

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 November 2013:

<i>Incident Type</i>		<i>October 2013</i>	<i>November 2013</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		12	17
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		5	6
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		8	3
Criminal Damage		12	7
Theft from Motor Vehicle		7	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		1	0
Violence		4	9
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		24	18

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

- Burglaries from Dwellings remain steady in November. 1 of the offences reported to us relate to a Distraction Burglary in Oversley Green. A male called at a house and used an excuse to be there and entered the house and stole items before the occupant realised. We always advise that anyone that comes to your house or business that you do not recognise are always asked for their identification and that you leave them outside if needs be while you check their ID, or call a family member or friend to join you as required.
- The other Burglary dwellings occurred in Welford, Wilmcote, Binton X 2 and Bidford. What is evident in most of these cases is that the houses are not alarmed or covered by CCTV.
- The 2 incidents in Binton and the 1 in Bidford all included the theft of a vehicle as well. The offenders have committed the Burglary with the intention of looking for the keys to the cars. We advise that car keys are kept secure and certainly away from doors, windows, letter boxes and cat flaps etc.
- The 3 burglary other offences occurred in Alcester and Salford Priors x 2.

## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- We had 7 offences of damage reported to us in November. Alcester x 2, Bidford x 2, Broom x 2 and Marcliff x 1.

## **THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Just 3 offences reported to us in November which is good news. Arrow, Alcester and Welford all suffered a theft.
- Items that are on show and catalytic converters are still proving ideal targets. Good crime prevention will stop this type of offence from occurring.

## **THEFT**

- Shoplifting seems to be an on-going problem on our area. We have liaised with the main targets in the hope that shop security can be improved. Waitrose reported 5 incidents and Tesco Express 1. In the majority of cases the offenders are caught on CCTV and enquiries are ongoing to establish identification and crime patterns.
- We had 11 other offences of theft reported to us. Alcester x 4, Bidford x 2, Welford x 2, Kings Coughton x 1, Binton x 1 and Shelfield x 1.
- Unfortunately although we had a great result in arresting several offenders at the start of the month, it seems the theft of heating oil is still common. Logs are also being stolen.

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

- We had 1 incident reported to us that related to 2 off road motorcycles being a nuisance near to Broom.
- The other 16 reported incidents were in: - Alcester x 11, Bidford x 4 and Broom x 1.

## **VIOLENCE**

- We had 9 incidents of 'Violence' reported to us in November. 6 in Alcester, and 1 each in Salford Priors, Marcliff and Bidford.
- As in previous months the majority of these incidents are domestic related or alcohol fuelled.

## **Suspicious Circumstances**

- During November we had 39 calls from the public reporting a person or vehicle acting suspiciously.
- Calls like this are excellent as it gives us the opportunity to speak to people at the time and to gather intelligence.
- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU SPOT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, WE ADVISE YOU CALL US AT THE TIME ON 101.

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.

The above mobile phone numbers should only be used for routine contact. If you see anything suspicious or need to report an incident, always call 101 first.

Alcester Police Station - 01789 762207

Alcester SNT Voicemail - 01789 444816

Reporting non urgent incidents - 101

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant - Sgt Bob Shaw -

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**GOOD NEWS**

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- ✓ 4<sup>TH</sup> November – 2 males were arrested in Bidford for possession of an offensive weapon. Further enquiries were made with regards their possible involvement in the theft of Catalytic converters.
  - ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> November – 3 males were arrested after being tracked along the A3400 to Henley on suspicion of theft of heating oil from the area.
  - ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November – The escaped prisoner Alan Giles was spotted by members of the public who on calling us was eventually tracked down by CCTV and local officers, and arrested.
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**From all the members of the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team – we wish you a safe and enjoyable end to 2013.  
Have a great New Year**

## How can I protect myself in the future?

Follow @ActionFrauduk on Twitter, or 'like' us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with the latest scams to watch out for.

The Action Fraud website also lists a handy A-Z of different fraud types as well as our Top Tips to protect yourself from fraud:

[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

For additional online safety advice visit Get Safe Online at: [getsafeonline.org](http://getsafeonline.org)



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## Further information

Please note: We are not able to recover money for victims. Action Fraud reports are passed to the police for investigation and you may be contacted by the police if further investigation takes place.

Action Fraud can provide referral to Victim Support for confidential emotional support and practical help.

If you're involved in or witness a crime happening now, call 999.

If debit or credit cards, online banking or cheques are involved in the fraud your first step should be to contact your bank or credit card company.

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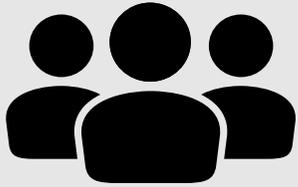
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## What is fraud?

Fraud happens when somebody lies, or deceives you in order to cause harm, usually by costing you money. Even if you have not lost money, you may still have experienced fraud.

### You may know fraud better as:

Scams, cons, cheat, swindle, hoax, hoodwink or confidence trick.



**£73 billion**

The estimated amount fraud and internet crime costs every year

## What is internet crime?

There are many forms of internet crime and we are uncovering new cases all the time.

For example: Phishing emails with links to fake websites to trick people into entering personal details or account information.

Criminals that attack your computer with a virus or spyware and try to steal personal information such as user names and passwords.

Online auction scams where the seller asks you to pay by money transfer or direct to their bank account.

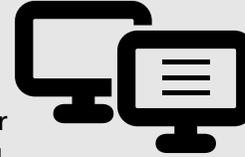
The best way to disrupt criminals using the internet to commit crimes is for you to report it.

## What is Action Fraud?

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime.

Members of the public, the police, businesses and charities can report to Action Fraud online or on the phone. If you are reporting via the website there is online chat support provided.

As Action Fraud takes crime reports on behalf of the police, reporting directly is likely to be quicker and more convenient for you than visiting your local police station.



If you've been a victim of fraud you will receive a crime reference number when you report it to Action Fraud, and your report will be transferred securely to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau for analysis and assessment.

## Why it is important to report fraud and internet crime

Fraud and internet crime costs our economy an estimated **£73 billion** every year. This money is often used to fund crimes like drug smuggling, terrorism and people trafficking.

By reporting incidents of fraud or internet crime to Action Fraud you are enabling the police and fraud authorities to build a profile of those committing fraud and catch those involved.

\* Source : Annual Fraud Indicator 2012

## How do I contact Action Fraud?

The online reporting tool is a straightforward and convenient way to report fraud and internet crime:



[actionfraud.police.uk](https://actionfraud.police.uk)

24 hours a day, seven days a week

If you do not have internet access, or if you feel you require more support, you can also contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** and speak to an advisor.

### Our phone lines are open:

Mon to Fri – 8am to 9pm

Sat to Sun - 9am to 5pm

Closed Bank Holidays



Calls charged at local rate (0300 phone numbers cost the same as a call to local landline phone numbers, even from a mobile phone).

## Who is at risk of fraud?

Anyone can become a victim of fraud. Action Fraud receives fraud reports from people of all ages and from all parts of the country, including from those who thought it could “never happen to me”.

There is no shame in becoming a victim, and the best thing you can do is speak out about it by reporting it to Action Fraud, and help protect other people from becoming victims themselves.

# Take a few simple steps to avoid becoming a victim of burglary



Warwickshire  
**POLICE**



West Mercia  
**POLICE**



- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a give away that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows - even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you got out and also when you go to bed.
- Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)

[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

**If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101.**

# Keep Your Keys Safe



A car key burglary is a crime where an individual breaks into your home with the specific aim of removing your car keys and stealing your car.

Perpetrators of this crime often work to order and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. If a criminal is targeting a certain vehicle they will also be targeting the owner, looking for easy ways to exploit their security and get to their keys.

The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.

## **Reduce Your Chances of Becoming a Victim of Car Key Burglars**

Simple crime prevention methods are the most effective way to deter potential thieves. The more difficult you make it for them; the less likely they are to bother. You can use a number of methods to protect both your car and home:

### **Protecting your car:**

- Always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight
- Always lock your car away safely in the garage, if you have one
- Fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle
- Use additional security systems such immobilisers and visible security locks
- Always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended

- Always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places
- Make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle
- If you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove

### **Protecting your home:**

- Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked
- Install a high quality burglar alarm
- Install an exterior security lighting system

### **It's Not Just Your Car Keys**

Like all thieves, car key burglars are opportunists. If they enter your home and cannot find your keys they will steal any valuables they can fit into their pockets or remove without arousing suspicion.

Wallets, purses, credit cards, cash, watches or jewellery will all be taken along with your car keys and car if left on display.

### **What to Do if You Are Burgled**

If you are the victim of a burglary of any kind, call 999 immediately. If you find yourself face to face with an intruder in your home DO NOT confront them. The minute you confront an intruder you increase the risk of personal harm to yourself and others. Don't take the risk.