

# ALCESTER POLICE

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## ALCESTER SOUTH COVERING

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## Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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: -

### ALCESTER

- Vehicle Crime. Town Car Park, Bulls Head Yard. Works van entered and tools stolen. Offenders seen to leave the car park in a Ford Focus electric vehicle towards Priory Road. One of the offenders was in the boot wearing a face covering. 12.55pm Saturday 26th April. 0148 26/04/2025

Alcester continued...

- Suspicious Circumstances. Ward Avenue. Two males wearing balaclavas and riding push bikes seen in the area. Caller concerned regards their motives. 10.50pm Tuesday 22nd April. 0340 22/04/2025

## **STUDLEY**

- Attempt Burglary. New Road. Door handle / lock damaged but entry but gained to house. Between 12 midnight and 2.45pm Friday 25th April. 0238 25/04/2025
- Rogue Trader Report. Saxon Close. Elderly resident quoted a large amount for roofing work. Caller concerned that this was overpriced, and the residents had been targeted. White Toyota Pick-up involved. Details passed to police. Caller also informing Trading Standards. Reported Friday 25th April. 0101 25/04/2025
- Vehicle Crime. Church Street. Both number plates stolen from car. Overnight 24th & 25th April. 0038 25/04/2025
- Vehicle Crime & Vehicle Interference. Albion Cottages, Outhill. Both number plates stolen from one car. An attempt has then been made to remove plates from another vehicle. Between 19th & 21st April. 0061 21/04/2025

## **PRESTON BAGOT**

- Vehicle Crime. Preston Bagot. Both number plates stolen from car. Overnight 24th & 25th April. 0075 25/04/2025

## **EARLSWOOD**

- Vehicle Seizure. Malthouse Lane. Vehicle showing as having no insurance / no tax – seized and recovered by police. 7.10pm Sunday 20th April. 0269 20/04/2025

## **TANWORTH**

- Burglary. Broad Lane. Premises entered and car key taken. Subsequently a Black BMW X5 estate was also stolen. 4am Thursday 24th April. 0027 24/04/2025

## **HOCKLEY HEATH**

- Suspicious Circumstances. Tithe Barn Lane. £ males with face coverings seen on driveway to house. One of the males may have had a scanning device. The males eventually drove off in a dark coloured car towards Broad Lane. 3.15am Thursday 24th April. 0026 24/04/2025

## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to reduce crime.

They're community initiatives owned and run by their members which are supported by the police but not owned by them, although we sometimes run them.

They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- help and reassure those who live in the area.
- encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

### How to join a Watch scheme

Go to Neighbourhood Watch to find out what groups are active in your area and to register to join.

You can also find and contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Association or Scheme Coordinator via the same website for: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

- more information on how the scheme works.
- the benefits of the scheme
- advice on running a scheme in your local area.

## Other ways to get involved and help your community.

### Volunteer for Crimestoppers

Join the hundreds of volunteers who are already helping this independent crime-fighting charity. You could find yourself involved in anything from organising fundraising dinners to developing a publicity campaign to catch criminals in your area.

Find out how to volunteer for Crimestoppers. - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/get-involved>

### Volunteer with the police.

All forces around the country have volunteer roles. You could be working alongside us in everything from supporting victims of hate crime to managing community events and talking to schools and local businesses. Volunteers provide crucial support to us and work in their own time and with their own community.

Visit - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/ca/careers/>

## Internet, email and mobile phone fraud

### Mobile phone scams

Smartphones are minicomputers, so take all the same precautions with them as you would with your own computer at home.

What you should know - If you use an online banking app, only use the official app provided by your bank. If in doubt, contact your bank to check.

Only download apps from official app stores, such as:

- Apple iTunes
- Android Marketplace
- Google Play Store

Downloading them from unofficial or unknown sources could infect your phone with a virus.

Keep your phone's operating system updated with the latest security patches and upgrades. Your operating system provider normally sends these.

Never give your mobile banking security details, including your passcode, to anyone else and don't store them on your phone.

For added security set up a password or PIN to lock your mobile.

Just like on your computer, you can get antivirus tools for your mobile; use a reputable brand. Some banks offer free antivirus software for their customers' phones. Check your bank's website for more information.

Be wary of clicking on links in a text message or email. Don't respond to unsolicited messages or voicemails on your phone. Your bank will never email or text to ask for your PIN or full password.

### Examples of mobile phone scams

Text scams offering you money for an accident you may have had is often a ploy to get your personal details. Don't reply, even by sending a 'STOP' text. Simply delete the message.

You may get a text or advert encouraging you to enter a competition for a great prize. The scammers will charge extremely high rates for the messages you send them, as high as £2 per text message. Don't reply.

'Trivia scams' involve you answering general knowledge questions to win a prize. The first few questions will be very easy, so you keep playing. But the last one or two questions you need to answer to claim your 'prize' could be very difficult or even impossible.

If you try to claim your prize, you may have to call a premium-rate number, often beginning 0906. You then have to listen to a long-recorded message, designed to keep you on the line. It's highly unlikely there'll be a prize at the end of it. Don't phone back to claim.

'SMiShing' (SMS phishing) is when a scammer text asking for personal or financial information. The message may appear to be from a legitimate company, like a mobile phone provider, but legitimate companies never ask you to provide sensitive information by text. Don't reply to these texts. Simply delete them.

Unless you're using a secure webpage, don't send or receive private information when using public Wi-Fi. And be aware of who's around you when using a mobile device to go online.

For more information and help and to report this and many other types of fraud, visit Action Fraud the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

### **Mass market fraud or scam mail**

The sophistication of mass market mail and online fraud and scam mail can vary enormously but as a general rule, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Many people in the UK, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, are lured by the prospect of a surprise win, and give large amounts of money or personal data to claim their fake prize.

#### Examples of scam mail

The most common mass-market fraud, the fake prize scam, is where you get a message by post, email or text saying you've won a prize or competition, usually one you've never heard of.

The message asks for an upfront payment to claim the prize, which either never arrives or is very different to what was promised.

'Psychic' and 'clairvoyant' scams set up victims for a fake prize scam. In this situation, a 'psychic' sends the victim a list of 'lucky' lottery numbers. Soon afterwards, a letter arrives telling the victim they've won a lottery with those exact numbers. Of course, this is all part of the scam.

You may receive unsolicited mail advertising 'high quality' or 'exclusive' goods, which in reality are poor value for money.

Another mass marketing scam is to offer a share of a cash prize that you can only get by ordering goods. The goods are usually very poor quality, and the cash prize is never mentioned again.

Also be wary when sending money, or receiving money from, someone you don't know and trust. This may be a ploy by a scammer to get you to pass money through your bank account that's stolen from another victim's account.

If you do this, technically your money laundering and being a 'money mule' for the scammers. If convicted of money laundering, you could be sent to prison. Having a criminal conviction can make it harder to get financial products or get a job.

It can only take a single response to a scammer to be inundated with more scam mail. Your name and address will be included on a 'suckers list' and you'll get lots of scam mail every day.

Remember, you:

- can't win money or a prize in a lottery you haven't entered.
- can't be 'chosen at random' from a list you didn't sign up to
- should never have to pay a fee or make a purchase to claim a legitimate prize.

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## Internet scams

Many internet scams take place without the victim even noticing. Scammers put programs on your computer that can steal, wipe or lock your data. To prevent this, have antivirus software and a firewall installed on your computer, and keep it up to date.

Take the precautions below and use common sense to avoid becoming a victim.

### What you should know

Scammers defraud people using spam emails. Simply delete the email without opening or replying to it, otherwise the scammer will send you more and more emails from lots of different addresses.

Any email you get from someone you don't know is likely to be spam, especially if it's not addressed to you personally and promises you some kind of gain.

If you get an email with an attachment, apparently from someone you know, but it's not the usual sort of message you get from them, don't open the attachment. Contact the person who's supposed to have sent it and confirm it's genuine. The email may have been infected with a virus and forwarded through their address book.

Online marketplaces can be a lot of fun and can save you money, but they're also used by scammers. Scammers will try to steer you away from online sites and get you to use unusual payment methods, such as money transfer agents or e-money, a digital equivalent of cash.

The most common scams at the moment are for:

- concert and event tickets.
- apartments, residential and holiday lettings
- dating and romance
- vehicles for sale or hire (especially if they deliver the hire vehicles to you)

Adverts and websites can be very sophisticated so do some research to make sure everything makes sense. Always think about your personal safety when meeting anyone you've only talked to on the internet.

Be careful of official-looking but bogus websites that claim to help you apply for passports, visas and driving licences.

There are lots of ways scammers gain personal or financial information from their victims, such as:

phishing, where an email that seems to be from a legitimate company asks you to give your personal details.

vishing, where either an automated phone message or a cold caller who seems to be from a legitimate company asks you for personal details.

spear phishing, which focuses on an individual or department in an organisation; the email appears to come from a legitimate organisation.

Using these methods, scammers ask for information such as login details and passwords or install malware on your computer.

As a general rule, never give your personal or financial details to anyone unless you know and trust them.

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*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.*