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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



ALCESTER NORTH COVERING

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CLAVERDON, WOOTTON WAWEN, MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN
& TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN WARDS

ALCESTER SOUTH COVERING

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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 30th August 2026

Based at Alcester Police Station, The Safer Neighbourhood team's primary roles are around crime prevention, problem solving both long standing or emerging issues of community concern and community engagement. We are supported at Alcester by colleagues from Patrol teams whose role is to respond to incidents and investigate crimes that occur in the area 24/7. The SNT is supervised by Inspector Jake Kibblewhite who leads on Neighbourhood Policing for Stratford District and Sgt Ebbs who also oversees neighbourhood Policing in the Shipston on Stour area. The Alcester SNT currently consists of Police officers and Police Community Support Officers, and our contact details are shown above.

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 anti-social 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.

Incidents of a public interest from the last week: -

ALCESTER

Violence. Hopkins Precinct area. Male being aggressive and causing problems to shop staff and members of the public. Several calls received during the day regards this male who had also been reported for shoplifting on previous days. Found by police and arrested on suspicion of ABH and subsequently assaulting an emergency worker. Friday 28th August. 0283 28/08/2026

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Alcester continued.....

ASB x 2 calls. Kinwarton Road area. Males on electric scooter and bike, wearing balaclavas causing a nuisance to other road users. 6.05pm Wednesday 26th August 2026

Attempt Fraud by telephone call. Caller received two phone calls - the first by a male who said he was from Coventry Police reporting that someone had been arrested and that they may have fraudulently accessed the callers bank account. The second call was from a female purporting to be from Alcester Police. Both the male and female discussed getting access to the persons bank account to check for suspicious activity. Thankfully the member of the public soon realised that this was a fraudulent call and the interaction was terminated. 1.05pm Wednesday 26th August. 0211 26/08/2026

Violence. St Faiths Road / Hopkins Precinct area. Male being verbally and physically aggressive to members of the public. Man found by police and arrested on suspicion of ABH. 5.50pm Tuesday 25th August. 0300 25/08/2026

ASB / Fire. Arches under the old railways line between Meadow Road and Adams Way. Youngsters had set fire to tyres which was later put out by the Fire Service. Males described as dressed all in black riding bikes. 7.30pm 23rd August. 0137 25/08/2026

COUGHTON

Burglary. Sambourne Lane. Glass in rear door smashed and entry gained. Offenders have then made a search of the premises. It was unknown if anything stolen at the time of the report. 3.40pm Thursday 27th August. 0252 27/08/2026

BIDFORD

ASB. Lambourne Close area. Two young males seen using a catapult to shoot birds in the trees. A pigeon was hit and fell to the floor. Both wearing grey / black hooded tracksuits. One had a baseball cap and the other had a beanie. Around 6pm - 7pm Saturday 29th August. 0348 29/08/2026

ASB. B439 towards Salford Priors. Two young lads on a bike, possible an e-bike, riding on the pavement causing a danger to pedestrians. The males were wearing balaclavas. 3.40pm Wednesday 26th August. 0275 26/08/2026

ASB x 6 calls. Waterloo Road / St Laurence Way / the Leys / High Street / Broom area. Two young males wearing balaclavas and riding an e-bike causing danger to pedestrians and road users. Also seen to be looking around the industrial estate. 3.20pm Tuesday 25th August. 0230 25/08/2026

STUDLEY

Suspicious Circumstances. Castle Road. Two males in a white van have been challenged near to the rear of business. They said that they were there to collect the used cooking oil, but this was known to be untrue, and they were asked to leave. The registration number started 'LD11'. 5.50am 21st August. 0225 24/08/2026

HENLEY

Theft. Shop, High Street. Male and female both in their 20's have stolen various items from the shop, when challenged by staff that mentioned they had a knife although this was not seen. 9pm Wednesday 26th August. 0440 26/08/2026

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TANWORTH

Suspicious Circumstances. Several calls received regards a female approaching houses and ringing the doorbells. Callers concerned for her safety. Member of the public found this lady stood by the road and called police who attended and gave her support. No offences disclosed at the time. Around 2am / 4am Thursday 27th August. 0033 27/08/202

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We're Listening

Because you know your neighbourhood better than anyone.

Your voice is key in our mission to make where you live a safer place for you, your family, and local businesses.

- Are you concerned about anti-social behaviour in the park?
- cars speeding through your village?
- or is the thought of burglary keeping you up at night?

We want to know what matters to you and through our two-minute survey on Warwickshire Connected, you can tell us your policing priorities for where you live.

<https://survey.warwickshireconnected.com/Survey/REGISTRATION/D3BE9431F612FE23EED955CCC853694D>

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What is courier fraud?

Courier fraud is when someone contacts you by phone impersonating trusted authorities such as police officers or bank officials. They may even do this in person.

They do this to trick you into handing over cash or your bank cards to them, or to a courier. Sometimes they trick victims into purchasing and handing over other expensive items, such as jewellery. The courier may not know they're being used as part of the crime.

It's important to know that if this has happened to you, it's not your fault and that there's support for you.

Examples of courier fraud

A criminal calls you saying there is a problem with your bank account and gets you to tell them your bank card PIN. They might say there's a fraudulent payment on your card or that someone has been arrested using your details. They then tell you that a courier will pick up your bank card, so that it can be cancelled. With your card and PIN, they can now use your card.

A criminal may convince you that there is an investigation where they need you to withdraw cash or buy expensive items. This could be foreign or crypto currency, gold bullion, jewellery, mobile phones or designer goods. They tell you this is required so that they can identify the corrupt person. The criminal may pose as a police officer.

Once you've bought the items or withdrawn the cash, they'll ask you to give it to a courier, or post it to an address, claiming they'll transfer it to the police. They'll then take the money or goods.

A fraudster may also say that your bank account has been taken over and that you need to transfer your money to a new 'safe' account. The new account is operated by the criminals, who then steal the funds.

What you can do to stay safe

Here are some tips to stay safe:

If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID. If you're not happy, don't let them in.

Never call the phone number on a salesperson's ID card to check them out. Ask them to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.

Banks and the police will never call you to verify your PIN. They won't ask you to withdraw money or buy or send items on their behalf for investigations. Hang up if you get a call like this.

Always verify suspicious calls by contacting the organisation using a trusted phone number. Calling 159 will put you through to your bank. If calling back from a landline after a suspicious call, wait a few minutes as criminals may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different phone line to call your bank.

Never transfer money or make purchases on behalf of someone you don't know.

If it's an emergency, call the police on 999.

Report suspicious activity to Report Fraud, the UK's national cybercrime and fraud reporting service. <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

If you have lost items or money due to someone pretending to be from a trusted organisation, you can make police report using our [online reporting tool](#). You should also contact your bank immediately.

You can also report cybercrime and fraud in the UK to Report Fraud:

- you can do this online by visiting the [Report Fraud](#) website.
- you can also call them on [0300 123 2040](#)
- if you are deaf or hard of hearing you can use textphone [0300 123 2050](#)

If a crime is in progress or about to be committed, the suspect is known or can be easily identified, or the crime involves a vulnerable victim, contact the police directly by calling [999](#) in an emergency, [101](#) for non-emergencies or by visiting your local police station.

If you have any information about a crime and would prefer to stay anonymous, you can call Crimestoppers on [0800 555 111](#) or contact them [online](#).

Catapult Law & Safety in the UK

Are catapults legal to own and carry in the UK?

Yes, catapults (slingshots) are entirely legal to purchase, own, and carry in the UK for individuals over the age of 18, provided you have a "lawful excuse" for carrying one in public.

Lawful Excuse: If you are travelling directly to a designated shooting club, an organized competition, or to land where you have explicit permission to shoot targets, you are fine. However, carrying a catapult in a public place (like a town centre or a pub) without a valid reason can see it classified as an offensive weapon under the Prevention of Crime Act 1953. Always keep your equipment securely packed away in a bag when travelling.

Can I use a catapult for hunting or pest control?

Absolutely not, unless you have explicit, written permission from the landowner. Hunting or taking any animal without permission is poaching and a serious criminal offense. Furthermore, the legalities surrounding hunting with a catapult are incredibly strict under UK law and governing bodies:

Defra Regulations & General Licences: Wildlife management and pest control in the UK are strictly governed by Defra. Defra only allows the control of specific pest species under strict General Licences, which require you to be an authorised person on that specific land. Crucially, Defra rules require that any control method must be humane. Because catapults rely entirely on human form and variation, they are not recognized as a reliable method for guaranteed humane dispatch.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: It is a criminal offense to kill, injure, or take any protected wild bird or animal. Poaching or shooting at wildlife without explicit written permission from the landowner will result in prosecution for wildlife crime.

Animal Welfare Act 2006: This law states that it is an offense to cause unnecessary suffering to any animal. Wounding an animal with a catapult rather than killing it instantly leaves you open to severe prosecution, heavy fines, and potential prison time under this Act.

What are the laws regarding target shooting and property damage?

Even when strictly target shooting, you must ensure your setup is completely safe and legally compliant:

Criminal Damage Act 1971: You are legally responsible for every single piece of ammunition that leaves your pouch. If a stray ball bearing, lead weight, or clay ammo smashes a neighbour's window, damages a car, or dents a fence, you can be prosecuted for criminal damage, regardless of whether it was an accident.

Highways Act 1980: It is an offence to shoot a catapult within 50 feet (around 15 meters) of the centre of a public highway (including roads, public pavements, and designated bridleways) if doing so causes injury, interruption, or danger to anyone using that highway.

Safety Rule: Always shoot into a verified, secure backstop, ensure your ricochet paths are completely clear, and never let your ammo leave the boundaries of the property you have permission to shoot on.