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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 5th January 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

- Burglary. Birmingham Road. Property entered and cash and car keys stolen. Subsequently FOUR vehicles have been stolen from the address. Black BMW X5 Estate, White VW t-sporter Caravan, Red VW Polo and a Grey Ford Transit Panel Van taken. Between 10.30pm 3rd and 7.50am 4th December. 0055 04/12/2024

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Alcester continued....

- Damage. Kinwarton Close. Windows smashed and bodywork damaged on car, possibly with something like an axe or similar item. A male with a black hooded top was seen to run away from the area at the time. 11.40pm Friday 3rd January. 0365 03/01/2025
- Vehicle Crime. Captains Hill. Grey Toyota Hilux 4x4 stolen without key. 11.45pm Monday 30th December. 0386 30/12/2024
- Road. A46 Roundabout near to MacDonalds. Report of car driving dangerously in the area – 'drifting' around the traffic island. It has possibly done this before. Vehicle details unknown. 11pm Sunday 29th December. 0313 26/12/2024

BROOM

- Attempt Fraud / Suspicious Circumstances. Elderly resident of Broom has received a phone call purporting to be from the police saying that someone had been using their bankcard. Fortunately, there was someone at the address that immediately recognised this as a scam and ended the call. 1.25pm Monday 30th December. 0158 30/12/2024. Similar call to a resident in Alcester in the 28th December, who quickly recognised it as a scam too.
- ASB. Kings Lane. Vehicle playing loud music heard in the Lane. Gas cannisters and balloons found at the location the morning after. 11pm Sunday 29th December. 0099 30/12/2024

STUDLEY

- ASB. Bromsgrove Road. Report of youngsters throwing snowballs at passing cars. Caller concerned for the safety of drivers if they are distracted etc. Youths had left the area prior to police arrival. 1.50am Sunday 5th January 2025. 0033 05/01/2025
- Suspicious Circumstances. Church Street. Two females in vehicle parked in the road. Caller concerned they were looking at their vehicle with alternative motive. 6.45pm Friday 3rd January 2025. 0262 03/01/2025

SPERNAL

- Damage / Attempt theft. Spernal. Camera wire cut. Subsequently two males seen acting suspiciously near to vehicle. Possibly with intentions of stealing it / from it. 11.30pm Sunday 29th December. 0165 30/12/2024

EARLSWOOD

- Suspicious Circumstances. Earlswood Common / The Lakes. Report of occupants of vehicle using balloons to inhale gas. Police attended, and the vehicle stopped. One person dealt with on suspicion of being in possession of an offensive weapon and Class C drugs. 2pm Sunday 29th December. 0149 29/12/2024

Police impersonation scams: what you need to know – Which Magazine 31st December 24

Know the common signs of a police impersonation scam. Sneaky fraudsters are again impersonating the police and using sneaky cold calls to scare people into revealing their financial details.

Police impersonation scams aren't new; we last saw these scams spike in October 2023 and we spoke to victims of these cold calls to understand how these scams play out. Typically, you're told that you're being defrauded, and the police are trying to help you. As reports of these scams have increased again, we take a look at the latest scam tactics used by fraudsters who pretend to be the police.

'He told me to ring 999, and another fraudster picked up' - When John (not his real name) was called out of the blue, he was shocked to hear that a man had been apprehended for using his credit card in a store. John was given a name and a police number by the fake police officer and was told to ring 999 after listening to a buzzer noise so he could speak to Essex Police to obtain a crime reference number. Another fake officer who was in on the scam answered and asked for John's bank account details to investigate the fake incident. 'The penny dropped, and I ceased the call, I then phoned the real police who confirmed this was a typical tactic being used by fraudsters at the moment,' John told us.

Typical police scam tactics - Fraudsters impersonate the police to scare you into action by pretending to be a voice of authority. Some statements they typically say are:

'You've been a victim of fraud' - some scammers will tell you that they're contacting you due to a fraud investigation where you're the victim. Sometimes, they'll say they've found a counterfeit item, such as a passport, with your name on it. Other times, they'll say that there's been unauthorised use of your bank account.

'Someone reported you' - dodgy scammers impersonating the police will sometimes try to catch you out by saying that someone has accused you of a crime, such as theft. They'll continue with this story until they get your personal or financial information.

'You're going to be arrested' - some police scam calls impersonate HMRC by leaving a voicemail threatening to have you arrested for tax offences.

Avoiding cold call scams - To avoid falling victim to scam callers:

- Never disclose your financial information over the phone.
- Register with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS), which stops legitimate companies from making sales calls, so when you receive a cold call, you'll know a scammer is on the other end of the line.
- Consider installing a call blocker for nuisance calls.
- Sometimes, scammers can keep your phone line open even after you've hung up. So, after hanging up use a different phone to call the company back on a trusted number or wait for at least 15 minutes.
- If a caller has any personal information about you, check to see whether you've been a victim of identity fraud by checking your credit file to see if any new accounts that you don't recognise have been opened in your name.

Sharing details of the scam helps us to protect others as well as inform our scams content, research and policy work. We will collect information relating to your experience of a scam, but we won't be able to identify your responses unless you choose to provide your contact details. Neither police nor bank officials will ever ask you to withdraw money from your account, purchase anything or hand over your personal details or passwords. If you believe you are being targeted by a scammer hang up the phone and use a different phone line to call Action Fraud or the police, as scammers have a way to stay on the line and will pretend to be the police when you call back.

Keyless theft

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key fob comes within a short-range distance of the car. Keyless theft, also known as 'relay theft', occurs when device is used to fool the car into thinking the car's own remote key fob is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

Is my car keyless entry? - If you have to press a button on your car's key fob to enter your car and turn the ignition with your key, then your car is not 'keyless' entry. Keyless entry cars allow the driver to unlock and start the car with the key fob still in their pocket / bag. Once in the car, the driver can press a button to start the engine without ever needing to touch the key fob / remote.

How can I protect my vehicle?

Keep car keys safe.

Whilst at home keep your car keys away from the car to disrupt communication range.

Avoid leaving them near your door or window.

Use a signal-blocking pouch.

The pouch can block the transmission of the signal from the car key once inside the pouch.

Turn off the fob's wireless signal.

Wireless signals on some keyless fobs can be turned off. Look in your car manual to see if this is possible, if not, contact your vehicle manufacturer.

Re-programme your keys

This erases the code from the car key to the car itself. This will mean a spare car key that is not in our possession can no longer be paired with your car leaving it susceptible to theft. Contact your local Master Locksmith Association (MLA) approved auto locksmith for a quote.

On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) Port

Some theft involves thieves breaking into a vehicle and accessing the OBD port to start the car. Below are a few options that may help secure your vehicle from this method of theft:

Contact your local dealership or an auto electrician to relocate the OBD port in your vehicle.

Consider the use of a OBD port protective cover or lock guard.

Consider a remote central locking keyless system upgrade or an upgraded immobiliser system to protect your vehicle. This can be very costly and only to be considered for higher end prestige vehicles.

Steering wheel lock

Strongly consider reintroducing a steering wheel lock to your vehicle. This can be an effective tool in the fight against keyless thefts, purely for the reason that it cannot be compromised via technology.

Parking

If you have a garage, use it to secure your vehicle in. If you park on the driveway, park as close to the property as you can. If you have more than one vehicle on your driveway, park the less desirable vehicle in front of the more desirable vehicle to block its access.

Note - as with any additional security for vehicles, try to purchase devices that are:

Thatcham Quality Assured - <https://www.thatcham.org/>

Sold Secure Tested <https://www.soldsecure.com/>

Secured by Design <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>

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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.

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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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- **EXTERIOR** LIGHTS ON A SENSOR
- **(NEIGHBOURS)** KEEP AN EYE OUT

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