

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005

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### **BURGLARY DWELLING**

At approximately 23:10 hours on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November unknown offender/s have thrown a stone statue through the window of a premises on St Laurence Way, Bidford. Offender/s have then reached through the window in an attempt to steal keys to an Audi motor vehicle. Offender/s have dropped the keys before leaving the premises in an unknown direction, empty handed.

Incident number 622 of 21<sup>st</sup> November refers

Sometime between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have gained entry to a premises on Station Road, Salford Priors via the French windows. Offender/s have stolen jewellery from within.

Incident number 533 of 24<sup>th</sup> November refers



### **BURGLARY COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDING**

At approximately at 00:15 hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November unknown offender/s have forced the front door lock of a retail premises on the Salford Road, Bidford. No other details surrounding the incident are present at this time.

Incident number 7 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November refers



## **AUTOCRIME**

At approximately 14:00 hours on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have removed the spare wheel from the underneath of a Peugeot van parked secure and unattended on Dobbie Road, Upper Quinton by unknown means.  
Incident number 373 of 16<sup>th</sup> November refers

Between 17:30 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and 10:30 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have removed wheels from a 4x4 motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Campden Road, Lower Quinton.

Incident number 348 of 16<sup>th</sup> November refers

Between 08:15 hours on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and 07:40 hours on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have gained entry to a Volvo motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Headland Close, Welford by unknown means.

No other details surrounding the incident are present at this time.

Incident number 80 of 18<sup>th</sup> November refers

Between 18:00 hours on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and 08:05 hours on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have smashed the window of a Ford Mondeo motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Welford Road, Barotn. Offender/s have stolen a laptop from within.

Incident number 86 of 18<sup>th</sup> November refers

At an unknown time on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November unknown offender/s have gained entry to a motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Welford Road, Barton. Offender/s have stolen a satellite navigation system from within.

Incident number 283 of 18<sup>th</sup> November refers

Between 12:00 hours on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November and 07:00 hours on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November unknown offender/s have stolen batteries and 100 litres of fuel, by unknown means, from a lorry parked secure and unattended on the Waterloo Road, Bidford.

Incident number 156 of 21<sup>st</sup> November refers

At approximately 02:44 hours on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November two unknown male offender/s, one wearing a balaclava, were disturbed gaining entry to an insecure Ford Galaxy motor vehicle parked unattended on The Meadows, Bidford. The offender/s were chased, on foot, by Police but made good their escape.

Incident number 27 of 24<sup>th</sup> November refers



## **SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT**

### **HOME OFFICE PRAISES STUDLEY PARTNERSHIP**

Partnership working to tackle crime in South Warwickshire has been praised by the home office. The crime and disorder reduction partnership, being led by Stratford District Council, targets issues such as anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and the fear of crime at a community level.

A top Home Office Official has paid a visit to Studley on a fact-finding trip, which will lead to a government report highlighting the Stratford District as a good example of such Partnerships in action.

*"Its safe to say the community was thrilled and excited to have their hard work over the last 18 months or so recognised by the Home Office," said Councillor Juliet Short. "Studley is one of our priority areas for community safety and is a credit to everyone involved – the Police, all the local councils and the local community groups, that our success in tackling crime will be used as an example of good practice by the government."*

Warwickshire Police would like to thank all the community groups involved in this process for their hard work in tackling anti social behaviour and to remind people that whilst this is an excellent in road into the problem there are still more issues that will continue to be tackled.



## **CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

PC Gary Knight from the South Warwickshire Community Safety Department offers the following Christmas shopping crime prevention advice:

- Keep your wallet or purse in a safe place, ideally in an inside pocket of your jacket or coat with the zip or button done up.
- Make sure you carry your chequebook and cheque guarantee card separately, don't keep them together in your handbag or wallet.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Use a payment or credit card if possible or if you are paying by cash only take out reasonable amounts of money from the cash point and return for more when you need it.
- If you are carrying a handbag, keep it fastened and tucked under your arm or with the strap across your body. Be particularly aware if the bag has a long strap, that it doesn't get pulled away from you in a crowd, enabling thieves to open it without your knowledge.
- Don't leave purses or bags unattended even for a second, whether on a supermarket trolley or on the shop counter, while you are paying for goods.
- At sales counters make sure you take a few seconds to put your money and cards safely away in handbags or inside pockets before moving from the counter. Do not feel pressurised, even if there is a queue. Don't just put your purse at the top of your handbag, tuck it well down inside the bag.

Members of the public should also remember that leaving valuable items on display in their car is an invitation for thieves.

- If you have a lot of shopping to do and need to take some back to the car before making more purchases make sure you leave someone with the car. Thieves go Christmas shopping too - but they go looking in people's cars for their gifts.
- Keep your car park ticket in a separate place to your keys. If your bag is stolen with the keys and the car park ticket inside it may help a thief to locate your car.

PC Knight adds:

- *"Christmas is a busy time for everyone - including criminals. At this time of year criminals can have rich pickings. Don't make it easy for them. Take a few moments to ensure your money is safe and you do not make yourself an easy target."*

### **WARNING OVER BLOCK PAVING AND DRIVEWAY RESURFACING SALESPeOPLE**

Householders in the Kenilworth area have reported experiencing difficulties with trades offering block paving and driveway resurfacing services door to door. In the first incident a trader offering such a service increased his estimate of £1900 to £2400 and asked for money in advance, offering to drive the householder to a cash point to withdraw it.

In the second incident a trader approached a householder unexpectedly on the doorstep and tried to persuade her to have her drive done. The consumer did not agree to have her driveway paved but asked the trader to return after the weekend. However on the Saturday a group of men arrived and without warning, or permission, began to dig up her driveway. The Householder contacted the Police and reported the incident as criminal damage.

In the final case a trader was reported to have been using high-pressure sales to try and encourage householders to have their driveways resurfaced. A consumer reported that the trader had three vans in the street and three salesmen walking round knocking on people's doors for an entire day. The consumer's neighbor was reported to have been quite distressed as salesmen were knocking on her door every two hours, each time lowering the price they quoted.

One elderly lady in the street was reported to have been quoted £3,000 to top dress her drive and one gentleman paid £2,000 for a job that took two hours and involved stripping the top layer of his drive off and re-covering it with tarmac. Another lady at one point was reported to have had all three salesmen surrounding her on her doorstep trying to force her to have work done – they would not take no for an answer.



## 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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