

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 on the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team area for March 2013:

<i>Incident Type</i>		<i>February 2013</i>	<i>March 2013</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		24	22
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		1	1
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		7	12
Criminal Damage		7	12
Theft from Motor Vehicle		10	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle		3	0
Violence		5	5
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		14	14

\* Figures correct as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. DETAILS ARE TAKEN FROM THE POLICE COMPUTER AND SHOW HOW THE INCIDENTS WERE CLASSIFIED WHEN THE ORIGINAL CALL WAS RECEIVED. AFTER INVESTIGATION THE RESULT MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT AND WILL NOT BE REFLECTED ABOVE.

**CRIME IN OUR AREA**

**BURGLARY**

- The Burglary Dwelling recorded occurred in Wilmcote.
- The offences classed of Burglary Other mostly relate to thefts from Boats, Sheds and outbuildings in the following areas - Alcester X 3, Bidford X 7 and Salford Priors X 2.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- The majority of incidents reported to us in March relate to random acts of criminal damage by persons passing through the location or congregating in groups.
- The offences reported to us were in Alcester X 5, Bidford X 5, Broom X 1 and Haselor X 1.

**THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

- One of the thefts reported related to a Catalytic Converter from Bidford.
- Other thefts occurred in Welford and Alcester.

## **THEFT**

- Instances of Theft from Boats have continued to be an issue on our area. Items taken include On Board Motors, Fuel and Batteries.
- There were two offences relating to the theft of Heating Diesel from domestic tanks in Aston Cantlow and Wood Bevington.

## **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)**

- 15 of the 22 incidents reported to us regarding rowdy behaviour by persons and vehicles relate to the Bidford area. This issue is being targeted by the Team as part of their priorities.
- The other 7 incidents related to problems in Alcester.

## **VIOLENCE**

- The 5 incidents of violence reported to us in March related to situations where the injured party knew the offender. Such as Domestic, Neighbour disputes and alcohol fuelled disorder.

**What else has been happening....? - Members from the Alcester South SNT and other officers from around the county deal with a number of other incidents on our area. The following list shows the type of incidents recorded during March 2013:- Domestic, Suspicious Incidents, Missing Persons, Arson, Animal issues, Road Traffic Collisions, Alarms, Observations, Concern issues, Malicious Communications, Silent 999 calls, Drugs, Insecure Premises, Neighbour Disputes, Sudden Deaths, Illness / Injuries, Sexual Offences, Road related issues, Fraud, Abandoned Vehicles, Lost / Found Property, Drunkenness and Vehicle Breakdowns.**

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## **GOOD NEWS AND WORK**

1. 10/03 43 year old male arrested for a domestic assault in Alcester.
2. 11/03 Cannabis warning given to an 18 yr old female at Oversley Woods.
3. 27/03 Drugs warrant executed at an address in Alcester and 5 mature cannabis plants seized. The 42 year old male received an official Police caution for cannabis production.
4. 28/03 Two males arrested for 'grooming' in Bidford.
5. 01/04 33 year old Bidford female arrested in Alcester for aggravated TWOC (taking a vehicle without the owners consent).
6. 08/04 52 year old Alcester male arrested in Alcester for domestic assault.
7. 09/04 Vehicle seized in School Road, Salford Priors for no valid Excise Licence.

**POLICE SURGERIES. WAITROSE, ALCESTER. 9AM TILL 9.30AM.**

A member of the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team will be available at these surgeries to answer your questions and concerns.

**Thursday 25th April 2013**

**Friday 26th April 2013**



**WARWICKSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association has launched a new website aimed at simplifying the process of making contact with the grass roots of the organisation in the area where you live. Access to the new site can be made at [www.wnwa.org.uk](http://www.wnwa.org.uk) where links can be followed to appropriate local groups.

**Andy Parker QPM - Chief Constable, says** “Neighbourhood Watch is a major contributor to community safety in Warwickshire and the police/public partnership is an essential element of crime reduction. Putting it simply, together we are stronger and better able to prevent harm and catch criminals. NW is perhaps the best example of 'big society', with more volunteers in NW than any other area of volunteering. We need to make sure that we are as effective as we can be and this new website is one way of ensuring all members are kept up to date of developments. I hope you find this site useful and I thank all members for their continued support and hard work”

**Brian Lowe – Chair of the Association says** “Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (WNWA) was constituted some ten years ago to provide the underpinning support for its five member organisations; the Associations that, in turn, serve the five local authority areas. It does so by representing them in matters of strategy, by providing a forum to facilitate the sharing of good practice and by leading a collective approach in addressing issues of common concern. Like all such Associations in the UK it is an independent, self governing, voluntary body constituted on democratic principles. Its inclusive nature is based on based on equal opportunity for all to help make Warwickshire a safer, healthier and happier place in which to live and work. I invite you to join us in helping us achieve our aim”

The Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association is a keystone in the infrastructure that supports NHW activity in all five boroughs and districts in Warwickshire. This involves some 7000 volunteers serving around 70,000 member households by fighting crime and reducing the fear of crime.

NHW can:

- Reassure those who live in fear of crime.
- Help your neighbourhood become and a more attractive place when a scheme is working well.
- Provide an ideal way to target a particular problem in an area, such a burglary and car crime.
  - Rekindle community spirit and is a great way to get to know your neighbour.

For further information on National Neighbourhood Watch issues visit the website:

<http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

**Find out more by contacting:-**  
**Warwickshire Police Watch Office: 01926 – 684286**  
**E-mail: [watch@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:watch@warwickshire.police.uk)**

## SMART WATER

Marking your property using SmartWater or other "invisible" anti-theft identification systems such as ultra violet pens, will reduce its value to the thief and makes it harder for them to sell on. SmartWater is a colourless, odourless liquid that has the ability to security mark valuable items of property with a unique DNA style chemical formula.

Each batch of SmartWater is totally unique and once applied to a surface it is virtually impossible to remove. If the item comes to the attention of the police a sample of the SmartWater is scraped off and sent to SmartWater for analysis. SmartWater's unique code is then used to identify who the property belongs to by displaying the name; address or postcode the batch is registered to. This enables the police to identify property as stolen and help return it to its rightful owner.

- Apply SmartWater to all valuables such as computers, Wiis, playstations, electrical equipment, cameras, DVD players etc. It can also be used on furniture and jewellery. Once applied, it is virtually impossible to remove.
- SmartWater kits also include property marking labels and stickers for windows. Place stickers prominently in each window, to warn criminals that SmartWater protects your property.

SmartWater can easily be detected by the use of an ultraviolet lamp. Marking your valuables also means that property can be identified as stolen if it is found and may be used as evidence to help to convict a suspect.

If an offending burglar gets SmartWater on them, it is almost impossible to remove and immediately shows up if that person is examined with ultra violet light in a custody suite. A mark just the size of a pinhead is enough for that person to be linked to a crime scene.

Because each application of SmartWater has its own DNA code, it means that any criminals who are later arrested can be linked forensically to the crime scenes.

SmartWater can be purchased direct from - <http://www.smartwater.com/home/>  
Or from The Alcester Police South SNT

### CONTACTING US:

Alcester Police Mobile - 07979704373 Only switched on when officers are on duty

Bidford Police Mobile - 07823533488 Only switched on when officers are on duty.

Alcester Police Station - 01789 762207

Alcester SNT Voicemail - 01789 444816

**Reporting non urgent incidents - 101**

Alternatively E-Mail us at: [alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

Follow us on Twitter - **@SNT\_AlcesterS**

### ALCESTER SOUTH SNT – YOUR TEAM

**BEAT MANAGER  
PC 781 Peter Essex**



**Police Community Support  
Officer 6206 Ally Streatfield**



**Police Community Support  
Officer 6236 Andy Hyman**



**Police Community Support  
Officer 6093 Rebecca Morris**



## SECURITY ADVICE

It is important that you take the security of your boat as seriously as you would the security of your own home.

Thieves are attracted to all kinds of things on your boat.

They could take your outboard motor, your life raft or your expensive marine equipment. They'll also steal anything else that takes their fancy – your radio, tools, personal items and even the boat itself.

You have probably spent a lot of money buying and then maintaining your boat, so the last thing you want is to be a victim of theft. That's why it is so important to make sure that your boat is secure. Follow the advice outlined in this leaflet and you will go a long way towards keeping your boat secure from thieves.

If you have information about any crime, phone



**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward



[www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)

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# KEEP YOUR BOAT SECURE



## DON'T MAKE YOUR BOAT ATTRACTIVE TO THIEVES IN THE FIRST PLACE

Thieves are always on the lookout for easy targets. Don't make yourself an easy target. Always follow these simple steps.

- Never leave anything valuable on display, however small and insignificant it may seem. Thieves steal first and think about value later.
- Don't leave anything loose in the cockpit or on deck.
- Don't leave your engine key in the ignition - always take it with you.
- Keep your boat keys separate from your engine keys.
- Always keep your boat locked when no-one is on board, even for a short time.
- Use strong padlocks or rimlocks on all your hatches, entry points and cockpit lockers.

## IMPROVE YOUR SECURITY

Constantly check and improve the security on your boat. It's a good idea to fit an alarm and use a visible sticker to say that one is fitted. Make sure your cockpit lockers can be properly locked, and check that your main hatch and fore-hatch are strong. Also think about having a strongbox down below. If you don't think something is secure, get it fixed.



## BEFORE YOU GO ASHORE (INCLUDING LANDING FROM A DINGHY)

Once you've tied up alongside, always do a quick security check before going ashore. Always:

- lock anything valuable out of sight in a strong locker secured by a strong padlock;
- lock up emergency money away from other valuables;
- keep your curtains closed so that no-one can look in;
- keep unused ropes, fenders and other items out of sight in your cockpit lockers and cupboards – and always lock them; and
- make sure that your life raft and outboard motor are secure, as these are valuable and attractive to boat thieves.

When you go ashore from a dinghy, always remove your oars or paddles, rowlocks or pump, and secure the dinghy with a strong chain and padlock.

## IF YOU HAVE A BREAK-IN

If you are the victim of boat theft, call the police immediately and tell the harbour master or boatyard manager. Check to make sure that your boat is still seaworthy and hasn't been badly damaged. And, if you can, check that neighbouring boats haven't been broken into as well.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Get to know other boat owners in your marina and work together to keep the marina secure. You can do the following.

- Keep an eye on other boats, as well as your own.
- Report any strangers at the marina to the harbour master or yard master.
- Don't give your marina access card or key to other people.
- Never tell anyone else the access code to the marina.
- Don't let strangers into the marina, however genuine they may seem.
- Keep the marina gate closed at all times.

## KEEP A LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS

Keep a list of all the serial numbers on valuables like your radio, navigation equipment or outboard motor. Keep a copy of the list at home and on your boat. This can help you, the police and your insurance company if you have a break-in.

## BOAT MARKING SYSTEM

HPI Ltd is working with the British Marine Federation and the Home Office to tag both new and second-hand boats under the new Boatmark scheme. The electronic tags are programmed with the unique 14-character Hull Identification Number (HIN), introduced as a standard feature of all new boats in 1998. Once the number has been put on the boat, it is very difficult to destroy the boat's original identity.

The tags will be fitted by people who build new boats or by the owners. In both cases, the boat's identity and specification will be linked to the information carried by the tag and recorded on the Boatmark database, allowing both the police and buyers to find out if a boat has been stolen.

You can get more information about Boatmark by phoning 01722 413346.

## CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS

The crime prevention officer at your local police station can give you helpful crime prevention advice.

## AND FINALLY, REMEMBER TO:

- mark everything that you buy for your boat with your home postcode;
- keep your list of serial numbers up to date;
- take your ship and personal papers with you – don't leave them on board;
- don't leave your home address on show; and
- keep everything securely locked away because your insurance company may not pay out if you don't.