

# **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. Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2005

Bidford, Great Alne and Long Marston Police Bidford, Great Alne and Long Marston Police



### **BURGLARY DWELLING**

At approximately 12:25 hours on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September unknown offender/s have, by unknown means, entered the kitchen of a house on Sernal Lane, Great Alne. Once inside offender/s have stolen keys to a BMW X5 and made away from scene in same. Incident number 297 of 19<sup>th</sup> September refers



### **AUTOCRIME**

At approximately 15:00 hours on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September unknown offender/s have stolen a blue Ford transit motor vehicle from Wilmcote while the driver of the vehicle was delivering goods. The vehicle had been left insecure. Incident number 298 of 17<sup>th</sup> September refers

Sometime between Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September unknown offender/s have stolen a Red Vauxhall Nova motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Long Marston Airfield, by unknown means. Incident number 254 of 17<sup>th</sup> September refers

Sometime between 04:00 hours and 04:30 hours on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September unknown offender/s have stolen a Ford Focus motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on the Fordway, Lower Quinton. Offender/s have stolen a laptop from within. Incident number 75 of 19<sup>th</sup> September refers

Sometime between 22:00 hours on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September and 07:30 hours on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September unknown offender/s have stolen a quantity of power tools from a VW transporter motor vehicle parked secure and unattended in Bidford. Incident number 199 of 19<sup>th</sup> September refers

Between 20:30 hours on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and 07:20 hours on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September unknown offender/s have stolen a spare wheel from a Freelander motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Swans Close, Wilmcote. Incident number 226 of 21<sup>st</sup> September refers



## **CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

### **ADVICE ABOUT BURGLAR ALARMS**

The majority of burglars will avoid breaking into a property with an alarm.

There are many alarm systems on the market. These range from fairly cheap alarms, which you can fit yourself, to more sophisticated systems, costing hundreds of pounds, which need to be installed by professionals. Low cost alarms are less reliable and can, through false alarms, be a nuisance to both you and your neighbours.

Consider whether you need an audible-only alarm (which sets off a siren or bell) or a monitored alarm (connected to a central 'listening service'). Due to the huge numbers of false alarms, police will only respond to audible alarms if there is confirmation of suspicious activity – such as a neighbour saying they saw someone or heard the sound of glass being broken.

For monitored systems, the monitoring company will check remotely via various methods whether any alarm was false – for example, set off by the homeowners entering the wrong access code – and call out the police if necessary. Monitored systems are particularly important for isolated properties.

#### **If you are thinking about installing a burglar alarm, you should do the following.**

- Seek the advice of the crime prevention officer at your local police station, for free advice before you buy an alarm. Pc's Nick Stephens and Tony Lambert at Stratford Police Station 01789 414111 ext 4598 & 4540
- Get at least three quotes and specialist advice from companies that supply alarms. Use companies registered with either the national Security Inspectorate or Security Systems and Alarm Inspection Board.
- Talk to your insurance company about alarm companies they recommend before you decide which best suits your needs. The system should meet British Standard BS4737 or BS6799(wire free) or the new European standard EN50131-1
- Get professional help to install the alarm and to explain how to operate it correctly to make sure it will work properly, and keep it regularly serviced.

**REMEMBER an alarm, which is not fitted properly, can create problems in itself. Don't fit an alarm yourself unless you have the electrical knowledge and practical skills to do so, it could end up costing you more.**

**PC Nick Stephens**  
**Crime Prevention & Community Safety Officer**

 **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**

Below is a list of some of officers on the community Policing Team who police your communities – please feel free to contact the team direct.

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