

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 April 2014:

<i>Incident Type</i>		<i>March 2014</i>	<i>April 2014</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		32	33
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		9	4
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		7	6
Criminal Damage		6	7
Theft from Motor Vehicle		1	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle		0	5
Violence		11	6
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		17	13

* Figures correct as of the 1st May 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

- We have had four dwellings broken into during April. 2 in Bidford, 1 in Alcester and 1 in Clifford Chambers. Dwellings without alarms are still being targeted, especially those that have rear gardens that are sheltered.
- Six 'other' buildings were targeted during April. Bidford x 2, Welford x 1, Abbots Salford x 1 and Salford Priors x 2. These buildings included sheds, barns and garages.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- We had seven reports of criminal damage last month. Bidford x 2, Alcester x 3, Aston Cantlow x 1 and Abbots Salford x 1. Damage is often caused by a spur of the moment action by people passing through an area.

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- Two thefts from vehicles were reported to us in April. One in Bidford and One in Welford. Please keep valuables out of sight and secured away.

THEFT

- We had four cases of theft reported to us last month. Two in Bidford, one in Abbots Salford and one in Ardens Grafton.
- Eight of the total offences reported to us relate to shoplifting. Six in Waitrose, Alcester and Two at Tesco Express, Alcester.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- We had five reports of vehicles acting in an anti social way during April. 3 reports in Alcester, 1 in Great Alne and 1 in Dunnington. These vehicles are usually off road motorcycles being ridden by the younger members of our community. As well as causing damage to land and noise nuisances they are often committing road traffic offences.
- Other than vehicles we had another 28 reports of persons involved in rowdy behaviour. Welford x 5, Alcester x 15, Little Alne x 1, Bidford x 5, Wood Bevington x 1 and Bishopton x 1. Examples of rowdy behaviour can be anything from children playing football in the road to groups of people shouting and swearing in the street.

VIOLENCE

- We had six reports of violence reported to us. Wilmcote x 1, Bidford x 3, Welford x 1 and Alcester x 1. As in most cases acts of violence are alcohol fuelled.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- During April we had 25 reports of suspicious activity. We would like to remind all our community members that if you see something suspicious then an immediate call on 101 gives us the best chance to track down any persons or vehicles involved.

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

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Good news for April

As you will appreciate the Team are engaged in many local investigations and issues that cannot be reported here in the newsletter.

- ❖ On the 8th April a male was arrested for document offences and for drink driving. This followed a road traffic collision on the A46 Alcester.
- ❖ On the 8th April a dwelling was burgled in Clifford Chambers. Following quick enquiries several males have been arrested for the offence and the investigations continue.
- ❖ On the 17th April a male was arrested and his vehicle seized on the A435 in Arrow. The driver and vehicle was dealt with for document offences and no insurance.

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

Warwickshire Police is currently searching for a special kind of person to help us in the policing of your local community. Today, more than ever, we need everyone's help. Why not give us yours in the most direct and practical way of all – by joining us as a Volunteer Police Special.

You can read more about becoming a Special on our website as well as [register your interest online](#). If you need more information about joining you can call us on 01905 331433. Alternatively please [email us](#)

- Do you like being involved with people?
 - Are you looking for voluntary work that isn't all committees but actually brings you into contact with basic human problems?
 - Would you enjoy working as a responsible and respected member of a closely-knit and well-organised team?

If so, your local Police will be glad to welcome you as a Special Constable on one of our Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

It would be hard to find any other community service that gives you so much interest, excitement and variety. You may find yourself taking part in a major investigation, helping a lost child, arresting a thief, breaking up a fight at closing time, ensuring the safety of carnivals and parades, or simply being that important and reassuring figure walking around a local housing estate.

As a Special Constable you have the same powers as regular officers and wear the same uniform. You will receive initial and on-going training as well as gaining experience and confidence by working closely with regular officers and other Specials.

Hours are flexible but Specials carry out a minimum of 16 hours per month, more if they can spare the time. Uniform is provided free and out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed.

We are looking for Specials within Warwickshire to make a minimum 2 years commitment to the role where possible.

To be a Special Constable you must be a National of a Country, which is a member of the EEA, or a Swiss National. If a National of a country outside of the EEA you must have the right to reside in the UK free of restrictions. You need to be reasonably fit and aged 18 or over. Naturally you must not be an associate of criminals and you must be of good character. (There are also a few occupations, which may mean you will be ineligible due to a possible conflict of interest

Burglar Alarms

Are widely accepted by police and ex-criminals as the best deterrent to burglars;

- The audible warning helps to deter burglars and therefore limits the loss and damage. Police no longer have the resources to respond to alarms. If you hear one, observe from a safe distance. If there is a crime in progress - **DIAL 999**
- As most burglars prefer to work after dark or when there is no one at home, burglar alarm systems can bring peace of mind while you are away, at work, on holiday or even whilst you are asleep.
- Good quality home security systems also offer many additional security features such as light timer devices, panic buttons and closed circuit TV surveillance systems to keep a watchful eye over your home.

Photography

Photographing valuable items such as jewellery and antiques can help the police to identify them should they be recovered. Items such as garden furniture and statues should also be photographed.

Take colour pictures of each item separately on a plain background, paying special attention to any distinguishing marks which can be used to identify the items. Photos can be a helpful tool in settling insurance claims.

Doors

Doors can also be a quick and easy route for a burglar. Please follow the tips below to secure your doors.

- Make sure external doors and frames are strong and in good condition; they should be made of solid core construction, 44mm thick.
- Fit the front and back doors with BS Standard five lever mortice deadlock and include a chain to vet callers safely.
- Fit french doors, top and bottom, with security mortice locks and bolts. Doors opening outwards should also be fitted with hinge bolts.
- Some patio doors are often weak links as doors can be lifted off their tracks. Blocks inserted in the top track above the opening door will prevent this and security pressbolts can also help secure the doors.
- Make sure that when buying uPVC or metal framed doors and windows that they come with built-in locks, door viewers and chains, as these may be difficult to fit after installation.

Windows

Are often the first choice of entry route for a burglar. Please take the following steps to reinforce your window security.

- Install good window locks. There are also different types of detectors for windows and doors which detect tampering and break-in at the point of entry and various types of passive infra-red detectors for installation inside rooms.
- Fit locks that are easily visible to a potential burglar, fitted if possible to the frame rather than to the window lever. Use key operated window locks and keep the keys out of sight and away from the windows.
- Even small windows can provide an entry point to the determined house breaker - a thief can get through any gap larger than a human head, some criminals even use children to gain entry via such openings.
- Louvre windows are especially vulnerable as their slats can be removed from the frame. To improve their security glue the slats in place and fit a special louvre lock.

Security marking

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

- 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.

Lighting

This can help to deter a thief, especially as many attempted burglaries happen after dark.

- Some burglar alarms include an integral light timer device, or you can buy time switches for individual lights, radios and other appliances from DIY stores. Alternatively, leaving a living room or bedroom light on when going out at night will give the impression of occupancy. Leaving only a hall or landing light on may not have the same effect.
- External lighting will welcome genuine visitors and deter the criminal who wishes to work undetected.