

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 May 2015:

<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>April 2015</i>	<i>May 2015</i>
Anti Social Behaviour (Persons and Vehicles)	21	21
Burglary Dwelling (Houses)	2	6
Burglary Other (Out buildings)	6	4
Criminal Damage	8	9
Vehicle Crime (Theft of, From & Damage)	12	19
Violence	8	9
Theft (general theft and shoplifting)	12	9

* Figures correct as of the 1st June 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 has slightly increased during May. As in previous months the offenders have often gained entry through back windows and doors. In one case an alarm system activated and 'scared' off the offenders before they entered the building. The breakdown is:- Alcester x 2, Shelfield x 1, Stratford Border x 2 and Salford Priors x 1.
- The burglary of other buildings is down. These include sheds, garages and premises that are not lived in. The breakdown is Bidford x 1, Temple Grafton x 1, Wilmcote x 1 and Pathlow x 1.
- Good security such as alarms, locks, lights and property marking is always a good deterrent. If you need crime prevention advice, please let us know.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- The breakdown for Damage is:- Bidford x 6 and Alcester x 3.
- As in previous months these acts are usually random and motiveless.

THEFT OTHER

- The breakdown for reports of general theft during May is:- Salford Priors x 4, Redhill x 1, Alcester x 2 and Bidford x 2.
- Items stolen include garden furniture and wheelie bins.

VEHICLE CRIME

- We have had a spate of thefts from motor vehicles on our area that is proving to be ongoing. From the information we have been given from the victims we believe that some of the vehicles targeted have been left unlocked. In other cases the victims are sure they locked their cars but there was no sign of how the offenders got in. In all cases the vehicles were searched by the offenders, but only in a number of cases were items actually stolen. It seems that the offenders are travelling around the area randomly checking cars to see if they are open or are easily entered.
- We advise all vehicle owners to lock their cars and vans and to make sure that any valuables are taken out.
- The breakdown for vehicle crime is:- Bidford x 3, Bishopton x 1, Alcester x 12, Welford x 1, Salford Priors x 1 and Wilmcote x 1.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (PERSONS AND VEHICLES)

- Anti Social Behaviour has stayed static in May, but the Team are still monitoring areas that are being effected by ASB.
- The breakdown is:- Alcester x 10, Bidford x 5, Welford x 3, Pathlow x 1 and Abbots Salford x 1.
- Some of the incidents reported to us relate to disputes between neighbours or customers etc.

VIOLENCE

- We had 9 incidents of "Violence" reported to us in May. Kings Coughton x 1, Broom x 3, Bidford x 2, Bishopton x 1 and Alcester x 2.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- During May we received 24 reports of suspicious circumstances.
- These reports will include people and vehicles acting suspiciously.
- We always advise that if you see something that you consider to be out of the ordinary and could be connected to criminal activity you should call us straight away on the 101 non-emergency number.
- Good descriptions of individuals and vehicles including the registration number is essential for follow up enquiries.
- If you would like some advice on what sort of information you need to record or how you should record it, please let us know.

CONTACTING THE ALCESTER POLICE SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PS 542 Bob Shaw
PC 781 Peter Essex
PCSO 6093 Rebecca Morris
PCSO 6281 James Squire
PCSO 6288 Tony Griffin

Email them on alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
Ring the Alcester Office on – 01789 444818
Ring the Team Mobiles – 07979 704373 or 07823 533488
Non Emergency calls on 101

The Alcester South area also has a number of Special Constables on the Team that work regularly either with the team members above or on their own.

Vehicle safety

Vehicle crime is not common in Warwickshire and we are working hard to reduce it even further. A tiny minority of vehicles registered in the whole of Warwickshire are involved in crime each year, but there are simple steps you can take to make life even harder for criminals.

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and happens as a result of a vehicle being left vulnerable or unsecured, for example:

- *doors or windows left unlocked
- *keys left in the ignition
- *personal belongings on display (eg handbag, laptop)
- *sat nav and holder left in vehicle
- *parked in a poorly lit areas
- *during winter, vehicles being left unlocked with engines running to defrost

Sat Nav theft is a fast growing area of crime which causes victims a lot of hassle and expense.

Sat nav equipment can cost anything up to £300 to buy. To a car thief, it is worth £50-£70 when they sell it on illegally. However, you will end up having to repair any damage caused breaking in to your car - replacing a window or repairing a door - which could mean an increase in your car insurance premium. You will also have to buy new sat nav equipment. You can significantly reduce the chance of your vehicle being targeted by taking a few simple precautions:

- disconnect and remove your sat nav every time you leave your car
- remove the suction mounted fittings and erase any marks they leave
- don't put the sat nav in the glove compartment - thieves may be watching you
- get your sat nav security marked - use forensic property marking kits or UV pens

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

GOOD NEWS

- On the 14th May in Alcester we received a call that a male had been assaulted by a female. Police attended and after enquiries the female was arrested for Assault. The female later received a police caution.
- On the 14th May in Alcester we received a call that a male was in possession of a knife. Police attended and after enquiries the male was tracked down and searched. He was found to be in possession of a lock knife in a public place and was arrested. He later received a police caution.
- On the 19th May we received a report that a road traffic collision had taken place. Police attended and following enquiries a male in Salford Priors was arrested for driving while over the prescribed limit – drink driving.
- On the 24th May we received a call about a disturbance taking place in Broom. The caller suggested that 6 males were fighting and that a car had also been damaged. Police attended and the offender was quickly identified. After a small foot chase the male was arrested for Criminal Damage and a Public Order Offence.
- We thank those members of the public that called us with enough information for these offenders to be dealt with.