

**Alcester- Bidford on Avon - Welford on Avon - Kinwarton - Aston Cantlow – Temple Grafton – Salford Priors**

**Incident Overview**

Below are the incidents recorded for the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team for January 2010 as at 25/01/10:

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>January 2009</b>	<b>January 2010</b>
<b>Anti Social Behaviour</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Burglary Other</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Violence</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>

**Crime in Your Area**

This section highlights the current crime trends on the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team area:

Currently the Alcester area, particularly Hopkins Precinct has been experiencing an increase in anti social behaviour and criminal damage activity, some of these incidents have coincided with the adverse weather conditions. Safer Neighbourhood Officers have increased high visibility patrols in the area, but request that any anti social behaviour or criminal damage is reported to the police as soon as possible and if anybody witnesses an offence they make contact with local officers.

Remain vigilant and ensure that you secure your property including sheds and garages as it is historically at this time of year with shorter daylight hours that we experience an increase in burglaries and theft related incidents.

Please remove any items from view inside your vehicle including, Coats, Laptops and Sat Navs and make sure you don't leave your vehicle unattended whilst defrosting. Currently the area is experiencing an increase in thefts from motor vehicles, particularly in the Alcester and Broom areas where local officers will be conducting an operation to combat the problem.

**Information & Advice**

Driving conditions have been hazardous recently due to the snow and falling temperatures. Please take care when driving in snow and on icy roads:

- Be prepared for the road conditions to suddenly change over short distances.
- Avoid braking, sharp turns, or sudden speed increases, which could make your vehicle skid.
- The best way to slow without skidding is to get into a lower gear earlier and let your speed reduce and then brake gently.
- If you start to skid, take your foot off the accelerator. **Do not brake suddenly.**
- When moving off on a slippery surface, use the highest gear that you can (for example, second gear rather than first). This will help avoid wheel spin that could make you lose control of your vehicle.

For further information about winter driving, please visit: [www.highways.gov.uk](http://www.highways.gov.uk)

Please note it is an offence to let off fireworks after 11pm except on Bonfire Night when the deadline is midnight and New Year's Eve at 1am.

### **Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Priorities**

Current priorities as chosen by members of the public at the last Community Forum:

- **Anti Social Behaviour High Street Alcester** - Safer Neighbourhood Officers have pledged to conduct 15 x 1 hour minimum high visibility patrols after 10pm
- **Speeding Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote** - Safer Neighbourhood Officers have pledged to carry out 6 x half hour speed checks in the area at peak times.
- **Anti Social Behaviour, Marley Park, Bidford on Avon** - Safer Neighbourhood Officers have pledged to conduct 12 x 1 hour high visibility patrols

Feedback on the above priorities will be given at the next Community Forum (see below for details), feedback will also be given in the next newsletter together with details of the new priorities. For further information please visit [www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk) or [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)

### **Good News**

PCSO 6236 Andy Hyman has joined the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team and will be based in Alcester replacing PCSO 6176 Dave Martin who has joined the Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The Probation Service will be visiting Bidford as part of the Community Payback Scheme. They will be attending to remove graffiti in Marley Park and will be planting shrubs designed to protect and prevent further damage.

Two Alcester youths have been arrested by the Safer Neighbourhood Team in connection with a robbery, which took place in Alcester recently.

Two Alcester males have been dealt with by officers for drink related damage, one following a DNA hit from blood found at the scene.

Youths throwing eggs and snowballs at passing vehicles in Alcester have been identified and will be dealt with in due course.

Two Alcester youths have been given Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to try and address their behaviour.

An Alcester male has finally been dealt with by Crown Court for attempted robbery on May 12th at HSBC in Alcester High Street.

On the 12th October 2009 a theft occurred at a store on the Alcester Road Studley where several hundred pounds worth of goods were stolen. The offender was tracked down and was interviewed in prison, she admitted the offence and was summonsed to court where she received a suspended 12 month prison sentence. This female was also responsible for a number of theft related offences in Alcester.

### **Warwickshire Sees The Greatest Decrease in Violent Crime Nationwide, Latest Crime Figures Show**

21 January 2010

Violent crime resulting in injury in Warwickshire dropped by 23 per cent in the 12 months to the end of September 2009 with 2,682 incidents being reported to Warwickshire Police, 802 fewer than the same period the previous year.

The drop is the greatest decrease recorded by any police force in the country and is compared to a national average decrease of violent crime of four per cent, crime figures released by the Home Office today (Thursday 21 January)

show.

Speaking about the significant decrease Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker said,

"Closer partnership working in town centres, increased levels of resourcing on busy nights, high profile joint emergency service operations and closer working with bar managers and licensees have all helped to reduce the levels of violence in Warwickshire."

"We are also pleased to report that the decrease in violence is continuing, and over Christmas and New Year there were significantly fewer incidents of violence reported compared to last year. More recently we have had ten consecutive days in January when there have been no reports of any serious injury violence across the whole force."

In the 12 months to September 2009 Warwickshire Police also achieved a 16 per cent drop in robberies taking place within the county with 298 robberies reported, or 57 fewer incidents, reported to the police. The national figure for robbery saw a decrease of three per cent.

Incidents of criminal damage being reported, which is seen as an indicator for the level of anti social behaviour, also saw a drop of 15 per cent in Warwickshire, or 7,465 incidents reported compared to 8,737 in the previous 12 months.

British Crime Survey figures, also for the 12 month period ending September 2009, show an increasing level of public confidence in the work of police and partners to tackle crime and anti social behaviour in Warwickshire with 47.5% of the population expressing their confidence, a rise of more than four per cent on the previous year. Chief Superintendent Richard Sear, Deputy Director for Performance and Standards said, "Crime is down significantly and confidence levels are rising. There has been some great work by local councils, wider partners and the police which are achieving success in resolving local issues and driving crime down.

"We are determined to build on this, delivering high quality policing services and working with partners to resolve local issues effectively. "

The crime statistics also show that car crime also decreased, by three per cent during the 12 month period. This was lower than the national average decrease of 14 per cent, but Warwickshire Police is confident that sufficient measures have now been put in place to ensure that car crime will continue to decrease.

Continuing the positive news sexual offences recorded an increase of nine per cent equating to 428 incidents being reported to police in Warwickshire compared to 392 in the preceding 12 months. The national average for reporting sexual offences saw a decrease of one per cent.

"We welcome an increase in the number of sexual offences being reported, explained Andy Parker, "We know that for many years these crimes were under reported but due to increased confidence in the police we now see the number of reports increasing. These figures do not reflect an increase in the number of incidents, but show more accurately the level of sexual crime which is taking place. If we are to protect the public from harm we need victims to report these crimes.

House burglary in Warwickshire saw a three per cent increase in the 12 months to September 2009 compared to the previous year at a time when nationally the burglary rate has stood still. The numbers of house burglaries are very low in Warwickshire, with about six crimes a day across the whole of the County.

Identifying that there had been a slight increase in domestic burglary, a number of successful operations have been initiated based on the targeting of repeat offenders and those who cause the highest harm within the community. Priority Policing Areas have been identified where higher levels of crime are recorded, and additional resources have been allocated to tackle emerging crime trends.

DCC Parker explained that everyone involved in delivering Safer Communities should be proud of these achievements, overall crime continues to fall in Warwickshire with significant reductions in violence and increasing public confidence. Warwickshire Police and their partners are determined to reduce crime further and provide the maximum protection possible to our communities.

## Meetings/Events

**The next Community Forum will be: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 6pm, Temple Grafton Village Hall** - If you have a specific concern then come along to the local surgery, where you will be able to speak to your local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team, Warwickshire County Council or Stratford District Council Officer.

**The next Bidford Police Surgery will be 19<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30 am Bidford Police Office, Bidford Library** - A drop in facility to discuss issues/problems within the community with your local policing team.

**The next Great Alne Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 pm, Great Alne Village Hall**

**The next Alcester Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be Wednesday 10th February, 7: 30pm, Alcester Members Club.**

**Alcester Grammar School Careers Evening** - Representatives from Warwickshire Police will be in attendance at the Careers Evening at Alcester Grammar School on the 25th February from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

### **Monthly Message:**

**"Last year Warwickshire Police achieved the greatest percentage reduction in violent crime out of every Police Force in the UK. On top of this significant reduction the Stratford District has achieved an additional reduction of 8.2%, which means 28 fewer victims of violence than at this time last year"**

## Contacting us:

The Public Service Desk (PSD) is designed to put Police Officers back in the control room, thus enabling a better service delivery to members of the public wishing to speak to a Police Officer, on any matter, which does not necessarily need Police deployment. Persons wishing to speak to the Police about any issue that does not require a Police Officer to attend can do so via this desk. Contacting any of the Police Station telephone numbers will direct you to the switchboard where you can then simply ask for the Public Service Desk.

We are often asked the best way to report an incident or to make contact with a Police Officer. Should a member of the public witness or be affected by a crime whereby there is a threat of injury, injury or damage or theft of property and the incident is ongoing and offenders are still at the scene, they should ring 999, classed as an emergency or an immediate response incident.

Should the incident have already occurred and is not ongoing, for example waking up and finding your car has been broken into, you should ring 01926 415000 and ask to report a crime or an incident. You will be put through to the force control room or the crime desk. Please ask for an incident number – you should be given one. If a crime has been committed against you, you will be given a crime reference number by the crime desk or by the officer who attends the incident. Such incidents are 'managed' and you should be given an indication of when an officer can attend.

If you do have information regarding an incident that has already been reported, but for whatever reason do not wish to contact the police directly, then you can ring 0800 555 111 and give the information to the Crimestoppers. Crimestoppers will then pass the information to the Police without revealing any details of the caller. You may also receive a reward.

If you wish to speak with an officer about a non-urgent matter, please use the list of contacts below:

Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Alcester Police Station  
Priory Road  
Alcester  
Warwickshire  
B49 5DZ

To contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team about a non urgent matter, please phone: 01789 762207 or E-Mail:  
[alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Regards**

**Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team**

**PS 753 Stuart Wild** (Team Sergeant)

**PC 1647 Tony Hall** (Alcester, Kinwarton, Aston Cantlow, Great Alne)

**PC 094 Steve Monckton** (Alcester, Kinwarton, Aston Cantlow, Great Alne)

**PC 885 Doug Johnson** (Bidford, Welford, Temple Grafton, Salford Priors)

**PCSO 6060 Martin Sanford** (Bidford, Welford, Temple Grafton, Salford Priors)

**PCSO 6179 Pete Groom** (Bidford, Welford, Temple Grafton, Salford Priors)

**PCSO 6093 Becky Morris** (Alcester, Kinwarton, Aston Cantlow, Great Alne)

**PCSO 6126 Ally Streatfield** (Alcester, Kinwarton, Aston Cantlow, Great Alne)

**PCSO 6236 Andy Hyman** (Alcester, Kinwarton, Aston Cantlow, Great Alne)

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