

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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*September 2019 Newsletter*



### *Incorporating the villages, hamlets and communities of:*

Burton Hastings – Copston Magna – Wolvey – Wibtoft – Shilton – Barnacle – Withybrook – Willey – Monks Kirby – Ansty – Pailton – Stretton-under-Fosse – Brinklow – Combe Fields - Easenhall – Harborough Magna – Churchover – Coton Park – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton

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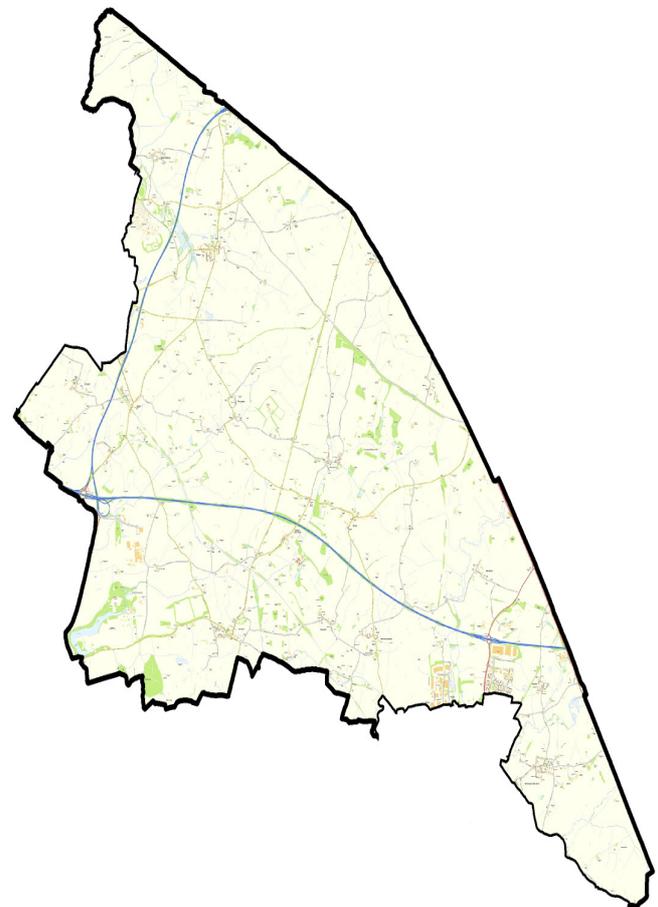
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect their locality.

Our policing area has strategic road links with the M6, A5 and M69 passing through. Local officers, with support tackle the criminals that travel those routes with a view to making communities safer from the threat of harm. The area is mostly made up of rural and village communities which bring their own unique demands.

We focus work around high risk and prolific offenders and our Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
  - Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
  - Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.



## Your local policing team



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## **Warwickshire Rural Watch** *closing the gate on rural crime*

### [Introduction](#)

Welcome to the September issue of the Rugby Rural North Newsletter.

### [Crime/Incident Overview](#)

This section looks at the crimes/incidents of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is an overview of certain crime/incident-types that have been reported to us over the last month:

#### **Burglary Residential – 4 reported incidents**

##### **Inc 126 05/08/2019 – Potters Close, Brinklow**

Unknown offenders have gained entry over the weekend by smashing a rear door and carrying out an untidy search of the property.

##### **Inc 500 02/08/2019 – Townsends Close, Burton Hastings**

4 males in masks have entered an unsecure property and stolen 3 handbags and 1 mobile phone.

##### **Inc 171 04/08/2019 – Church Hill, Wolvey**

Overnight car keys have been taken from a property, by fishing them through the letterbox. A black BMW was taken. It was later recovered by W.Midlands police after being involved in a RTC,

#### **Burglary Business and Commercial – 2 reported incidents**

##### **Inc 48 13/08/2019 – Watling Street, Clifton**

A stable yard has been entered, horse tack, a quad bike and an air rifle have been taken.

##### **Inc 73 16/08/2019 – Cord Lane, Pailton**

A farm building has been entered overnight and a load of mattresses have been dumped at the scene and power tools, a pressure washer and generators have been stolen.

#### **Criminal Damage – 3 reported incidents**

##### **Inc 120 09/08/2019 – Leicester Road, Wolvey**

Between Tues 6<sup>th</sup> and Fri 9<sup>th</sup> August unknown offenders have cut the barbed wire on the fence and on top of the five bar gate to his field.

##### **Inc 88 16/08/2019 – Watling Street, A5**

Between 7.00pm and 9.00pm damage has been caused to electrical farm gates by unknown means.

## **Theft – 16 reported incidents**

Commercial Thefts x 6  
Theft from HGV's x 1

### **Inc 73 12/08/2019 – Hillmorton Lane, Clifton**

Between 1.00pm and 6.30am 12/08/19 offenders have cut open a section of Heras fencing to gain entry to a site and stole 2 jet washers.

### **Inc 219 13/08/2019 – Waver Way, Rugby**

A bike has been stolen from next to a bike rack.

### **Inc 100 30/08/2019 – Main Street, Clifton**

A phone that has been left outside a shop by accident and it has later been stolen by someone on a bike.

### **Inc 110 03/08/2019 – Coventry Road, Brinklow**

Overnight the padlock has been cut off a gate; it is believed the offenders may have been hare coursing.

### **Inc 66 06/08/2019 – Main Street Willey.**

7 sheep have been slaughtered.

### **Inc 70 12/08/2019 – Bulkington Road, Shilton**

Around 4.00pm 11/08/19 offenders have cut the padlock of a rear gated and stolen a Lfor Williams Twin Axle Trailer.

### **Inc 160 15/08/2019 – Fosse Way, Stretton under Fosse**

Padlocks have been cut off a farm gate and hare coursing has been happening.

### **Inc 83 28/08/2019 – Asfare Business Park, Wolvey**

At 11.00am 26/08/19 a white Ford Transit van has been seen to remove £150 worth of scrap metal.

### **Inc 104 30/07/2019 – Main Street, Withybrook**

A caravan and a cement mixer have been stolen from a secure yard.

## **Vehicle Crime – 12 reported incidents**

Theft from HGV's x 4  
Commercial x 1

### **Inc 171 25/08/2019 – Rugby Road, Clifton**

A quad type vehicle has been stolen from a yard.

### **Inc 231 13/08/2019 – Coventry Road, Pailton**

At 3.00pm unknown males have jumped into a yellow transit van and stolen it with keys.

### **Inc 123 17/08/2019 – Coventry Road, Brinklow**

At 10.40am a delivery van has been stolen with keys. It was recovered later in Coventry.

### **Inc 381 04/08/2019 – Fosse Way, Monks Kirby**

A red Mitsubishi has been stolen from inside a field without keys.

### **Inc 74 08/08/2019 – Lutterworth Road, Bramcote**

Overnight a Renault Master van has been stolen without keys.

### **Inc 103 12/08/2019 – Coventry Road, Wolvey**

A caravan has been stolen overnight.

### **Inc 97 30/08/2019 – Bulkington Road, Wolvey**

The front and rear number plates have been stolen overnight from a vehicle.

### **Inc 231 13/08/2019 – Coventry Road, Pailton**

At 10.40am a delivery van has been stolen with keys. It was recovered later in Coventry.

## [Crime Prevention Advice for Vehicle crime](#)

**If you have been a victim of vehicle crime, the below advice could help us bring the offenders to justice and provide you the support you need.**

Vehicle crimes may include:

**Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle** - it is important that reports concerning the theft of a vehicle are reported to the police as soon as possible so that a marker can be placed on the vehicle.

**Theft from a motor vehicle** - theft from a motor vehicle would include instances where someone has gained entry to your vehicle and proceeded to steal something from inside the vehicle such as a dash cam. Theft from a motor vehicle would also encompass someone stealing the registration plates off your vehicle.

**Interfering with a motor vehicle** - this is when someone has interfered with a motor vehicle, trailer, or anything carried in or on it with the intention that they, or another, commit a specified offence. For example, if someone tries to remove the roof rack or box off your vehicle.

### **What to do now?**

In an emergency please call 999. You can contact the police on 101 to report the crime or visit a police station. For advice and reassurance please follow the below link to identify your safer neighbourhood team where their contact details are available - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/myarea>

Before contacting the police to report that your vehicle has been stolen you must ensure that you are the registered keeper of the vehicle and have the following information:

The make, model and registration plate of the vehicle.

You may also be asked the following questions when you report your vehicle as stolen:

How much fuel was in the vehicle before it was stolen.

Whether the vehicle was taken with or without keys.

Whether you are a smoker/non-smoker as this could be relevant information if the vehicle is found, and forensics have examined it and they find cigarette butts in the vehicle, if you are a non-smoker then it can be assumed that the cigarette butts belong to the suspect(s).

If you are calling to report that something has been stolen from inside your vehicle such as a mobile phone, a dash cam or other items which you may have left in your vehicle, it would be useful to have the makes, models and serial numbers of the items. If you are able to provide any makes, models and serial numbers it means that we can search our systems to see if any of the items have been handed in.

By having specific information about property that has been stolen means that we can detail the stolen property onto the crime report. If your items are found at a later stage, they can be searched for and traced back to you as your details would be on the crime report.

## **What happens next?**

Once you have contacted the police, they will circulate the vehicle as stolen on the Police National Computer (PNC) and dependant on the time frame the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) can be alerted for hits on the vehicle. The police will issue you with a crime reference number and a contact number for you to keep them updated on any further information you may have concerning the theft of your vehicle.

After seven days of reporting your vehicle as stolen, anniversary checks will be completed to see if there have been any hits on your vehicle and you will be updated accordingly.

## **What else can I do?**

You should inform your insurance company and provide them with the crime reference number.

If number plates have been stolen from your vehicle, then you can go ahead and replace them. If you are stopped for any reason by the police then you can provide them with the crime reference number when explaining that you are driving the genuine vehicle.

If you or a neighbour has CCTV which covers the offence location, you could review this prior to calling the police and update them accordingly on whether there is any CCTV coverage of the offence and what it may show.

If the item that has been stolen from your vehicle is a mobile phone, a laptop, a games console, a bike or a camera then you can register your property as stolen on <https://www.immobilise.com> which is the UK national property register. However you would need specific serial numbers for your items before you can register them on the website.

For further information visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46095/Vehicle-crime>

## **Mobile Police Visits**

Don't forget to visit local officers on their mobile police visits in September.

### **September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Clifton upon Dunsmore – Lilbourne Road from 11:00am till 12:00pm

Harborough Magna – Main Street Opposite, The Old Lion from 1:30pm till 2:30pm

### **September 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Burton Hastings – Hinckley Road from 9:15am till 10:15am

Withybrook – Main Street from 10:30am till 11:30am

Monks Kirby – Broadhurst Lane (by the village hall) from 11:45am till 12:45pm

Wolvey – The Square from 2:00pm till 3:00pm

Brinklow – Broadstreet (by the village hall) from 3:15pm till 4:15pm

## Police Updates

### Warwickshire Police launches Operation Tempest - protecting and serving our rural communities

This week sees Warwickshire Police launch Operation Tempest, a new initiative aimed at tackling acquisitive crime, with a focus on rural communities within the district of Stratford-upon-Avon.



Acquisitive crime includes a range of burglary and theft based offences, and incorporates issues such as theft from vehicles, commercial burglaries, theft of livestock, theft of quad bikes and theft of caravans.

Over the coming weeks, the public can expect to see a heightened police presence, as officers focus on a range of activities including increased patrols and attending a number of events across the Stratford District to raise awareness of acquisitive crime.

Chief Inspector David Kettle who is leading the operation, said: "Following a recent spate of commercial burglaries in rural areas of the Stratford District, we not only recognise the need for Operation Tempest but recognise the impact these crimes have had on the individuals and communities that have been affected.

"We want to reassure those rural communities that often feel isolated, that we are working hard to identify those responsible, while empowering and engaging our communities who we believe, will play an integral part in the solution in tackling acquisitive crime.

"Through Operation Tempest, we also want to send a clear message to thieves that we will be employing a range of tactics aimed at preventing acquisitive crime and catching those responsible, and we will do everything in our power to bring them to justice.

"The events we will be attending over the course of the campaign offer a great opportunity for our local officers to get out into the community and speak to people, telling them about the work we're doing while offering some expert crime prevention advice.

"It is well known that simple crime prevention measures can act as a great deterrent to criminals, and by taking some simple steps members of the public can help prevent themselves from being targeted."

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe said: "I am continuing to ensure that the police have the right funding and equipment to tackle crime wherever it occurs, with extra officers helping to boost the response to the public.

"We do know however that rural towns and villages can feel particularly isolated and vulnerable, while the effects of criminal activity in these communities is keenly felt by residents and businesses alike.

"That's why it's vital that our police continue to evolve their tactics to tackle the changing nature of crime, targeting offenders and boosting patrols in the areas where crime is occurring.

"Operation Tempest is a good demonstration of this and I want it to really reinforce the message that rural parts of our county should not be viewed as a soft touch for criminals."

Over the course of the initiative, we will be highlighting a range of activity and operations taking place across the Stratford District. You can keep an eye on the progress of the campaign on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/warwickshirepolice/>), Twitter (@warkspolice) and Instagram (SouthWarwickshireSNTs) social media channels. We'll be using the hashtag #OpTempest on Twitter.

To report an incident of acquisitive crime or any suspicious activity you may have seen, please call Warwickshire Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Alternatively, you can provide information anonymously to independent charity Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website.

# Take extra care on rural roads during harvest season

Warwickshire Police is warning motorists of the dangers that may be present at this time of year as farmers are using the roads more when harvesting and moving their produce and reminding them that extra care and patience should be taken during this important season.



Agriculture is one of the region's key industries and this time of year is very busy in the farming calendar with many crops requiring harvest and transportation, often within a short window of opportunity in order to ensure consumers can enjoy the produce in prime condition. However, this burst of activity traditionally sees a rise in road collisions, many of which are preventable.

A significant proportion of the collisions involving agricultural vehicles occur on rural roads with 60mph speed limits, and many near turnings into farms. The typical causes of collisions are poor overtaking manoeuvres and inappropriate speed, with drivers finding themselves unable to stop in time when presented with a slow moving or wide vehicle. Since the start of 2017 there have been 12 collisions across Warwickshire involving an agricultural vehicle.

A further hazard is caused by mud and debris being brought onto the roads by tractors and other vehicles that have been working in the fields.

Under the Highways Act (1980), farmers and contractors have a legal obligation to ensure their vehicles are cleared of any mud or debris before entering the public highway. Excess mud on the road is a danger to cars, motorbikes and cyclists and can change the way a vehicle handles, causing skidding, especially in wet conditions.

Superintendent Mel Crowther, Force Operations comments: "Every year we face problems with agricultural vehicles leaving large amounts of mud and debris on the roads during the harvest season. While the majority of farmers take steps to ensure they keep the roads clear and safe, not all are as diligent.

"We would like to remind farmers and contractors of their responsibilities under the Highways Act and we will continue to take a tough stance against anyone who we believe is being reckless and irresponsible, this also includes other motoring offences such as mobile phone use.

"Although many drivers of agricultural vehicles use the roads in a responsible way, we are reminding them to be aware of the impact they can have and consider other road users while they undertake their work. During busy traffic periods, pull into a lay-by or safe place to allow other vehicles to pass safely, to avoid traffic build-up and prevent unsafe overtaking manoeuvres.

"We would also like to remind general motorists that extra care and patience should be taken during the harvest season. While it can be frustrating travelling behind an agricultural vehicle it's not worth getting impatient and putting yourself and other road users at risk with dangerous manoeuvres."

Drivers of agricultural vehicles or anyone wishing to report any issues regarding debris or mud on the road can contact Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412 515.

## Police dog Chester leads the way

**Meet the force's newest canine recruit - PD Chester - who has recently been adopted from Dogs Trust in Kenilworth and will soon start training to be an explosives search dog.**



The cocker spaniel was handed in after his previous owners found him too much, but he has now landed on his paws after the charity spotted his potential and contacted the force.

Six-month-old Chester is now living with dog handler PC Matt Phillips, alongside his family and three other dogs.

### ***Chester***

Chester has recently started basic puppy training and when he's not madly chasing his ball, he's learning how to sit, lay down and stay, as well as being socialised with other humans and dogs. He will start his formal training next year, and as this progresses he will be exposed to new environments including trains, airports and shiny surfaces. Make no bones about it - once qualified no scenario will be too difficult for him to handle.

### ***PC Phillips & Chester***

PC Phillips also looks after two other police dogs, PD Bliss - a labrador/weimaraner who was rescued from the RSPCA and PD Delta - a tactical firearms dog who recently detained

suspects in a Bedworth robbery. Retired German Shepherd PD Kayla also resides with Matt and his family.

Collectively, the dogs' skills range from finding ammunition, locating wanted people and when needed, detaining suspects on command. The dogs receive regular training and are licensed each year, to ensure they are always up to the job.

### ***Chester & PD Delta***

Speaking about his newest recruit, Matt said: "Chester has a natural drive to work and an eagerness to please, and we are hoping he is going to fit into the team perfectly.

"The force has been working with Dogs Trust for several years to help us find new candidates, and it's great to be able to offer a new life to our canine companions.

"Watch this space for Chester's progress."

#### **Contact us!**

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☎ **101** – To report a Crime

☎ **(01788) 853851** – To contact the team directly (not for reporting Crime)