

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 2015:

<i>Incident Type</i>		<i>January 2015</i>	<i>February 2015</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		9	6
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		10	3
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		4	2
Criminal Damage		2	3
Vehicle Crime (Theft of, From & Damage)		13	8
Violence		4	6
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		14	8

\* Figures correct as of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015. 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**

- There has been a reduction of burglaries from Dwellings and other buildings in February.
- We had three houses broken into, 1 each in Weston on Avon, Wildmoor area and Bidford.
- 2 other buildings were targeted. 1 in Bidford and 1 in Luddington.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- Criminal damage remains at a fairly steady low number. 1 in Alcester and 2 in Bidford.
- As in previous cases damage is often caused by random acts of vandalism by people passing through an area.

**THEFT OTHER**

- The breakdown for theft from other buildings, private and public places are:- Alcester x 5, Welford x 1, Aston Cantlow x 1 and Bidford x 1.
- Many of these offences relate to shoplifting.

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

- Thefts from vehicles are still a problem. Vans used for work are especially being targeted. Removing works tools when not needed especially if they are large and heavy isn't always practical, and thieves are taking advantage of this. Those vans with sliding doors seem to be a favourite at the moment. Small holes are being cut in the skin of the door and the opening mechanism exposed. Any crime prevention techniques that can stop this from occurring are encouraged.
- The breakdown is:- Great Alne x 1, Wixford x 1, Oversley Green A46 x 1, Alcester x 2, Wildmoor x 1, Redhill x 1 and Bidford x 1.
- In the Alcester North area we had another two vehicles targeted during school collection time. As in the previous offences on our patch, these were smash and grab type incidents where handbags had been left on show. We advise that you never leave anything of value on show when you leave the vehicle unattended, even if it is for a couple of minutes. It takes about 8 seconds for an item to be stolen from your car!

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

- Anti Social Behaviour is slightly down in February. The breakdown is:- Bidford x 3, Alcester x 2 and Great Alne x 1.
- ASB can be classed as a number of things from neighbours causing problems to groups of people being noisy in a public place.

## **VIOLENCE**

- We had 6 incidents of "Violence" reported to us in February. Alcester x 3, Bidford x 2 and Pitchill x 1.
- As with anti social behaviour these acts of violence can be recorded for many different reasons. For example, arguments between families, alcohol fuelled disorder at a public house or assaults on medical staff by patients.

## **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

- During February we received 43 calls from people reporting suspicious circumstances. Thank you to everyone that took the time to call us. If we are not aware something is occurring we cannot take steps to deal with the problem.
- If you see something this is suspicious, please call us as soon as possible. A detail of the people and vehicles involved is always of great help.



## **VEHICLE CRIME – THEFT FROM WORK VANS**

We are urging van owners to follow some simple steps to help prevent them from becoming a victim:

- If you have a garage, use it.
- If your van is parked on a driveway, consider installing security lighting.
- Try to park in well lit areas.
- Consider alarming the vehicle or fitting an internal security cage.
- When tools and equipment are not being used, ensure they are kept securely in a lockable store rather than in your vehicle.
- Do not leave tools in vehicles unattended or overnight, and place a sign in the window stating they have been removed.
- Visibly mark your machinery and tools using an engraving or chemical etching kit or a forensic marking kit.
- Record serial numbers of all equipment, so if stolen belongings are recovered they can be reunited with the owner.

Should you be offered tools for sale in suspicious circumstances or have any information relating to these thefts, you should contact **Warwickshire Police on 101**.

Alternatively, you can give information to **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111** or via

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org>.

## **DRUG USE ON OUR AREA**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March a drugs warrant was executed at an address in Clifford Chambers. A small quantity of Cannabis was recovered and the offender was dealt with by a fixed penalty notice.

We are always gathering intelligence on drug use and drug dealing in our area. Information reaches us in many different ways.

If you are aware of any drug abuse occurring on our area, please contact the team direct or use the 101 Non Emergency number.

Anonymous information can also be given to Crimestoppers on their website or on 0800 555111

## **CONTACTING THE ALCESTER POLICE SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

SGT 542 Robert Shaw  
PC 781 Peter Essex  
PCSO 6093 Rebecca Morris

Email them on [alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

Ring the Alcester Office on – 01789 444818

Ring the Team Mobiles – 07979 704373 or 07823 533488

For non emergency calls ring - 101