

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 11th November 2005

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BURGLARY COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDING

Sometime before 08:55 hours on Friday 4th November unknown offender/s have attempted to gain entry to a commercial premises on the Bidford industrial estate by unknown means. No entry to the premises has been gained.
Incident number 120 of 4th November refers



CRIMINAL DAMAGE

08:10 hours and 17:20 hours on Monday 31st October unknown offender/s have punctured four tyres and scratched offensive words into the paintwork of a Ford Escort motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on School Road, Great Alne.
Incident number 480 of 31st October refers

Between 08:00 hours and 16:00 hours on Monday 31st October unknown offender/s have caused heat damage to a number of doorbells on School Road, Great Alne by unknown means.
Incident number 211 of 1st November refers



OTHER INCIDENTS/SIGHTINGS

On Monday 31st October (Halloween) 26 incidents were reported on the Alcester Sector of a 'Rowdy' nature, 14 of which were in Studley.



CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Warning over unusual crime

Warwickshire Police are warning the public to be vigilant against unusual crimes occurring across the county.

Increases in crimes like phishing and documentation theft have been highlighted in a report by force analysts into criminal behaviour during the last financial year.

Phishing, the process of using fake but credible emails and websites to deceive recipients into divulging personal data, has increased from 21 incidents in November 2003 to around 2,000 by July 2005.

Documentation theft is also increasingly being targeted during house burglaries with passport, driving licences, as well as bank and building society books being stolen. ATM crime is believed to be the fastest growing type of card fraud, rising 85% nationally, with the majority of fraud occurring through fake cards, cards not present during transactions and the fraudulent use of lost or stolen cards.

Chief Inspector Mike Slater from the crime reduction unit said the report provides valuable indicators to help tackle crime.

“Phishing and identity theft are on the increase and the public should be wary of any unexpected and unusual telephone calls and emails. It is also advisable to follow basic crime prevention advice to avoid becoming a victim.”

Police have released a set of guidelines to prevent the public falling prey to these scams.

These include shredding or burning unnecessary documents, storing valuable documents with the bank and alerting the Royal Mail if you suspect your mail is being stolen.

Never respond to telephone calls asking for personal information or divulge information following requests made by email, and never release personal information or payment details on insecure websites that do not display the official padlock.

Cancel lost or stolen credit cards, passports and driving licences immediately and never carry them unnecessarily.

Joining Forces

Warwickshire Police and South Warwickshire housing Association joined forces to launch a campaign promoting crime prevention and community safety on Friday 14th October.

As part of the campaign Police officers will carry out community safety checks requested by vulnerable residents and will give security advice to the association, while association staff will receive crime awareness training and raise awareness training of community safety issues through its regular newsletter to residents.



Warning letters, Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts

In the last few months, in the Alcester sector, **one** warning letter have been issued in Henley in Arden, **three** in Bidford, **two** in Lower Quinton, **nine** in Studley and **five** in Alcester.

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued to **three** people in the Studley area, and **one** in the Bidford upon Avon area.

Anti Social Behaviour Orders have also been issued to **one** individual in the Studley Area.

What are Warning letters, Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts all about?

Warwickshire police work within the crime and disorder reduction partnership, working with various agencies. Part of this strategy involves identifying anti social behaviour. Miss Kuldip Takhar works within the Warwick and Stratford district councils as an anti social behaviour officer for South Warwickshire. Usually incidents of anti social behaviour are reported to the police but reports may also be received via environmental health, housing associations, landlords, schools or councilors.

In conjunction with Stratford district Council and Warwickshire police a letter will be sent to the individuals parents or the individual, if he/she is an adult, warning them of the consequences of their behaviour. Should the individual come to light again, with the district council, the police will negotiate an ABC (acceptable behaviour contract) with the individual and their parents, if a juvenile. Conditions are agreed as to appropriate standards of behaviour. There may also be a referral to other youth group organisations who will involve themselves with the individual.

Should the individuals behaviour not modify, further interaction will take place between agencies, for example consideration of an ASBO (anti social behaviour order) currently taken out jointly by police and the local authority, evidence having to be gathered to support the application.

A CRASBO (crime anti social behavior order) is similar and can be obtained through the criminal courts after an individual has been convicted of an offence and there is evidence of previous convictions of offences anti social in nature.

For applications to be made evidence is required and we do rely on the support of the community to assist in these applications.



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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