

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 February 2014:

| <i>Incident Type</i> | | <i>January 2014</i> | <i>February 2015</i> |
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| Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles) | | 16 | 19 |
| Burglary Dwelling (Houses) | | 3 | 3 |
| Burglary Other (Out buildings) | | 5 | 1 |
| Criminal Damage | | 7 | 5 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | | 6 | 12 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | | 0 | 3 |
| Violence | | 6 | 1 |
| Theft (general theft and shoplifting) | | 25 | 16 |

* Figures correct as of the 1st March 2014. 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

- Only 1 Burglary 'Other' reported in February. This occurred at business premises in the Burton Farm area.
- We had 3 incidents of Dwellings being burgled. 1 in Welford, 1 in Clifford Chambers and 1 in Shelfield.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- 5 incidents of Criminal Damage were reported to us in February. = Welford X 2, Alcester X 2 and Bidford X 1.

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- Thefts from vehicles have risen again in February. The incidents are scattered around our area and again point to the travelling criminal.
- Bidford X 3, Haselor X 1, Alcester X 3, Wilmcote X 1, Oversley Green X 1, Braggington X 1, Rushford X 1 and Pathlow X 1.
- Please keep your valuables secure and out of sight.

THEFT

- We had 6 reports of Shop Lifting on our area during February. 3 at Waitrose, 1 at Tesco Express, 1 at Budgens and 1 from an Alcester High Street shop. In the majority of cases good CCTV footage has been made available to us and further investigations are on-going.
- The other 10 incidents relate to others items being stolen from private and public locations. Welford, Dunnington, Dodwell, Bishopton, Kings Coughton, Alcester X 3 and Bidford X 3.
- We are still having heating oil being stolen from domestic tanks.
- We had 3 'motor vehicles' stolen in February. In Alcester a Quad Bike and Pit Bike were stolen and in Salford Priors a secure Land Rover Defender was stolen.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- There were 2 reports of vehicles causing a nuisance. 1 in Wilmcote for its inconsiderate parking on the footpath and 1 in Alcester where a moped was being ridden on footpaths by riders without helmets.

VIOLENCE

- Just 1 report of violence was reported to us in February. This was an incident in Alcester.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- We had 14 calls in February reporting suspicious behaviour.

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

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant - Sgt Bob Shaw -
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FUEL THEFT

Theft of fuel is currently of concern amongst policing and the community. Fuel is being stolen from vehicles and storage tanks by the use of siphoning equipment that can vary from the basic tube to more sophisticated arrangements involving pumps, and the cutting of fuel lines.

TIPS TO CONSIDER:-

1. Secure vehicles in garage where possible.
2. Consider the use of locking fuel caps.
3. Re-fuel vehicles just before the planned journey rather than leaving a vehicle fully fuelled overnight.
4. Park vehicles in areas that are well lit so they can be observed easily.
5. Use secure parking areas or compounds when vehicles are parked overnight, in particular vehicles not parked at their operating base.
6. Consider the use of alarms. This could be on the vehicles themselves or for the perimeter of the parking / storage area.
7. Improve lighting and focus on vulnerable areas.
8. Fit anti-siphoning devices.
9. Install or confirm existing CCTV is fit for purpose, and train a camera on tanks and vulnerable vehicles.
10. Install cages and / or improve security that surrounds fuel storage tanks.
11. Consider using 'bunded' fuel tanks if your existing storage facility is not of that type.
12. Consider the deployment of fuel dyes.
13. Commercial companies may like to consider fuel cards rather than storing fuel.
14. Use defensive parking techniques, wherever possible park vehicle against solid objects on the fuel tank side to prevent access.
15. Remove portable storage from site (barrels and drums etc) or make them secure.
16. Consider installing fuel cap alarms - wireless transmitters can be placed inside the screw cap of the fuel tank. A magnetic switch on the device sets off an alarm if the cap is opened or tampered with. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or send a text message to the owner or security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling.
17. Make sure gates and compounds are locked and secure, consider fitting an anti attack cover for the lock.
18. Do not leave keys in or near a vehicle or easily able to be found to facilitate the theft.
19. Arrange for checks of vehicles and premises outside of normal working hours.
20. Agricultural sites should consider portable refuelling systems that can be locked in secure storage areas and not left in fields or stockyards.

Police launch telephone fraud campaign as more cases are reported

Police in Warwickshire and West Mercia have launched a campaign to tackle an increasing number of incidents in which elderly and vulnerable people are being conned into revealing details of their bank accounts.

Fraudsters contact the victims claiming that their accounts have been compromised and ask them to phone their banks using a number which the offenders supply. Some offences have involved criminals posing as officers from the Metropolitan Police Service.

The confused victim dials the number given not realising that the offender has not cleared the line and gives them the account details, including PINs.

In some cases the offenders have sent round "couriers" to collect the bank cards and take them into safe keeping. They then withdraw cash from the victim's account. The couriers may be the offenders or unwitting taxi drivers booked to collect the cards.

Incidents have been reported across the country, with West Midlands being hit particularly hard.

The last week has seen one offence in the Leamington Spa area of Warwickshire and nine in the Worcester area of West Mercia.

Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police are urging individuals to be vigilant, and not to be taken in by this scam.

Posters are being distributed in communities across both force areas, and local officers are speaking to those who may be affected and anyone who has contact with them.

They advise the following:

Banks and police officers will never ask for account details or PINs over the phone, and would not come round to the house to collect your cards or property.

If you do get such a call, hang up immediately and dial 999 using another phone.

If you have already been taken in by this scam, or know someone who has, make sure that the cards are cancelled and police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org