

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 December 2014:

<i>Incident Type</i>		<i>November 2013</i>	<i>December 2013</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		17	17
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		6	6
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		3	5
Criminal Damage		7	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle		3	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle		0	0
Violence		9	7
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		18	12

* Figures correct as of the 1st January 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 had 5 offences of Burglary Other reported to us in December. Bidford x 2, Alcester x 2 and Luddington x 1. Outhouses, sheds and building sites were targeted.
- Unfortunately we had a further 6 dwellings burgled in December. Bidford x 3, Alcester x 1, Salford x 1 and Dodwell x 1. I understand that the rear of properties were targeted in all cases with window or patio doors being smashed or forced.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- We had 5 offences of damage reported to us. Alcester x 1, Dunnington x 1, Welford x 2, Marcliff x 1 and Broom x 1.

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- Just 2 thefts from motor vehicles were reported to us. 1 in Oversley Green where items were taken from the boot of the car and 1 in Wilmcote where a Catalytic Converter was removed.

THEFT

- We only had 1 report of shoplifting in December at Waitrose in Alcester.
- Theft of Heating Oil from outdoor storage tanks is still occurring and unfortunately this type of offence may continue while the weather is cold. Other items stolen include bicycles, lead piping and diesel from a digger.
- The Offences reported were in Alcester x 3, Bidford x 2, Dunnington x 3, Pitchill x 1, Redhill x 1 and Barton x 1.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- Scrambler bikes have been an issue in Oversley Green and we had one report of a nuisance being caused by them.
- We had a further 16 incidents of rowdy behaviour on our area - Alcester x 13 and Bidford x 4.

VIOLENCE

- We had 7 incidents reported to us relating to Violence. As in previous newsletters these incidents often relate to domestic incidents or neighbour disputes.

Suspicious Circumstances

- During November we had 28 calls reporting suspicious activity.

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 -

Robert.shaw@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Officer - PC Peter Essex - peter.essex@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

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Alternatively E-Mail us at: alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

WINTER DRIVING

Check that your **vehicle** is ready for winter using the POWDERY checklist as a good reminder:

- **PETROL** (or diesel). Have you got enough? Do you know where to fill up?
- **OIL** — check levels once a month
- **WATER** — check radiator and screenwash regularly
- **DAMAGE** — check wipers, lights etc for signs of wear and tear or damage, and make sure wind-screens, windows and lights are clear of ice and snow.
- **ELECTRICS** — check lights, indicators and controls are working properly
- **RUBBER TYRES** — are they well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?
- **YOU** — are you fit to drive? Have you slept well? Are you taking any medication that could make it unsafe for you to drive?

If you are planning to travel with pets, ensure that animals are safe and secure, and will not be a distraction to the driver or people travelling in your vehicle — seek appropriate advice before you travel.

Driving through ice and snow

- Clear any snow off the roof of the vehicle before you drive away.
- Watch out for icy conditions — look for clues such as ice on the pavement or on your windscreen before you start your journey and take extra care.
- Try not to brake suddenly – it may lock up your wheels and you could skid further.
- Leave extra space between you and other vehicles. Take even more care looking out for others that may not be able to stop and be extra cautious at road junctions where road markings may not be visible
- Look out for winter service vehicles spreading salt or using snow ploughs. They have flashing amber beacons and travel at slower speeds – around 40mph. Stay well back because salt or spray can be thrown across the road. Do not overtake unless it is safe to do so – there may be un-cleared snow on the road ahead

Driving in rain and floods

- When the road is wet it can take twice as long to stop. Slow down and maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front.
- If your vehicle loses grip, or “aquaplanes”, on surface water take your foot off the accelerator to slow down. Do not brake or steer suddenly because you have less control of the steering and brakes.
- Try to avoid driving through surface water as you might flood your engine.
- If you have to drive through floods, drive slowly, use a low gear and try to keep the engine revving at a high rate. Move forward continuously to avoid stalling the engine. When driving an automatic vehicle, engage and hold in a low gear.
- Test your brakes after driving through water; they may be ineffective

Driving in fog

- Use dipped headlights so that other drivers can see you.
- If it is foggy (less than 100m visibility) then switch on your fog lights. Do not forget to turn them off when conditions improve.
- Fog is often patchy so try not to speed up as visibility improves. You could suddenly find yourself back in thick fog further up the road.

Driving in windy weather

- Take extra care on the roads and plan your journey by checking the latest weather conditions.
- Though high-sided vehicles are particularly affected by windy weather, strong winds can also blow other vehicles off course. This can happen on open stretches of road exposed to strong crosswinds, or when passing bridges, high-sided vehicles or gaps in trees

MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE BURGLAR

Opportunist thieves commit most burglaries. In two out of ten burglaries they don't even have to use force - they get in through an open door or window. Make your home secure.

- Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden. This is of particular importance during mild and hot weather when there is a greater temptation to leave doors open.
- Ensure that all windows and external doors are not only closed but locked at night or when you are out of the house. Even a small window could provide a burglar with an opportunity to reach through and open a larger window to gain access.
- Remember to close downstairs windows when leaving a room, to deter the opportunist thief.
- Fit good locks to doors and use them.
- Have window locks fitted to older windows, a burglar is less likely to break in if they have to smash a window.
- Fit and use a door chain.
- Change locks when you move into a new home.
- Fit a good quality alarm from a reputable supplier.
- Do not hide spare keys; leave them with someone you trust. Burglars know where to look.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as Smartwater.
www.smartwater.co.uk If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if recovered, stolen items can then be returned to their rightful owner.
- Install external lights. They will welcome genuine visitors and deter the criminal who wishes to work undetected.
- To give the impression that someone is in, set lights on a timer switch. A living room or a bedroom light will give the impression of occupancy; leaving only a hall or landing light on may not have the same effect.
- Don't leave your curtains closed during the day.
- If timers are not available, leave a light on if going out at night, and draw curtains/blinds.
- Keep all keys away from windows and external doors so they are not visible/accessible to an opportunist thief.
- Leave a television or radio on to create the impression that someone is in.
- A visible burglar alarm can also act as a deterrent.
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your street, call the police.
- Look out for your neighbours' property if they are away for a few days.
- Joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is good way to meet those living on your street. There are more than 4,300 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in Warwickshire who help to keep the local groups informed of criminal activity in the community, pass on crime prevention advice and help resolve local issues. Local members are encouraged to keep an eye on what's going and pass on details of suspicious activity.

POSITIVE RESULTS IN DECEMBER

- ❖ On the 7th December a 27 year old male was arrested for drink driving on the A435 in Kings Coughton.
 - ❖ On the 12th December a 45 year old male was arrested for drink driving on Spernal Lane, Great Alne.
 - ❖ Also on the 12th a 28 year old male was arrested on Warrant in Alcester.
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Set on the 4th December 2013

These issues were raised and voted for by members of our community. Please visit our Safer Neighbourhood Website for information on how you can put forward an issue.

The following three priorities will see extra dedicated patrols by members of the Team.

1. Extra anti burglary patrols targeting the allotments in Bidford in order to prevent crime, and to also deal with any offenders found in the area.
2. Extra patrols in Alcester to deal with instances of Anti Social Behaviour. Hi Visibility patrols by all members of the Team will prevent behaviour that is unacceptable. Those committing offences of anti social behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.
3. Extra anti burglary patrols in the Bidford area to detect and prevent instances of burglary at dwellings and other buildings.

The next forum will take place on the 11th March 2014. The venue is still to be confirmed - but full details will be circulated.