

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 January 2011:

<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>JAN 2010</i>	<i>JAN 2011</i>	<i>LAST MONTH</i>
Anti Social Behaviour	51	19	23
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)	8	5	3
Burglary Other (Out buildings)	13	11	6
Criminal Damage	12	20	11
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	4	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	18	2	0
Violence	6	7	11

* FIGURES CORRECT AS OF SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2011.

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.

- Burglary Dwellings and Burglary others up a little on last month but still better than the same period last year, which is good, and shows the Community Priority of increased patrols to target acquisitive crime continues to work.
- 3 high quality mountain bikes were stolen from an address on Barton Rd, Welford on Avon overnight of the 18th Jan 2011. These included a Trek 4300 and a Rockhopper. Inc 55 of 19th Jan 2011.



**TREK
4300**



**2008
Rockhopper**

- Sometime during the day of 5th January 2011, two separate addresses in Bidford were broken into, most probably mid afternoon. Offender(s) have gained entry via the rear on both occasions and have taken jewellery from the one house and TV's and electrically items from the second. Inc 288 & 334 of 5th Jan 2011. It is believed the same person is responsible for both break ins.



AUTOCRIME.

- Thefts from vehicles up slightly this month, although nothing of note to report.
- People hoping to steal fuel from petrol stations and other criminal activities are targeting vehicle number plates. However, for about £5 you can buy special screws that make it near on impossible for wannabe thieves to remove the plates. These can be purchased from any good car parts stockist. http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/security/number_plates.html
- Also, don't forget to remove all valuables when parking your car and remove the temptation.



THEFT.

- On both the 5th and 11th of January offenders have made off with large amounts of copper from the roof of Salford Priors Junior School. Inc 126 of 5th Jan & 166 of 11th Jan 2011. On both occasions this has happened during the night.
- Overnight of 21st January, 200 45-gallon steel drums were taken from a business in Welford on Avon. Inc 170 of 21st Jan 2011.
- Diesel and heating oil thefts are still an issue. For info on how to help protect your fuels reserves check out...<http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/pdfs/leaflet-oiltheft.pdf>



CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

- Not the best of months in term of criminal damage.
- The past month has seen a number of incidents reported to us regarding vehicles parked along Station Rd and Evesham Rd in Salford Priors being "shot". It appears offenders are driving through the village either with air guns or catapults, are randomly targeting cars and unfortunately breaking or chipping people's car windows.

FORCES TO EXPLORE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Warwickshire and West Mercia Police Authorities have invited their respective Chief Constables to explore the potential for delivering more effective and efficient policing services across both force areas.

Following consideration by both Authorities, Warwickshire Chief Constable Keith Bristow and West Mercia Chief Constable Paul West have been asked to consider the merits of a strategic alliance between the two forces which, forces and Authorities believe, could deliver real benefits more quickly than any other partnership or collaboration work ongoing at this time.

Both forces and Police Authorities already have innovative change programmes designed to ensure that forces continue to deliver the maximum protection possible to local communities at a time of reducing budgets.

Warwickshire Police has to reduce its budget by £22.9 million over the next four years and West Mercia by a total of £34 million.

A team has been tasked with developing proposals for more efficient and effective policing services that maintain or increase levels of protection to local communities. Local policing team arrangements are excluded from the review work.

West Mercia Assistant Chief Constable Simon Chesterman has been appointed by the two forces to lead a Strategic Alliance programme team. A joint blueprint with recommendations will be presented to both forces and Authorities by the end of May 2011 for their consideration.

Sheila Blagg, Chair of West Mercia Police Authority said:

"Both Warwickshire and West Mercia sit within the same 'family of forces' nationally and it is therefore no surprise that we have more similarities in policing style, budget, culture and values than differences. In terms of how we can support local policing resources and protective services, our needs are very similar," she said.

"There is a desire to build upon these similarities and closely examine the potential of a two force partnership which, if taken forward with a shared purpose, drive and vision, would enable benefits to be delivered more quickly than any other form of alliance."

Ian Francis, Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority said:

"We are all very excited by the potential additional value that a strategic alliance can deliver, both financially and in terms of protection for local communities. Both forces and Authorities have a track record of delivering change in an innovative and successful manner and a strategic alliance has the potential to take thinking and service delivery to a new level."

"A new programme team will now begin work with senior business leads in both forces to identify how protection and resource service provision can be maximised," he added.

Both forces and authorities have been keen to stress that a merger of the two forces is not an option.

"This is not a programme designed to deliver a merger. Each force will retain its individual identity and governance arrangements through its Police Authority and will continue to set and manage its own budget and policing priorities based on the needs of local communities," added Sheila Blagg.

"It is about building upon the existing structures of the two forces and an opportunity to deliver policing more efficiently and effectively and enhance the levels of protection to our communities."

Warwickshire and West Mercia forces are both actively engaged in local discussions with other public services and with police colleagues in the West Midlands region and beyond. Both forces already share a number of services with others forces including, for example, police air support and counter terrorism work and the exploration of other potential partnerships will continue in parallel with strategic alliance work.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

- With theft of fuel unfortunately increasing can we ask if you to keep your eyes open if you or a neighbour has a domestic oil store and if you see anything suspicious then please contact us?
- We have received calls from the public that youths around Arden Rd Industrial Estate, Alcester are shining green laser pens at vehicles, which is distracting to motorist. This can in the worst-case scenario can cause serious accidents and is dangerous to both motorist and pedestrians alike. Can we ask if you do see anyone shining laser pens at vehicles to again contact us ASAP?

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

How to prevent becoming a victim of metal theft.

With the value of scrap metal increasing, it unfortunately follows that the number of thefts increases with people looking to make a few quid on the side. Here are just a few ideas to hopefully reduce the risk of theft to yourselves and/or your businesses.

- Conduct a "recce" of your premises - especially the external areas and the fabric of the building.
- What metal items do you possess or are part of the building?
- How easy would it be for a thief to steal them?
- Lead flashing and copper piping are especially attractive to thieves.
- Lock garages, sheds, gates and doors.
- Consider ground anchors to secure large metal items inside such sheds.
- Remove or padlock and chain any ladders, beer kegs, wheelbarrows, shopping trolleys, wheelie bins, etc. Wheelie bins are increasingly being used to transport stolen metal.
- Remove easy means of access onto building roofs, such as water butts, wheelie bins and any other such object near to the building.
- Prune back or remove entirely overhanging shrubs that could act as a climbing aid or provide a screen to hide criminal activity.
- Use anti-vandal paint above two metres high - together with a warning notice. Such paint can be used on drainpipes, roof guttering, etc. to "target harden" your property.
- Property mark and photograph metal items (including unusual and high value metal items such as statues, garden urns, seats and fountains), in order to aid identification if they are stolen.
- Establish good house-keeping rules to challenge those attempting to impersonate authorised persons gaining access.
- Consider installing a 'bells only' intruder alarm, or upgrading to a central station monitoring system to warn off intruders.
- Businesses could consider installing a CCTV system with a minimum seven day, real time recording facility. Ensure that your security lighting works, especially during long winter nights.



Metal	Price per tonne for scrap
Lead Scrap	£600
Zinc Mixed scrap	£600
Copper Wire	£4300
Brass Cuttings	£3000
Old Rolled Aluminium	£800



Figures correct as of 28th January 2011. Source: <http://www.letsrecycle.com/prices/metals/>

ALCESTER SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

The top issues raised at the Community Forum held at Great Alne Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December 2010 were...

1. **Targeted foot patrols in known "hotspots" to tackle anti social behaviour in Alcester and Bidford on Avon.** Carry out an additional 15 patrols to target known areas where Anti Social Behaviour is an issue. 22/15 carried out so far.
2. **Proactive patrols, using crime analysis, to target instances of acquisitive crime.** To carry out 15 additional patrols across the whole area especially the villages to prevent thefts, burglaries and other such crimes. 21/15 carried out so far.

FIGURES CORRECT AS OF 31/01/11

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th March 2011 at The Crawford Hall, Bidford on Avon at 7:00pm.

GOOD NEWS

- An exercise with Trading Standards officers from Stratford DC was carried out at licensed premises across Alcester and Bidford to check on underage sales of alcohol and one shop assistant was dealt with for selling a 4 pack of beer to the test purchaser.
- PC's Hall, Monckton and Johnson have issued a number of fixed penalty notices for shoplifting and thefts across the SNT area.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Police Surgery at The Pavilions, Conway Field, Alcester with PCSO Morris, Thursday 10th February 2011 running 10:00 - 12:00pm.
- Police Surgery at Bidford Library, Bidford PCSO Martin Sanford, Friday 11th February 2011 running 10:00 - 12:00pm.
- Police Surgery at Wilmcote Village Hall, Wilmcote, with PCSO Ali Streatfield, Wednesday 23rd February 2011 running 13:45 - 14:15pm.
- Police Surgery at Waitrose, Alcester with PCSO Andy Hyman, Thursday 24th February 2011 running 10:00 - 11:00pm.
- Police Surgery at Waitrose, Alcester with PCSO Andy Hyman, Friday 25th February 2011 running 10:00 - 11:00pm.
- Bidford Rural Cinema. Crawford Hall, Bidford, on 4th February 2011 at 19:00hrs. "The Illusionist" (pg) Tickets £2.50.
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- Alcester Town Council Surgery, 10:00am - 12 noon at Church House, Butter St, Alcester on Saturday 5th February 2011.
- Alcester & Bidford Community Forum. 19:00hrs at The Crawford Hall, Bidford on Tuesday 8th March 2011.

MONTHLY MESSAGE:

You may have heard the Force is undergoing a massive restructure but we will continue to deliver a countywide, community focused service to one and all.

CONTACTING US:

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

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01789 762207 or leave a Voicemail on **01789 444816** alternatively E-Mail us at:

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Always remember, if it's an emergency or you can see something bad happening then call us on **999 or **112** ASAP**

FOR UP TO DATE NEWS ON WHATS HAPPENING AROUND ALCESTER, WHY NOT CHECK OUT THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD WEBSITE?

<http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/alcester-south>

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