

Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter February 2010

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

INCIDENT OVERVIEW

Incidents recorded for the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team for February 2010:

Incident Type	FEBRUAY 2009	FEBRUARY 2010
Anti Social Behaviour	32	32
Burglary Dwelling	4	6
Burglary Other	6	7
Criminal Damage	12	15
Theft form Motor Vehicle	8	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	2
Violence	16	8

^{*} FIGURES CORRECT AS OF THU 25^{TH} FEB 2010.

CRIME IN YOUR AREA

This section looks at the crimes of public interest that have occurred on the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team policing beat, crimes such as burglary, theft, auto crime and criminal damage:



BURGLARY.

Break ins/Burglaries up slightly this month, with farms seeming to be the main target, possibly because they are often quite remote and people looking for gardening type equipment.



AUTOCRIME.

Only 2 thefts from vehicles reported this month, both in Alcester, Jephcott Close and Greville Rd, Inc 331/100210 and Inc 39/250210 respectively. Fortunately nothing was taken in the first incident and only a wallet was taken in the 2nd.



THEFT

- ❖ There has been a spate of fuel thefts from farms around Broom. Inc's 45/120110 and 55/190110 relate to unknown offenders making off with large quantities of diesel from an address on Bidford Road in Broom.
- ❖ A rather unique item of Farriers equipment was stolen from a Farm on Salford Road, Bidford the night of Wednesday 10th February. Inc 32/110210. A "Swan" portable gas forge was taken costing around £900, which has not much use to anyone other than a Farrier.
- Electric Fence Chargers were stolen from another Farm in Bidford during the night of Monday 15th Feb, Inc 185/160210. A similar incident was also reported from a farm at Redhill.



CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

- ❖ Inc 95/070210 relates to damage done at the allotments at the Crawford Hall in Bidford on Saturday 7th Feb. Unknown offenders have slashed poly tunnels and broken locks on sheds causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage.
- ❖ Waitrose in Alcester had its front store windows kicked in Friday 19th February during the night, Inc 87/200210. Police are looking at the CCTV with a view to identifying the offenders.

INFORMATION & ADVICE

Beware of bogus callers.

Bogus callers pretend to be officials from the council, engineers from gas, electricity or water companies, police officers or salespeople in order to gain access to people's homes and steal money or property. They usually carry fake identity cards and can seem very convincing.

How can I help my neighbours? Bogus callers tend to prey on elderly and vulnerable people who live alone. If you are concerned that any of your neighbours may become victims of bogus callers, let them know that they can ask you for help if they're not sure about the identity of callers.

How do I protect myself from bogus callers?

If someone calls round at your home, it's best to take precautions:

Put the chain on the door before answering it - if you rent your home and don't have a chain, asks your landlord to fit one for you.

Ask to see identification.

Check their identification isn't fake - ask which company they're from, and then phone the company to check the caller is genuine. Look the company up in the phone book rather than using a number they give you.

Ask a neighbour or friend to come round while the caller is there.



Join Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood watch groups consist of local residents working together to improve security in the community and help prevent crime. They have links with the local police and other crime prevention agencies, and can warn residents of crime trends in their area. Members may also keep an eye on each other's homes during holidays or share useful security devices such as timer switches. To find out more just click on the link Neighbourhood Watch Association.



Do you know how to keep your property safe?

This short quiz tests your knowledge of security in your home and community. This interactive program is very easy to use.

http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/neighbourhoodwatch/quiz/index.htm

WE NEED YOUR HELP NEEDED ...

WHO IS "HALLIX"?

Recently, a few quite artistic pictures or graffiti have appeared around Bidford on Avon.

They look like stencils and all have the tag "Hallix" and are quite provocative. If you have any ideas who "Hallix" is or see anyone spraying graffiti, then please contact us 01789 762207 or email peter.groom@warwickshire.police.uk





HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

Police are looking for this man who attacked a young girl in Southam on Tuesday 9th February 2010.

If you know him or where he is, please email opbretona@warwickshire.police.pnn.uk or call 01926 415000



ALCESTER SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Current priorities as chosen by members of the public at the last Community Forum held 09/02/10 at Temple Grafton Village Hall:

- Anti Social Behaviour in and around Alcester, especially the Hopkins Precinct.
- Vehicle Crime in Bidford on Avon and Welford.
- Anti Social Behaviour around Bidford on Avon, including High St, Marleigh Park and the Allotments.

The Next Community Forum will be held on 22nd June 2010 @ 6pm. Venue TBC

GOOD NEWS

- ❖ An Alcester youth has had his vehicle seized after breaching a Section 59 warning for driving his car in an anti-social manner and other traffic offences, which will cost him £150 to get the car back.
- PCSO's from Alcester attended Alcester Grammar School careers evening on Thursday 25th February.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

- The next Great Alne NHW Meeting will be 11th May, 7:30 pm, Great Alne Village Hall
- Alcester Town Council Surgery. Meet members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team along with Town Councillors to discuss local issues. Saturday 6th March at Church House, Butter St, Alcester 10.00 -12.000
- Thursday 11th March 2010 the Mobile Police Station will be in Bulls Head Yard, Alcester 09.30 12.30
- Friday 12th March 2010 the Mobile Police Station will be on the High Street, Alcester 09.30 12.30

MONTHLY MESSAGE:

"Working in partnerships with Stratford District Council we on the Stratford District have been successful in reducing reported anti social behavior by more than 20%, this has built on the success of the previous year when a similar reduction was also achieved."

CONTACTING US:

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 telephone: 01789 762207 or E-Mail: alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Regards

Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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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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