

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>February 2015</i>	<i>March 2015</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)		6	18
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)		3	2
Burglary Other (Out buildings)		2	4
Criminal Damage		3	8
Vehicle Crime (Theft of, From & Damage)		8	11
Violence		6	9
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)		8	15

\* Figures correct as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 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**

- The burglary of Dwellings and other buildings remain relatively steady on our area, although it is still an issue around our borders. Gardening equipment and cycles are certainly being targeted at the moment, probably spurred on by the chance of good weather. Please remember that nearly all items in your shed or garage can be security marked. Ranging from SmartWater to simple engraving.
- We had one house in Kings Coughton and one in Great Alne broken into. In one case the car keys and the owner's car were also stolen. Keeping your vehicle keys secure while in your house is always a good idea, especially if you have a high value car.
- Other buildings targeted include sheds, garages, restaurants and offices. 1 in Kinwarton and 3 in Alcester.

### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- The breakdown for Damage is:- Oversley Green x 1, Bidford x 2, Alcester x 4 and Dorsington x 1.
- As in previous months these acts are usually random and motiveless.

## **THEFT OTHER**

- Shoplifting is still quite prevalent on the area and in fact around the country. Items such as meats, cheese, toiletries and alcohol are still favourite, probably because of demand and prices.
- The breakdown of this type of offence is:- Bidford x 2, Alcester x 6, Dunnington x 1, Broom x 1, Dorsington x 1, A46 Bypass x 1, Bishopton x 1, Aston Cantlow x 1 and Welford x 1.
- We are still getting reports of scrap metal being taken from gardens and drives that were not meant for the Scrap Dealers that drive around our area. It has become the custom that if you want something collected the item is left outside the property and the dealers will help themselves. If you do leave anything outside your house or business that is NOT for the dealers, please mark them with a note or cover them up until the correct collection is arranged.

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

- Work Vans are still being targeted all around our area and its borders. We always advise that if it's possible tools and other equipment are taken out of vans when not in use. Unfortunately we appreciate that this isn't always possible, so we advise that other security measures are put in place to deter the criminal, such as alarms and reinforced panels around locking mechanisms.
- Valuables left in domestic cars are also a valued target for the passing criminal as it only takes seconds to commit the theft by smashing and grabbing. Handbags, laptops, Sat Navs and mobile phones etc should never be left on show, even if it's for a few minutes. Either take them with you or secure them out of view, such as in the glove compartment or the boot.
- The breakdown for vehicle crime is Bidford x 5, Abbots Salford x 1, Alcester x 4 and Welford x 1.

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

- Anti Social Behaviour has risen in March. The Team will look at the hotspots for reoccurring ASB to see if there is a pattern or if the same people are involved. The necessary action will be taken.
- The breakdown is:- Bidford x 6, Wilmcote x 1, Alcester x 7, Welford x 1, Binton x 2 and Oversley Green x 1.
- When we record an incident of ASB on the system it may not always relate to the normal perception of anti social behaviour and will actually relate to incidents like neighbour disputes and noisy vehicles.

## **VIOLENCE**

- We had 9 incidents of "Violence" reported to us in March. Bidford x 3, Billesley x 1, Alcester x 4 and Dorsington x 1. The majority of these incidents will relate to domestic or public house type fracas. Often alcohol fuelled.

## **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

- During March we recorded 30 circumstances of suspicious behaviour reported to us by members of the public.
- We always advise that if you see something suspicious you call us straight away on 101. We often get calls reporting incidents that are several hours or even days old.
- If you have the opportunity and it is safe to do so, good descriptions of the people and vehicles involved help us track down any offenders. In the right circumstances, an increasing amount of people are recording such incidents on mobile phones and CCTV.

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

SGT 542 Robert Shaw  
PC 781 Peter Essex  
PCSO 6093 Rebecca Morris  
PCSO 6281 James Squire  
PCSO 6218 Andy Steventon

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

## **GOOD NEWS**

07/03/15 - a window was smashed at a shop in Alcester. The male offender was dealt with by way of restorative justice by paying for the damage.

11/03/15 - an Alcester youth was dealt with by way of restorative justice for Criminal Damage.

14/03/15 - 2 shop windows were smashed in Bidford. The male was arrested and dealt with by way of restorative justice by paying for the damage.

27/03/15 - a male was dealt with by way of a £90 FPN for possession of cannabis at Oversley Woods car park. FPN = Fixed Penalty Notice.

30/03/15 - a male was arrested in Bidford for aggravated burglary which had occurred the day before in Bidford.

31/03/15 - a male was arrested and then dealt with by way of restorative justice for damaging a window at McDonalds, Alcester. He has paid for the damage.

10/04/15 - an Alcester youth received a conditional caution for an assault.

12/04/15 - a drugs warrant was executed at an Alcester address. A £90 FPN was issued to a male for possession of cannabis, which is a Class B drug.

## **REPORTING CRIME**

If you've been a witness to a crime, you should report it to the police straight away. Your information could be used to prevent other crimes and help keep other people safe.

There are different ways of reporting a crime.

### **EMERGENCY**

If you've just seen a serious crime being committed, then you should ring 999 as soon as possible.

Your call should be answered within ten seconds. A trained staff member will ask you to describe what has happened and where you are. They may ask if you need any other emergency services, such as an ambulance.

If the situation is an emergency, a police officer will come to the scene to talk to you. They'll ask you to explain what happened, and they can help you decide what to do next.

### **NON-EMERGENCY**

If you want to report a minor crime that you witnessed, such as property being stolen, you could go to your nearest police station to report it, or call Warwickshire Police or West Mercia Police by dialling 101.

101 is for reporting crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example, if:

- You witness a car possibly being stolen
- You notice property that has been damaged
- You suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood

Or to:

- Report a minor traffic collision
- Give information about crime in your area
- Make a general enquiry

### **How to report crime online**

You can also report a crime online to Warwickshire Police via our online services [report a crime](#) or [trackmycrime](#).

### **Reporting a crime anonymously**

If you want to report a crime, but you do not want to be identified to the police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crimestoppers will ask questions about the crime you have information on but will never ask questions about you. If you are at all concerned your call could be traced, reassure yourself by dialling 141 before 0800 555 111, which blocks your phone number. Or use a phone box - it's free. Because Crimestoppers is an 0800 number, calls are free from a landline and don't show up on a BT or cable phone bill.

Alternatively, you can report a crime online anonymously with Crimestoppers.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>