

# ALCESTER POLICE

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## Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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 Hembry 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 2 Police officers and 5 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: -

### **WEETHLEY**

- Poaching. Private Land off the Evesham Road. Group of about 7 people with about 4 vehicles on private land trying to herd Deer on Tuesday night. The group were seen to have rifles. This group may have on the land earlier in the week. Reported Wednesday 4th December. 0072 04/12/2024

*This newsletter is not intended to record a comprehensive list of every reported crime in the area but includes crimes and incidents that the local community should be aware of. Staying vigilant and working together with the police and your local community keep crime out of your area.*

## **BEVINGTON**

- Poaching. Private land by Cock Bevington. Dead hares found on the land, possibly shot the night before. Green Subaru Vehicle also found at the scene that had got stuck in the mud. Details passed to police. A red 4x4 was also involved. Reported Wednesday 4th December. 0139 04/12/2024

## **GREAT ALNE**

- Suspicious Circumstances. Henley Road. Several males with face covering seen walking around the outside of property with torches, checking windows, doors and the cars on the driveway. No damage or entry gained. 4.15am Friday 6th December. 0101 06/12/2024

## **WILMCOTE**

- Attempt Vehicle Crime. Aston Cantlow Road. Two males wearing balaclavas disturbed trying to steal BMW. When challenged they threatened the member of the public with handheld weapons. The offenders made off in a dark coloured BMW, possibly an estate. 10.30pm Friday 6th December. 0412 06/12/2024

## **TEMPLE GRAFTON**

- Vehicle Crime. Court Close. Two males wearing face coverings from a dark coloured BMW seen taking the number plate of another vehicle and adding it to theirs. They were challenged but became aggressive, one of the males had something in their hand. 11pm Tuesday 3rd December. 0395 03/12/2024

## **STRATFORD BORDERS**

- Attempt Burglary. Avalon Close. Males seen looking around outside of premises. They left in a silver BMW, towards The Ridgeway. Entry not gained. 2.45am Monday 2nd December. 0013 02/12/2024

## **HENLEY**

- Suspicious Circumstances. Warwick Road – B965DW. Two males seen in the rear area of premises. They have entered and left by jumping over fences. No further offences disclosed at the time. 6.35pm Friday 6th December. 0308 06/12/2024

## **EARLSWOOD**

- Suspicious Circumstances. Poolhead Lane. Two males seen on private driveway looking at cars. They got into vehicle nearby which possibly was a white Audi A4 estate. No further offences disclosed at the time. 3.55am Saturday 7th December. 0105 07/12/2024

## Vehicle safety

Vehicle crime is not common in Warwickshire and Warwickshire Police is working hard to reduce it even further, but there are simple steps you can take to make life even harder for criminals.

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and happens as a result of a vehicle being left vulnerable or unsecured. You can help us prevent opportunist thieves from striking by following these tips.

- Never leave anything on show in your vehicle.
- Take your sat nav and audio equipment with you.
- Remove the sat nav cradle and wipe away the suction marks.
- Never leave the car with the engine running or the keys in the ignition.
- Fit self-locking screws to prevent number plates being stolen.
- Always lock your car and fully close windows and the sunroof.
- Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels, fuel caps and wheels.
- Park in well-lit areas or secure car parks.
- Never leave your mobile phone behind.
- Don't store items in the boot, take them with you.
- Don't put the stereo in the glove box.

## Keep your keys safe

A car key burglary is a crime where an individual breaks into your home with the specific aim of removing your car keys and stealing your car.

Perpetrators of this crime often work to order and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. If a criminal is targeting a certain vehicle they will also be targeting the owner, looking for easy ways to exploit their security and get to their keys.

The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car key burglars. Simple crime prevention methods are the most effective way to deter potential thieves. The more difficult you make it for them, the less likely they are to bother.

You can use a number of methods to protect both your car and home:

### Protecting your car:

- Always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight.
- Always lock your car away safely in the garage, if you have one.
- Fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle.



- Use additional security systems such as immobilisers and visible security locks.
- Always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended.
- Always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places.
- Make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle.
- If you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove.

#### Protecting your home:

- Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked.
- Install a high quality burglar alarm.
- Install an exterior security lighting system.

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Keep-your-keys-safe

## Keyless entry vehicles

Keyless entry vehicles, although convenient, are currently an extremely easy target for theft with increasing numbers being stolen. However, there are several steps you can take to reduce your risk:

- Ensure your vehicle is properly locked and keep keys far away from doors and windows to ensure the vehicle is no longer in range of the key's signal.

- Place keys in a metal/foil lined box or container, or another container that blocks the keys signal from reaching the vehicle when it's not in use.
- Switch off the key's wireless signal when you don't need your vehicle. If you are unsure if the key has this function, find out in your owner's manual.
- You could also purchase an after market security device, such as a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post or even a wheel clamp.
- Even if the thieves are able to access and start your car, these should prevent them from driving away. Many criminals will consider bypassing these as 'too much hassle'.
- Other steps include checking if there are any software updates for the car itself, remaining vigilant for unusual activity in your area and having an after market immobiliser or tracker fitted.



## Cold mornings

Although vehicle crime is low across Warwickshire, every winter the force receives a number of reports from drivers who have had their cars stolen after leaving the engine running, while they wait in the warmth of their home for it to heat up and defrost the windscreen.



Some vehicle owners nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of their breakfast or coffee - but that's all the time an opportunist thief needs.

To 'freeze out' the thieves, Warwickshire Police advises motorists to:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper.
- Sit in vehicles while the heater de-mists the windscreen.

Drivers who ignore this advice are taking big risks. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for likely targets. When they spot a vehicle with its engine left running on a drive or outside a home, it's there for the taking.

One person will be dropped off, get into the target vehicle and simply drive away.

Many of the vehicles are never recovered, and some - especially high value models such as Mercedes, BMW and Audi - may be shipped overseas.

It is also worth remembering if your car is stolen when keys have been left in it, you may find your insurance will not cover you. If your house keys are stolen along with your car, your home is then vulnerable too.

So, this winter, don't give criminals an easy ride by leaving your car running unattended.





# CRIME PREVENTION BOOKLET



## BURGLARY

Want to protect your home? Think WIDE(N) - Windows, Interior, Doors, Exterior, Neighbours - to have the best possible protection against burglary.

Research shows that a set combination of security actions provides up to 50 times more protection for your home versus no security. A combination of WIDE actions is the most effective solution and is recommended by police throughout the country. Additionally, at Neighbourhood Watch we believe that neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is also key to preventing burglary.

- **WINDOWS:** Lock your windows
- **INTERIOR:** Put your interior lights on a timer
- **DOORS:** Double or deadlock your doors
- **EXTERIOR:** Put your exterior lights on a sensor
- **(N)EIGHBOURS:** Keep an eye out for neighbours

Taking simple measures can significantly reduce your chances of being burgled. Opportunity plays a big role in enabling crimes to be committed, particularly burglaries. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists.

Criminals will look for homes that:

- seem unoccupied
- have little or no apparent security
- have doors or windows left open, or
- enable them to remain unseen when burgling.

A home's overall impression will influence whether a burglar targets it. As a general rule, if it looks like there is someone inside, the burglar is likely to go elsewhere.

**[OURWATCH.ORG.UK/BURGLARY](http://OURWATCH.ORG.UK/BURGLARY)**


A home in a dilapidated state will seem easier to break into, so a simple deterrent might be tidying up a garden or repainting doors and window frames. One crime often produces the opportunity to commit another. For example, a burglar may return after a break-in because they know when the owners are likely to be out. They can also expect the property to be full of new replacement items.

Before upgrading your home security, think about what part of your home seems more vulnerable, how often you are at home, and when it is empty. Remember, wherever possible, to always ensure that security products you purchase are Secured by Design or Sold Secure – these are good quality, independently tested products.

**WORRIED ABOUT BURGLARY?**

**THINK WIDE(N)**

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- 👁️ **INTERIOR** LIGHTS ON A TIMER
- 👁️ **DOORS** DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED
- 👁️ **EXTERIOR** LIGHTS ON A SENSOR
- 👁️ **(NEIGHBOURS)** KEEP AN EYE OUT



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