

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 3rd February 2006

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BURGLARY DWELLING

At approximately 16:50 hours on Tuesday 24th January two unknown male offender/s have approached a house in Victoria Road, Bidford claiming to be from the water board. While one of the males has distracted the IP the other male has made his way into the house. No property from the premises has been stolen.

The offender/s have been described as white males, between 30 and 40 years of age, one with a small, dark and bushy moustache.

Incident number 442 of 24th January refers

At approximately 13:25 hours on Monday 30th January three unknown male offender/s using a stolen Mercedes motor vehicle have been disturbed breaking into a garage on Ebsdorf Close, Bidford. Offender/s have stolen between £8,000.00 and £10,000.00 worth of Estee Lauder cosmetics from within before making off from the scene.

Incident number 284 of 30th January refers



BURGLARY COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDING

Between 20:30 hours on Monday 30th January and 08:30 hours on Tuesday 31st January unknown offender/s have gained entry, by unknown means, to a school premises in Haeslor. Once inside offender/s have stolen a projector and laptop computer from within. Incident number 124 of 31st January refers

Sometime before 07:50 hours on Tuesday 31st January unknown offender/s have by unknown means gained entry to a school premises in Wilmcote. Once inside offender/s have stolen a projector from within.

Incident number 68 of 31st January refers

Between 23:15 hours on Tuesday 31st January and 07:45 hours on Wednesday 1st February unknown offender/s have gained entry to a shed premises in the grounds of a property on Henley Road, Great Alne by unknown means. Once inside offender/s have stolen approximately £200.00 worth of gardening tools from within.

Incident number 92 of 1st January refers



AUTOCRIME

Between 23:00 hours on Sunday 29th January and 07:30 hours on Monday 30th January unknown offender/s have gained entry to a Daihatsu motor vehicle parked secure and unattended in Manor Drive, Wilmcote. Offender/s have stolen power tools, an IPOD and mobile phone from within.

Incident number 407 of 31st January refers

Sometime before 08:45 hours on Tuesday 31st January unknown offender/s have gained entry to an Isuzu motor vehicle parked secure and unattended on Manor Drive, Alcester by unknown means. No property has been stolen from within.

Incident number 95 of 31st January refers



OTHER INCIDENTS OF INTEREST / HATE CRIME / CRIMINAL DAMAGE

At approximately 19:35 hours on Saturday 21st January unknown youths have thrown a hanging basket at the door of a premises in Blenheim Close, Bidford, smashing the basket.

Incident number 639 of 21st January refers

Sometime before 08:20 hours on Thursday 26th January unknown offender/s have by unknown means stolen a caravan from a farm premises in Clifford Chambers. The Caravan has later been recovered by West Midlands Police. One offender was also arrested at the scene.

Incident number 121 of 26th January refers



CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Credit Card Scam

This scam has been used locally in the last couple of months.

The scam works like this. The person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for £249.99 from a marketing company based in (name of any town or city)?"

When you say "No" the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from £150 to £249, just under the £250 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card". He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers". There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him.

After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say no, the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back; if you do", and hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number.

Should you then call back with a question the REAL VISA Security Department will tell you it was a scam and that within the last 15 minutes a new purchase of £249.99 has been charged to your card.

What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them.

Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

The police are currently taking several of these reports daily!



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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