their behaviour. [Click here for media release](#)

This was followed by a two week enforcement period to catch those that continue to speed on Warwickshire's roads.

During the two week's from 20 January 2020 to 02 February 2020, the speed of vehicles was checked by officers, including the Special Constabulary, PCSOs and Warwickshire's many community speed watch volunteers.

The results are as follows:-

In excess of 2800 vehicles' speeds were checked in 78 separate speed checks

193 drivers were warned about their speed at the roadside or by letter following Community Speed Watch deployment.

39 drivers were reported via a Traffic Offence Report for speeding and will receive a letter in the post.

One driver was arrested on suspicion of drink driving.

In Warwickshire mobile and static cameras are also used and the following speeding offences were recorded during the two week enforcement period:-

168 speeding offences were recorded by our mobile speed camera vans

1,768 speeding offences were recorded by our static spot speed cameras

2,270 speeding offences were recorded on our Motorway Roadworks Enforcement Average Speed cameras (yellow cameras).

1,023 speeding offences were recorded by the overhead gantry HADECS Motorway Variable Speed Cameras.

In total 5,229 speeding offences were recorded by cameras in the two week enforcement period.

Inspector Kirsty Clough said "It is disappointing that over 5,000 people were still caught speeding as they drove through Warwickshire during the two week enforcement period despite the campaign to educate drivers around the dangers of speeding during the preceding seven days."

“Speed is one of the four biggest dangers whilst driving, called ‘the fatal 4’ and the difference of a few miles per hour can be the difference between life and death. It is hard to understand why so many people continue to put their own life and the lives of others at risk by speeding on Warwickshire’s roads.”

In Warwickshire, between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2019, 91 people were killed and 659 seriously injured in collisions where speed or loss of control was recorded as a contributory factor.

Inspector Clough continued “We are asking people to slow down and drive at a speed that is appropriate to the road environment and conditions. Speed limits are there to protect the public and are a maximum not a target.”

“The police seek to educate the driver to change their behaviour and for some of those drivers caught speeding during those two weeks, speed awareness courses will be offered to enhance this learning process.”

Warwickshire Police is working closely with partners including Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service, West Midlands Ambulance Service, Warwickshire County Council, Highways England, and national campaigners including BRAKE to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the county’s roads.

What will happen if I’m caught speeding?

Speeding drivers who are eligible for and accept a conditional offer of a fixed penalty receive 3 penalty points and £100 fine. Fines are collected by Her Majesty’s Courts & Tribunal Service and go directly to the Treasury.

Excessive high speed offences will not get a conditional offer and will be prosecuted via the courts.

You could be disqualified from driving if you build up 12 or more penalty points within a period of 3 years. New drivers who receive 6 or more penalty points within the first two years of driving will have their license revoked.

Those drivers who admit the offence of speeding and are eligible may be offered the opportunity to attend a speed awareness course on the effects and dangers of speeding as an alternative to a speeding fine and penalty points.

The course aims to influence the attitudes and behaviour of drivers by directly challenging attitudes towards speeding, offering motorists’ insight, awareness and understanding about their speed choices, and helps equip participants to change their behavior.

The course is not a way to consistently avoid fines however, you can only attend one speed awareness course every three years.

Warwickshire Police also offer a National Motorway Awareness Course and if this is offered only one can be attended every three years.

Speed check examples:-

Kingsbury: On Friday 31 January, a speed check was conducted on Coventry Road, Kingsbury. This location was chosen at the request of local residents. In the space of 30

minutes, 20 vehicles were found to be exceeding the speed allowed and all received Traffic Offence Reports. Speeds ranged from 37-45mph.

Bedworth: On Tuesday 21 January PCSOs attended St Michael's Primary School in Bedworth at school pick up time to monitor the speed of cars and the position of parking. They identified some wrongly parked vehicles and slowed a few down. Five Traffic Offence Reports were issued.

Leamington: On Saturday 1 February speed checks were carried out on Rugby Road, Cubbington (near the junction with Broadway). Two vehicles were reported for driving in excess of the 30mph limit.

Kenilworth: On Monday 20 January, officers carried out speed checks for three hours at Warwick RW and Kenilworth (Chadwick End, Shrewley Common, Lapworth, Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth). Nine vehicles were found to be exceeding the speed limit and received Traffic Offence Reports. One vehicle was stopped and driver spoken to.

Kineton: On Saturday 1 February, the special constabulary conducted speed checks in Banbury Road, Kineton and B4100 Gaydon. One driver received a Traffic Offence Report for excess speed of 42mph in a 30mph zone.

Burton Green: On 1 February, speed checks were carried out in Cromwell Lane, Burton Green and five Traffic Offence Reports made for driving in excess of the 30mph limit. The fastest recorded was 47mph in a 30mph zone.

Motorways: On Friday 17 January, OPU Officers stopped an Audi speeding on the M69 at 92mph and a Landrover Freelander travelling at 91mph. Both received Traffic Offence Reports. On 27 January a vehicle was caught speeding at 100mph on the M69.

Speed checks were also carried out in Warwick, Dordon, Nuneaton, Ansley village & common, Coleshill, Bulkington, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wellesbourne, rural villages around Shipston on Stour, Ettington, Southam, Lapworth, Ilmington, Whatcote, Treddington, Baxterley, Earlswood, Ullenhall, Pailton, Hillmorton, Rugby, Brinklow, Halford, Loxley, Newbold on Stour, Stretton on Fosse, Wolvey, Polesworth, Newton Regis, Nether Whitacre, Hartshill, Ansley Common, Great Alne, Wootton Wawen and Shuttington.

Contact us!

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