

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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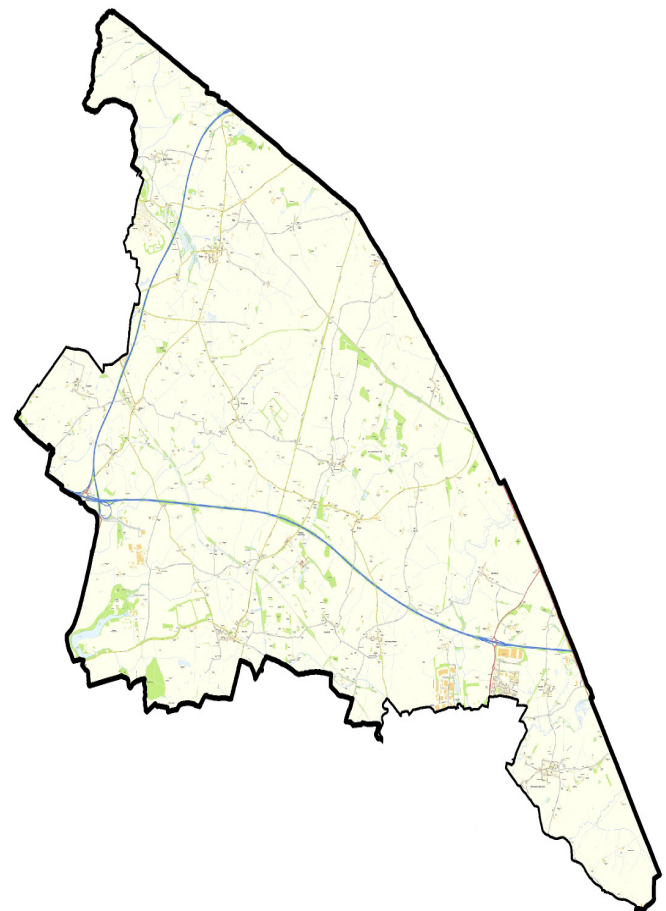
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect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



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Your local policing team



Inspector 1784 Sally Bunyard-Spiers

Sergeant 1187 Shaun Haywood– SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town West and Rural

Police Constable 1237 Rebecca Fenton – Rugby Rural North



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Warwickshire Rural Watch
Closing the gate on rural crime

Introduction

Welcome to the July issue of the Rugby Rural North Newsletter. You will notice from the local policing page that we now have a new Sergeant PS 1187 Shaun Haywood and a new Police Constable for the area PC 1237 Rebecca Fenton.

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 – 2 reported incidents

Inc 52 19/06/2020 – Main Street, Withybrook

Between 11.00pm and 6.00am someone has attempted to break into a property via a kitchen window using a rock.

Burglary Business and Commercial – 2 reported incidents

Inc 270 08/06/2020 – Castle Mound Way, Rugby

21 laptops have been stolen from a business at 4.45pm by the offenders forcing a fire door open to gain access.

Inc 130 12/06/2020 – Davy Court, Rugby

Overnight unknown offenders have broken into a unit and stolen iPhones, Covid test kits, 6 company car keys and £400 in vouchers.

Criminal Damage – 3 reported incidents

Inc 406 01/06/20 – Coombe Abbey Park

A passenger side door has been scratched by unknown means.

Theft – 08 reported incidents

Commercial x 1

Inc 134 08/06/20 – Fosse Way, Monks Kirby

A chainsaw has been stolen from a garden between 11.00am and 1.00pm on the 06/06/20.

Inc 92 23/06/20 – Coventry Road, Wolvey

Overnight a red trailer jack has been stolen from a yard.

Inc 33 04/06/20 – Overview Way, Rugby

A push bike has been stolen overnight.

Inc 154 09/06/20 – Sedge Road, Rugby

A black and green Carrera bike has been stolen from a shed.

Vehicle Crime – 12 reported incidents

Theft from HGV's x11

Inc 153 19/06/20 – Waver Way, Rugby

Between 9.15am and 1.00pm a side door has been cut into and a drill and 2 tool bags have been stolen.

Inc 356 06/06/20 – Eil Lane, Brinklow

Between 7.00pm and 8.00pm a front nearside window has been smashed and items have been taken from the glow box.

Inc 55 23/06/20 – Hallway Drive, Shilton

Around 1.00am a red Honda Civic has been stolen off a driveway by unknown means.

Inc 321 24/06/20 – Eil Lane, Brinklow

Between 12.30pm and 4.10pm a back window has been smashed and a bag has been taken.

Mobile Police Visits

Unfortunately due to social distancing still in place all Mobile Police Stations Visits are cancelled until further notice.

NHW messages

#TakeFive #StopChallengeProtect

Criminals will take advantage of people working from home by pretending to be from IT departments or software providers claiming to offer tech support.

They often persuade you to download software onto your computer and trick you into revealing your personal or financial information.

It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore these requests.

Always contact trusted organisations directly using a known email address or telephone number.

Domestic Abuse Advice

Domestic abuse can be experienced irrespective of gender, age, sexuality or ethnicity. Help is available:

Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 2000 247

Men's Advice Line – 0808 801 0327

The Mix (for under 25s) – 0808 808 4994

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0800 999 5428

Holiday Scams

Consumers urged to be on the lookout for holiday scams including fake caravan and motorhome listings, refund offers and travel deals.

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/uk-finance-warns-consumers-to-beware-of-coronavirus-holiday-scams>

Crime Prevention Advice

Advice Issued Following Rise in Keyless Vehicle Thefts

Warwickshire Police are reminding vehicle owners to be vigilant following a number of keyless thefts across the county.

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in small sports/high performance Hatchback-type vehicles and Transit style vans being stolen from properties in Warwickshire.

As a force, we strive to do all we can to protect those in the community from harm but people can take steps to help keep their vehicles safe.

We would recommend purchasing a steering lock as this can make it much more difficult for keyless vehicles to be taken.

Detective Constable Chris Bell said: “We have seen an increase in the number of keyless car thefts recently and in some cases it has been small sporty Hatchback-type vehicles and work-type Transit vans that are taken.

“While we are doing everything we can to reduce this number, we would encourage people to take any further steps they can to keep their vehicles secure and safe from thieves. One of the best ways you can protect your vehicle is to fit a full-face steering lock. While these can be bypassed, it takes time and the presence of one may hopefully be enough to deter them from attempting to steal your vehicle.

“Perpetrators of this type of acquisitive crime often target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. The most common method is to drive around residential areas looking for opportunities with certain types of vehicle.

“If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles at any time, take down the registration number and report it to police by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency. Where someone has unfortunately been a victim of, we will thoroughly investigate the circumstances around that incident.”

Alert –Tractor GPS Equipment

Information has been received of farms in the South West and Midlands, including Shropshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire of tractor GPS systems being targeted. As well as the significant cost of this equipment additional problems are being caused by the damage the criminals do to access this equipment, such as smashing windows, forcing doors and ripping out or cutting the wiring in the tractor.

If you have this kind of system on your tractor, please consider the following precautions:

- Remove all GPS guidance receivers, aerials or antenna globes when not in use and keep them locked away in a secure locked place when possible.
- Consider fitting security tethers or brackets to stop units being removed.
- Property mark your equipment visibly and invisibly with either a forensic solution such as Smartwater, Datatag, Selecta DNA or a UV pen, and engrave, paint or use a highlighter pen to record your postcode.
- Store machinery inside locked barns if possible. Where locking machines away isn't an option, consider fitting mains or battery- operated alarms to outbuildings or beam alarms around the perimeter of areas where machines are stored.
- CCTV and intruder alarms are a good deterrent and ensure they are checked regularly.
- Record machinery serial numbers and take photographs for reference to help police identify stolen items and increase the chances of them being recovered.
- Let employees know the security arrangements that are expected of them while working on the farm.

- Encourage all farm staff are vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or vehicles to the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.
- If you have a system such as a John Deere Firefox 6000 ensure you have your security pin set up. If unsure contact your dealer. <https://youtu.be/3YPnCcTEQ1g>.
- Join Warwickshire Rural Watch to receive alerts, news and crime prevention advice at www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk and put up Rural Watch gate signs on your farm.

County Lines – Can you Help with the Missing Piece?

Warwickshire Police need your help to tackle county lines drug crime, you are our eyes and ears in the community. Please look out for the signs of county lines and report it to us.

County lines is a term used to describe gangs transporting drugs from bigger cities into smaller towns. It's a national problem involving drug gangs operating from cities including Birmingham, London, Manchester and Liverpool.

As a force, we have a number of proactive operations running aimed at disrupting county lines drug dealing and bringing offenders to justice.

We would urge people to look out for the following signs:

- Children or young people going missing from home or school, and/or socialising with unfamiliar people.
- A person starting to abuse drugs and alcohol, and/or a change in their behaviour and emotional wellbeing.
- Someone acquiring money they can't account for or buying expensive goods they can't afford.
- Lone children visiting from outside the area.
- Someone with multiple phones, tablets or SIM cards.
- Unknown or suspicious people going into a neighbour's house – especially if that neighbour is vulnerable.

If anyone has information or concerns about county lines crime or that someone vulnerable is being exploited, please call 101. Alternatively, information can be provide anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Contact us!

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☎ 999 – In an Emergency

☎ 101 – To report a Crime

☎ (01788) 853851 – To contact the team directly (not for reporting Crime)