

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



This crime summary is a look at the crimes of public interest that occurred on the Bidford, Great Alne and Long Marston policing area over the last 14 days. We do not as normal practice include crimes of shoplifting, bilking, domestic violence or fraud.

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BURGLARY COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDING

Between 17:00 hours on Wednesday 9th March and 10:00 hours on Thursday 10th March unknown offender/s have forced the front door to a secured riverboat on Howard Close, Bidford. No property has been stolen from within.
Incident number 328 of 10th March refers



AUTOCRIME

Between 18:00 hours on Saturday 5th March and 08:00 hours on Sunday 6th March unknown offender/s have stolen a silver Audi TT motor vehicle, which was parked secure and unattended outside the IPs premises on Spiers Crescent, Bidford. The vehicle was later found abandoned near by.
The IP is also missing spare set of vehicle keys but there are no signs of entry into the property.
Incident number 175 of 6th March refers

Between 10:00 hours and 21:30 hours on Sunday 13th March a Female IP reports that the wheel nuts of her Ford Mondeo motor vehicle have been loosened. The vehicle was parked secure and unattended on Goose Lane, Lower Quinton.
Incident number 381 of 14th March refers

Between 21:00 hours on Wednesday 16th March and 05:30 hours on Thursday 17th March unknown offender/s have smashed the window of a Vauxhall Corsa parked secure and unattended on Spiers Court, Bidford. Offender/s have stolen a jacket from within.

Incident number 127 of 17th March refers

Between 18:45 hours on Thursday 17th March and 07:15 hours on Friday 18th March unknown offender/s have smashed the window of an Astra Van parked secure and unattended in Clifford Chambers. Offender/s have stolen a Laptop computer and Datapack tracking system from within.

Incident number 107 of 18th March refers

Between 19:00 hours on Thursday 17th March and 07:15 hours on Friday 18th March unknown offender/s have forced the door lock of a Ford Galaxy motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Willow Bank, Bidford.

Nothing has been stolen from within.

Incident number 111 of 18th March refers

VIOLENT CRIME

At approximately 00:49 hours on Thursday 10th March the IP alleges he was jumped on and stabbed by a male in a balaclava as he rode his bike down a dark lane in Lower Quinton.

Incident number 10 of 10th March refers

SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT

Getaway Driver Jailed

On 26th August 2004, following two commercial break-ins in the Alcester and Haselor area, a computer, bolt croppers and bowling balls were all thrown in the path of a Police car as desperate burglars tried to escape a court heard last week.

Witnesses saw two men in balaclavas smashing a window at Mechshop, Haselor and putting a computer into the back of car before speeding off towards Birmingham along the Alcester Road, Studley.

The court heard that the offender/s sped through Mappleborough Green at up to 80mph, colliding with another car and causing serious damage to both vehicles. As the car continued towards Claverdon the two passengers threw the stolen goods into the path of the Police car before abandoning the vehicle and fleeing on foot.

Dixon, aged 21, of Hatley Heath, West Bromwich was later arrested and admitted to two charges of burglary and one of dangerous driving and was jailed for 27 months.

Sniffing out the crooks

A car thief has been given a four-month jail sentence thanks to the nose of a Warwickshire Police dog.

Jed, one of the force's latest four-legged recruits, and his handler PC Adrian Langley, were travelling through Henley when they came across a stolen vehicle. They pulled up alongside the Transit van, which had been stolen from Birmingham earlier that day, but the driver ran off. The 15-month old German Shepherd tracked the thief through gardens and fields in Henley and eventually found the offender hiding in a ditch.



CRIME PREVENTION ADVISE

HOW TO BEAT THE BOGUS CALLER.

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into people's homes. These people are known as 'distraction Burglars' or 'bogus officials, whose only intention is to get into homes, distract people and steal their money and valuables.

You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door. By using the advice in this article, you can protect yourself and vulnerable members of your family.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police, social services, or gas, water or electricity companies. They may appear friendly and are very persuasive and convincing. They may be men, women or children. They will have a story or excuse as to why they should come in or why you should accompany them outside, they will often have a 'prop' such as a fake ID card, or wear overalls or a reflective jacket.

Most official visitors should always arrange an appointment with you beforehand. If you are not expecting them and are alone, ask them to call back when you have someone with you. Consider getting a 'Nominated neighbour notice' from your local police station. This you can hold up to the window without opening the door, and the caller is instructed to contact your nominated neighbour, at number36 for example, they will then check the callers ID for you and report back to you or accompany the caller back to your house.

There are four basics to remember when you have unsolicited callers at the door.

- LOCK:** Keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.
- STOP:** Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Check you have locked any back door and taken the key out. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is.
- CHAIN:** If you decide to open the door, ***put the chain, or door bar on first.*** Keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.
- CHECK:** Check the callers identity thoroughly before you let them into your house and never agree to work being done on the spot or sign a contract if they are trying to sell something to you.

AND, IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!

BE AWARE OF THE CAR KEY BURGLAR!!

Modern motor cars are far more secure than ever before and many are nearly impossible to steal without the keys. This has led to an increase in night-time domestic burglaries, to steal the keys for the car on your drive and occasionally in the garage. If you have a garage please use it and lock it. Buy a shed for the junk in the garage, it's cheaper than the excess on the car insurance.

Don't leave keys in sight of the windows or doors and never within reach of the letterbox. Try not to keep them in an obvious place such as a key rack in the kitchen, or a draw in the hall table. Consider taking them upstairs with you at night.

Another place that has seen an increase in cars being stolen with the use of keys are petrol stations.

With central release fuel caps many people leave their keys in their car.

Always remove them and lock the car whilst at the fuel station. Consider buying a cheap replacement locking fuel cap this will make you remove the keys when you fill up.

A car stolen with the keys left within will result in no insurance payout.



BE AWARE

If you have any information or have witnessed the above incidents, please can you contact Alcester Police on 01789 762207. Thank you.

BIDFORD, GREAT ALNE AND LONG MARSTON COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

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