

Alcester - Bidford on Avon - Welford on Avon - Kinwarton - Aston Cantlow - Temple & Ardens Grafton - Salford Priors - Great & Little Alne - Wilmcote - Haselor - Dunnington - Billseley - Weethley - Rushford

## INCIDENT OVERVIEW

Incidents recorded for the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team for November 2011:

<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>NOV 2010</i>	<i>NOV 2011</i>	<i>OCT 2011</i>
Anti Social Behaviour	36	22	40
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)	7	8	7
Burglary Other (Out buildings)	8	5	5
Criminal Damage	23	10	13
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	9	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	5	2
Violence	10	9	9

\* Figures correct as of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.**

- Both Burglaries Dwellings and Burglary Others again fairly static this month. Nothing of real note to report on this month.



### **AUTOCRIME.**

- Not the best month in terms of vehicle crime.
- A large number of the Theft From Motor Vehicles figures relate to the taking of number plates.
- Unfortunately people are still leaving valuables and other such items in their cars making an easy target for wannabe thieves.
- Inc 53 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 refers to the theft of fishing tackle from a car parked on Vallet Avenue in Alcester. Offender(s) used a coat hanger to gain entry into the vehicle sometime during the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> November and made off with 2 Diawa rods and reels.
- A Honda 125cc was taken overnight of the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 from outside a property on Crompton Avenue in Bidford. Inc 123 of 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Overnight on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011, a Green 900cc Kawasaki motorbike was taken from the front

driveway of a house in Binton. Inc 60 of 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.

- On the same night a property close by on the B439, had an IFOR Williams Trailer taken from the front driveway. Inc 73 of 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.



## **THEFT.**

- Problems with metal thefts continue across the whole area although the numbers this month appear to be down on the previous few months. Lead flashing, manhole covers and gully covers still being the main items of choice.



## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE.**

- Numbers down a touch this month with no significant incidents to report.



## **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)**

- Rowdy/nuisance jobs down quite a bit this month.
- We have had two incidents reported of cruelty to cats in Bidford. One close to Bramley Way and another somewhere on The Leys. On both occasions the cats needed to be taken to a vet, and after some work both are believed to be doing OK now. Both these incidents took place around 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011. On the first occasion, 2 white males and a white female all aged 16-18yo were seen in Bramley Way, whilst some of the group were kicking the unfortunate moggy, another was filming this on their mobile phone. No details of suspects are known of the incident around The Leys.
- We have had a few issues around Glebe Close and Westholme Road in Bidford with youths playing "knock and run" and then disappearing up the various alleyways close by.
- No calls again to the Big Meadow in Bidford.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

No appeals for witnesses or information this month.

## **INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

### **Reporting None Emergency Crimes Using the new 101 number.**

**101** is the new number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than **999**. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Call **101** to contact the police to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers. For example, call **101**:

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- to report a break in to your garden shed
- if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area
- to report a minor traffic accident
- to give the police information about crime in your area



- to speak to the police about a general enquiry

### When you should use 999 instead....

In an emergency always call 999.

You should call 999 if:

- a crime is in progress
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- there is danger to life
- violence is being used or threatened

If you call 101 but are reporting an emergency, you will be directed to the 999 service.

For further details, just click on the link below.

<http://www.police.uk/101>

## Driving in Poor or Bad Weather Conditions

With Winter almost upon us, its worth taking a few minutes and look at how well we are prepared when we go out in our cars so we can stay safe and well?? Here are a few simple tips.

### Is your vehicle ready?



<b>Antifreeze</b>	During the winter you use more windscreen wiper fluid so make sure that you have anti-freeze or windscreen washer fluid anti-freeze mix, in your car's water bottle. You don't want to find yourself stuck behind a lorry trying to clean your windows only to find your washer liquid has frozen
<b>Survival kit</b>	Stow a winter driving Survival Kit in your boot. Include a torch, ice scraper, windscreen de-icer, starter cables, a folding shovel and some non-perishable food, a blanket and a towrope.
<b>Tyres</b>	Checking the condition of your tyres is important throughout the year but when there's snow and ice on the road it's vital. When checking your tyres first make sure that the tyre treads are the correct depth - ideally more than 3mm for winter. Secondly make sure that the tyres are inflated correctly, as the cold weather can lower tyre pressure. Don't be tempted to let some air out to get more grip as this doesn't work, and can seriously reduce stability.
<b>Electrics</b>	Car batteries can be past their best after 5 years, so if your battery is older than this get it checked by your local garage.
<b>Petrol</b>	Keep your fuel tank topped up in the winter, as you never know when you're going to need that extra fuel. If you are driving and become snowed in, conserve your fuel. Run your engine every twenty minutes to warm the car.

### How you can help



- Wear comfortable, dry shoes for driving. Cumbersome, snow-covered boots will slip on the pedals.
- Pull away in second gear, easing your foot off the clutch gently to avoid wheel-spin.
- Up hill - avoid having to stop part way up by waiting until it is clear of other cars or by leaving plenty of room to the car in front. Keep a constant speed, choosing the most suitable gear well in advance to avoid having to change down on the hill.

- Down hill - reduce your speed before the hill, use a low gear and try to avoid using the brakes. Leave as much room as possible between you and the car in front.
- If you have to use brakes then apply them gently. Release the brakes and de-clutch if the car skids.

<http://www.rosspa.com/roadsafety/adviceandinformation/driving/winter-driving-tips.aspx>

[http://www.theaa.com/motoring\\_advice/seasonal/winter\\_motoring.html](http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/seasonal/winter_motoring.html)

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/knowledge/333.aspx>

## Keeping your house and presents safe this Christmas

**Christmas Holidays** are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us. Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burgle your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewellery, and easily sold valuables.



Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burgle. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

- **Deterring would-be criminals is one of the most effective forms of crime prevention.** Invest in a motion sensor flood-light or even some outdoor Christmas lights to highlight your home's exterior. This will hopefully make approaching your home too conspicuous for a burglar.
- **Festive lighting - be secure.** A common mistake of many festive decorators is to feed extension cables through partially open windows, criminals know to look for this vulnerability. When it comes to outdoor lighting, opt for solar or battery operated lights or install outdoor electrical outlets.
- **Dispose of gift packaging carefully.** Refuse collections over the Christmas / New Year period are normally at different times. If you can't take packaging to a recycling point, make sure you only put your rubbish out just before the collection and do your best to fold boxes so that they do not advertise your new contents of your home to thieves!
- **Protect your Identity.** It is good practice never to dispose of receipts and personal paperwork without first shredding it. Christmas is a time when this is especially important! Be careful though not to shred any important warranty details, make sure documents you keep are stored somewhere secure.
- **Check doors and windows for weak spots.** Government statistics show that 30% of burglaries happen through windows. Installing a few dead-bolts and new window hinges could increase the security of your home exponentially.
- **Keep your curtains, drapes and window blinds closed at night,** making sure valuable items are out of sight. When going out for the evening make use of inexpensive timers to give the illusion of occupancy.
- **Away over Christmas - plan ahead.** If you're going away at Christmas be sure to cancel any newspaper or milk subscriptions. Arrange for a neighbour to park on the driveway to help create the impression someone is home. Do not to leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like "we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays" etc and again make use of light timers.
- **Secure garages & sheds.** Make sure that garden tools or ladders that could be used to force entry into your home are not left lying around or accessible from an unlocked garden shed. Garages are often targets for burglars looking for tools, bikes and gardening equipment - make sure the garage is secure and your possessions are secured too in the case of bikes and tools. Naturally make sure

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- anything portable / valuable is recorded on immobilise.
- **Don't hide keys & use alarms if you have them.** Burglars know to look for hidden door keys so don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to family or trusted neighbour. Many houses these days have alarms, many though are rarely set, make sure yours is on and protecting your home.



## **ALCESTER SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES**

The top issues raised at the Community Forum held at The Parish Rooms, Bramley Way, Bidford on Avon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were...

1. **Targeted foot patrols in known "hotspots" to tackle anti social behaviour in Bidford on Avon.** Carry out an additional 12 extra patrols paying specific attention to the Big Meadow and other such areas where Anti Social Behaviour is an issue. 13/12 extra patrols done so far.
2. **Speed checks through Wixford Village.** To carry out 12 speed checks in Wixford to help enforce the 30mph speed limit through the village. 10/12 checks done so far.
3. **High profile patrols to prevent lead thefts around Alcester and surrounding villages.** To carry out 12 additional checks at likely targets across the area such as Schools and units on the Industrial Estates. 12/12 checks done so far.

FIGURES CORRECT AS OF 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2011.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011 AT ST BENEDICTS ON KINWARTON ROAD IN ALCESTER AT 7:00PM.**

## **GOOD NEWS**

- We have placed "No Waiting" cones around Dunnington School and at the junction with the B4088 to try and alleviate some of the congestion at school drop off and collection times.
- Local officers have discovered that the "cannabis" smell emanating from a property in Bidford on Avon was in fact Moss Phlox. This is a plant similar in appearance and certainly in smell to Cannabis, but not illegal. Having finally identified which property was responsible, the owner was spoken to and has agreed to remove the offending plants from his garden as well as the neighbouring alleyway.

## **MEETINGS/EVENTS**

- St Nicholas Night in Alcester. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 5pm to 10pm.
- Alcester Bidford Community Forum. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 19:00hrs @ St Benedict's School, Alcester.
- Police Surgery with PCSO Becky Morris, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Great Alne Village Hall 15:00hrs - 15:30hrs and then Aston Cantlow village Hall 15:40 - 16:10hrs.
- Police Surgery with PCSO Becky Morris, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Wilmcote Village Store 14:30hrs - 15:30hrs.
- Police Surgery at Waitrose in Alcester with PCSO Andy HYMAN, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 starting at 10:00 - 10:30hrs.
- Bidford on Avon 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Festival Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Laurence Church, Bidford 10am - 6pm on both days.
- Bidford Rural Cinema. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Crawford Hall in Bidford on Avon starting at 19:00hrs. "The Smurfs" (U) Tickets £2.50
- Bidford Rural Cinema. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Crawford Hall in Bidford on Avon starting at 19:00hrs. "Jane Eyre" (PG) Tickets £2.50

## MONTHLY MESSAGE:

"Often, when a new Chief Constable is appointed, the force is set upon a new path with new vision, values and priorities. This is not the case today. I have every confidence that our continued focus on public protection and harm reduction remains the right approach. We will provide the maximum protection possible with the resources available"

*Andy Parker, Chief Constable on his appointment as the new Chief of Warwickshire Police.*

## 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

## FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

For general enquires please call at Globe House in Alcester next door to the Police Station:  
Open Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00

**\*Globe House is not a Police Station and there are NO Police Officers or PCSO's working there.**  
If you have lost property then please call in and let the staff know, but if you have found property, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team on any of the contact numbers below who will happily take details and arrange collection, or alternatively, take it to Stratford on Avon Police Station on Rother Street in Stratford.

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To contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team about a non-urgent matter, please telephone:  
**01789 762207** or leave a Voicemail on **01789 444816** alternatively E-Mail us at:  
[alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**WE CAN'T HELP IF WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE.  
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.....DO SOMETHING!!!**

**ON BEHALF OF ALL THE OFFICERS AT ALCESTER  
POLICE STATION, CAN WE WISH YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE  
BEST FOR 2012.**

## YOUR NEW SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

**PS 542 Bob SHAW** (Team Sergeant)



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\*The team mobiles are only turned on when the Officer is on duty. If there is no reply, then please leave a voicemail, but if your call is urgent or needs an immediate response, then either call 999, or the non emergency number, 01926 415000

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