

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 for the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team for September 2012:

<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>August 2012</i>	<i>September 2012</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)	42	35
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)	5	3
Burglary Other (Out buildings)	7	5
Criminal Damage	5	12
Theft from Motor Vehicle	11	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	4
Violence	7	18
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)	14	23

* Figures correct as of Monday 1st October 2012. 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 YOUR AREA

BURGLARY

- Burglaries of outbuildings and sheds are slightly down for September.
- The Burglary 'other' offences all relate to sheds and garages. Incidents occurred in Bleachfield Street, Alcester and Oversley Green.
- Two house burglaries occurred in Welford.
- One house burglary occurred in Alcester. The offenders entered the dwelling and stole the keys for two cars which they then stole. The thefts of these two cars are included in the theft of motor vehicle totals.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- Reports of Damage have risen in September.
- One incident refers to sheep being attacked by a dog in Clifford Chambers.
- Two incidents of damage were reported in Bidford and Nine in Alcester. This includes two more reports of damage at The Greig Hall.

THEFTS

- Incidents of general Theft are up in September.
- Catalytic Converters are still being targeted on our area. 2 were stolen from Bidford and 3 from Alcester. A car in Temple Grafton was also targeted by thieves who entered the vehicle and stole items from inside.
- For another month running the Barclays Card Cash Point in High Street Alcester has been targeted. The anti-skimming device has now been stolen many times over the last few months.. The devices will be reused by the offenders to target other cash points. The latest report occurred at 1.45am on the 11th September. Two males were again caught on camera attacking the cash point. It only takes them about 15 seconds to remove what they need. If you see any suspicious activity by our cash points at any time of the day let us know.
- One of the incidents relate to the theft of rolls of electric fencing in Kings Coughton.
- We have had 4 cases of shoplifting from Waitrose and 1 from Tesco Express in Alcester.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- Reports of rowdy and anti-social behaviour are slightly down for September.
- With regards reports of 'nuisance' we had 26 incidents in Alcester and 9 in Bidford. 6 of the Alcester incidents were at Hopkins Precinct. A good percentage of the incidents reported to us relate to neighbour and domestic disputes.

VIOLENCE

- Reports of violence are up in September. The majority of reports relate to incidents where those involved know each other. For example Neighbours or family members.
- One incident to note took place on the 23rd September at 12.30am, when a male was assaulted by two males while he was walking along the Kinwarton Road in Alcester. The male was knocked unconscious and suffered a fractured cheekbone and several cuts and bruises. If you have any information on this assault, please contact us or Crimestoppers.

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 September:- Missing Persons, Road Traffic Collisions, Domestic disputes, Concerns for people, Silent 999's, Suspicious circumstances, Alarms, reports of Drug use, Malicious communications, Firearms, road related incidents, Observations, Abandoned vehicles, Fires / Arson, Sudden Death, Trespass, Animals, Fraud, Lost / Found, Sexual Offences, Neighbour Disputes, Drunkenness, Bogus Callers and a Pursuit

CRIME PREVENTION AND INFORMATION

Warwickshire Crimestoppers is part of the Crimestoppers Trust, which operates across the UK. It is the only charity that allows anyone with details of criminal activity to pass this on anonymously, without fear of exposure or retribution. All it takes to pass on information is one call to the freephone number **0800 555 111.**



ALCESTER SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Great Alne area. Anti-Social use of vehicles.

Reports have been received that the land between Coughton Fields Lane and Spernal Lane is being used by 'off roaders', including 4X4's and Motorcycles. Some damage has been caused by these vehicles and drivers. The Alcester South SNT will undertake 20 extra patrols of this area in order to deal with drivers and vehicles causing a nuisance.

River Bridge. Bidford. Weight Limit

Reports have been received that vehicles exceeding the bridge weight limit are still being driven across the bridge. The Alcester South SNT will undertake 20 extra patrols of this area, in order to identify and deal with any offences

Hopkins Precinct Area. Alcester. Anti-Social Behaviour

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour are still being reported in the Precinct and its surrounding area. The Alcester South SNT will undertake 20 extra patrols of the area and will take any necessary action required on those committing offences

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THESE PRIORITIES PLEASE LET US KNOW.

GOOD NEWS

- *- Following a positive breath test a male was charged with drink driving in Wixford in September following a stop by local officers
- *- As a result of information received from Neighbourhood Watch a pedlar was located and reported for peddling without a certificate on 01/10/2012. We are encouraging people to contact us on our mobiles or 101 should they have any door to door sellers that they are unsure of.
- *- A young male received a fixed penalty notice for a public order offence in the town
- *- A young male driver appeared in court in September and was banned from driving for 28 days following speeding offences in the area
- *- A young male was arrested for an assault at Hopkins Precinct and is currently on bail
- *- Three vehicles have been seized this month in the area. One for causing an obstruction, one for no road tax, and one for no road tax, no insurance and no MOT
- *- Police attended the APF Exhibition at Ragley Hall between 13th and 15th September
- *- Local police attended the re-launch of Bidford Youth Club on 29th September
- *- Welford on Avon Community Speed Watch is now up and running

POLICE RELATED MEETINGS AND EVENTS

National Personal Safety Day - Monday 8th October - National Personal Safety Day is an annual event aimed at raising awareness of the simple, practical solutions that everyone can use to help avoid violence and aggression in today's society. It's about helping people live safer, more confident lives. The campaign for National Personal Safety Day 2012 is called - **TECH NO CHANCES**

Technology is a wonderful thing that few of us could see ourselves doing without. When it comes to personal safety it can be of great benefit: A teenager can text their parent to collect them if they are stranded; a pensioner can phone a friend if they have a problem and we can all keep in touch with family, friends and colleagues to check if they are ok. However there can be risks associated with some technology so this campaign will highlight some practical, common sense precautions people can take to ensure that their personal technology works for them, not against them.

Further information about the campaign and how individuals, schools, workplaces, local authorities and community groups can become involved and order campaign resources, see the links on the left. More information will be posted over the next few months. If you have any queries or you'd like all updates emailed to you as and when they become available, please email press@suzyplugh.org

The next meeting of NHW Alcester will be held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 7.30pm at St Benedict's School in the Community Room when Marie Rowland a member of Warwickshire's Trading Standards Compliance Team will provide a brief overview of their consumer protection role and talk about scams and rogue trading issues, with examples of the kind of problems they deal with in Warwickshire. She will also talk about their No Rogue Trader Zones which have been set up in partnership with the Police, in 7 localities in the County. This will be a most interesting talk and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. The meeting will also include a Police/Incident Report, and the latest developments in Neighbourhood Watch. Everyone is welcome and do invite anyone whom you think might be interested.

****Please remember that the Neighbourhood Watch Meetings are completely separate from the Community Forums that are organised by the Council.****

Contribute to your local Community Forum online

What are Community Forums?

Community Forum meetings are regular meetings where Safer Neighbourhood Teams, members of the public, local agencies such as The Youth Service, The District Council, the County Council and other local agencies discuss issues within the local neighbourhood. The meetings give members of the public the chance to raise issues for the authorities to tackle. Actions and results are reported at future meetings and new priorities are then set. They are separate to any NHW meetings that may be held in our area.

If you can't get to a meeting why not contribute now online.

To ensure we tackle the issues that matter most locally we need input from as many people as possible within local communities. However if you find it difficult to get to these meetings but have an issue you would like to be raised, you can complete our online survey and your concerns will be raised at the next meeting.

<http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/alcester-south/current-priorities/pact-survey>

Alternatively visit your Safer Neighbourhood Team page on this site to find out the details of your next local Community Forum meeting.

Door to door pedlars. The Rules.

A pedlars certificate is a certificate that allows a person to trade (often selling trinkets, household goods and other hand made objects) whilst on foot. Pedlars can travel from:

- door to door
- place to place, or
- town to town.

It is the means by which a pedlar trades that distinguishes a pedlar from a licensed street trader. The means of a pedlar are mobile, whereas the means of a street trader are static (i.e. they have a fixed stall).

A pedlars certificate once issued can be used anywhere in the United Kingdom. The "pedlar" cannot set up a fixed pitch from which to trade, but rather moves around acquiring custom.

A pedlar's certificate is obtained from the chief of police from the area where they live. Those who require a certificate need to attend their local police station with two forms of identification, one with a photograph and the other showing an address where they have lived at for at least 28 days within the district they are applying for the licence. They must be aged over 17 to apply for a certificate. The police need this information to check their identity and that they are of good character before issuing a certificate. The cost of the licence is currently £12.25.

Please note that having a pedlar's certificate is in no way an indication that the goods for sale are of merchantable quality.

The 'Door Knockers' that have recently been operating in the Alcester Area have not satisfied any of the above rules and have created their own identification and reasons for going door to door.



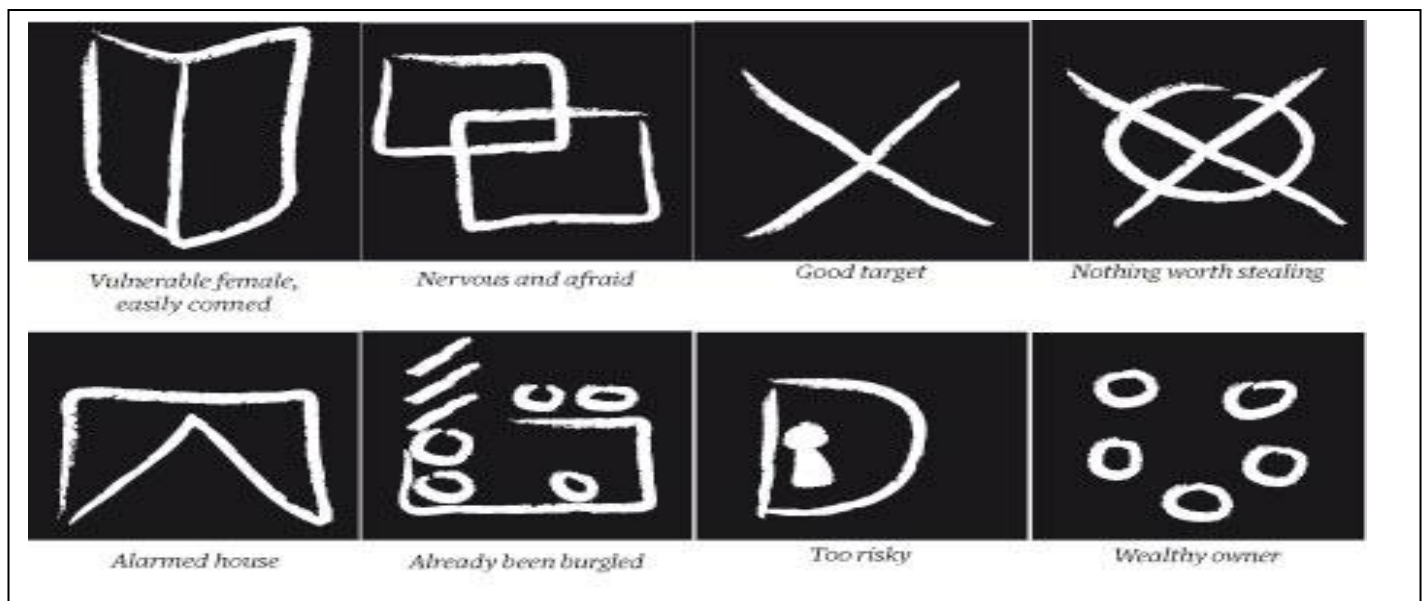
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They are known as 'Nottingham Knockers' after a scam which originating in Nottingham. They knock at doors and claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at very high prices. There is currently no such scheme running in our area for 'ex-convicts' to sell door to door.

We are extremely keen to track down and speak to any door to door pedlar's that are visiting our area, so if you see or have a visit from such people, please give us a call on 101.

"THE DA-PINCHI CODE"



We have over the last few weeks seen the re-appearance of emails and warnings regarding the symbols left by burglars, giving information to other burglars on whether a house is worth targeting or not. The use of such marks go back hundreds of years and was originally used to show if a house had occupants that were willing to help those in need with food and water. Although we have no evidence to show that such markings are being used again, it's worth noting just in case you see them. If you do, please let us know.

CONTACTING US:

Alcester Police Mobile - 07979704373 (only switched on if an officer is on duty)

Bidford Police Mobile - 07823533488 (only switched on if an officer is 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

The Alcester South SNT now have their own Twitter Account. We are encouraging people to follow us on **@SNT_AlcesterS** and to get in touch with us should they wish.