

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 2014</i>	<i>December 2014</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		16	13
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		3	1
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		11	6
Criminal Damage		6	2
Vehicle Crime (Theft of, From & Damage)		10	4
Violence		1	9
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		13	17

\* Figures correct as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 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 was just 1 burglary of a dwelling reported to us in December. This occurred in Bidford. The incident which occurred overnight also included the theft of the owner's vehicle.
- Six other buildings were burgled during December. The breakdown is Kings Coughton x 1, Alcester x 1, Wixford x 1, Weston on Avon x 1 and Marcliff x 2.

### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- Both the offences of criminal damage reported to us occurred in Bidford.

### **THEFT OTHER**

- We received Seventeen reports of Theft during December. 'Theft Other' relates to items taken from outbuildings, shops and public places etc.
- The breakdown is:- Bidford x 6, Alcester x 3, Clifford Chambers x 1, Alcester x 2, Welford x 2, Great Alne x 1, Luddington x 1 and Shelfield x 1.
- Sheds and Garages are still being targeted. The majority of items in your shed and garage can be security marked, either with your postcode or SmartWater.

## VEHICLE CRIME

- The breakdown for offences relating to vehicles is:- Bidford x 1, Arrow x 1, Broom x 1 and Wootton Waven x 1.
- Offenders are targeting items left on show, even if the vehicle is left unattended for a few seconds. The smash and grab type offence is easy and quick. Please remember to hide and secure valuable items in your vehicle.
- The theft of number plates is an ongoing problem and is likely to remain so. Stolen plates are being used on stolen cars and vehicles being used in crime. Anti theft screws can be obtained to fix to the car.

## ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- The breakdown for the 13 incidents of ASB are:- Bordon Hill x 1, Alcester x 4, Bidford x 2, Welford x 3, Dodwell x 1 and Wixford x 1.
- Reports included incidents at public houses, problems with neighbours, groups of youths congregating and causing a nuisance and vehicles being driven in an anti social way.

## VIOLENCE

- We had 9 incidents of 'violence' reported to us in December. Bidford x 2, Alcester x 5, Welford x 1 and Kings Coughton x 1.
- The majority of these offences occurred in or near to public houses around Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

## SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- During December we had 23 reports of suspicious activity.

## **CONTACTING YOUR TEAM:**

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 Officer - PC Peter Essex - [peter.essex@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.essex@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO Andy Hyman - [Andrew.hyman@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Andrew.hyman@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

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## Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police Support NSPCC Share Aware Campaign

Police are supporting the NSPCC which is launching a public education campaign called [Share Aware](#) to help parents keep their children safe online.

The campaign is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8-12 (the age when children start being more independent, more active online and use a greater range of devices). The campaign aims to encourage parents and carers to understand online safety and to have conversations with their children about keeping safe.

The [Share Aware](#) campaign aims to give parents who may be confused by the internet or unsure of what their children may be accessing online, the tools to feel confident to have these conversations.

There are a range of new resources including [Net Aware](#) a simple NSPCC guide to popular social networks, sites and apps which children are using.

Please visit the campaign page for more information [www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware).

### Cold Mornings - Don't Give Car Thieves an Easy Ride

Every winter the force receives a number of reports from drivers who have had their cars stolen after leaving the engine running, while they wait in the warmth of their home for it to heat up and defrost the windscreen.

Some vehicle owners nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of their breakfast coffee - but that's all the time an opportunist thief needs.

To 'freeze out' the thieves, we advise motorists to:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper
- Sit in vehicles while the heater de-mists the windscreen

Drivers who ignore this advice are taking big risks. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for likely targets - when they spot a vehicle with its engine left running on a drive or outside a home, it's there for the taking.

One person will be dropped off, gets into the target vehicle and simply drives away.

Many of the vehicles are never recovered, and some - especially high value models such as Mercedes, BMW and Audi - may be shipped overseas.

It is also worth remembering if your car is stolen when keys have been left in it, you may find your insurance will not cover you. If your house keys are stolen along with your car, your home is then vulnerable too.

**So, this winter, don't give criminals an easy ride by leaving your car running unattended.**