

Community Information Bulletin

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North Warwickshire

Incident 136 of 20 August – Nuneaton Road, Hartshill

At some point between 7 and 20 August, offenders broke into a shed on an allotment site in Nuneaton Road, Hartshill and stole a petrol rotovator.

Incident 162 of 20 August – Coleshill Road, Maxstoke

During the night of 19 into 20 August, offenders broke into the detached garage of a home in Coleshill Road, Maxstoke and stole items of food stuffs.

Incident 137 of 17 August – Tamworth Road, Arley

Between 6 and 7pm on 16 August, offenders broke into a wooden shed in the garden of a home in Tamworth Road, Arley. Several power tools and gardening tools were stolen.

Incident 225 of 19 August – Ansley Common

During the night of 18/19 August, offenders broke into three sheds in the rear garden of a home in Ansley Common before making off with a rotovator.

Incident 105 of 20 August – Spring Hill, Arley

At some point between 1 and 20 August, offenders broke into the garage of an empty home in Spring Hill, Arley. Nothing was stolen.

Incident 363 of 17 August – Slateley, Kingsbury

During the night of 16 into 17 August, offenders entered the grounds of a home in Slateley, Kingsbury and stole a security light before breaking into the garden shed to steal a leaf blower and a strimmer.

Incident 63 of 21 August – Arnolds Lane, Maxstoke

During the night of 20 into 21 August, offenders entered a garage at a farm premises in Arnolds Lane, Maxstoke and stole Husqvarna lawn mower and a Landrover vehicle.

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Incident 321 of 18 August – High Street, Bedworth

During the night of 17 into 18 August, offenders attempted to break into All Saints Church, Bedworth through a side door. The offenders failed to get inside and nothing was stolen.

Incident 183 of 18 August – Grant Road, Exhall

During the night of 17 into 18 August, offenders entered the rear garden of a home in Grant Road and broke into the garden shed. A large quantity of fishing tackle was stolen.

Incident 347 of 20 August – Arbury Avenue, Bedworth

During the night of 19 into 20 August, offenders broke into a detached garage at

a home in Arbury Avenue, Bedworth and stole several golfing items including clubs and clothing.

Incident 33 of 21 August – Maple Avenue, Exhall

During the night of 20 into 21 August, offenders broke into the integral garage of a home in Maple Avenue, Exhall and stole several items including a bike and a radio.

Incident 104 of 20 August – Weston Lane, Bulkington

During the night of 19 into 20 August, offenders entered the rear garden of a home in Weston Lane, Bulkington and forced open a metal shed. It is not clear if anything was stolen.

Rugby

Incident 397 of 19 August – Pendred Road, Rugby

At some point between 7am and 8pm on 18 August, offenders broke into a home in Pendred Road, Rugby through a rear kitchen window. The offenders carried out an untidy search of a bedroom at the property but nothing appears to have been stolen.

Incident 328 of 20 August – Omega Place, Rugby

During the night of 19 into 20 August, offenders prised open a bathroom window at a home in Omega Place, Rugby and entered the premises. Once inside, the offenders stole small electrical items before making off.

Incident 124 of 17 August – Lower Street, Willoughby

At around 4.30am on 16 August, offenders entered the rear garden of a home in Lower Street, Willoughby and then broke into a summer house by smashing a

window. It is not clear if anything was stolen.

Incident 62 of 17 August – Sparta Close, Rugby

During the night of 16 into 17 August, offenders broke into a workshop at a business premises in Sparta Close, Rugby and stole numerous power tools.

Incident 238 of 20 August – Woodlands Court, Binley Woods

At some point before 3pm on 20 August, offenders broke into a garage in a block at Woodlands Court, Rugby and dumped numerous items including a cooker and washing machine inside.

Warwick District

Incident 362 of 18 August – Golf Lane, Whitnash

At some point before 9pm on 18 August, offenders entered an allotment site in Golf Lane and broke into a wooden shed. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a Honda petrol rotovator.

Incident 382 of 17 August – Upper Holly Walk, Leamington

During the night of 16 into 17 August, offenders forced open the door of a garage at a home in Upper Holly Walk and entered the premises. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a Bosch hedge trimmer.

Incident 364 of 17 August – Granville Street, Leamington

Between the early hours of 16 August and 7am on 17 August, offenders broke into the garage of a home in Granville Street, Leamington and stole numerous items including power tools, a chainsaw and joints of meat from the freezer.

Incident 231 of 17 August – Hughes Close, Woodloes Park

At some point between 9am and 5pm on 17 August, offenders forced open a rear window at a home in Hughes Close, Woodloes Park and entered the house. It is not clear if anything was stolen.

Incident 67 of 19 August – Church Street, Barford

During the night of 18 into 19 August, offenders broke into a primary school in Church Street, Barford through a window. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a laptop computer.

Incident 119 of 19 August – Stiles Close, Hampton Magna

During the same night, offenders broke into a primary school in Stiles Close, Hampton Magna by prising open a window. It is not clear what was stolen.

Incident 199 of 17 August – Caesar Road, Kenilworth

Again on the same night, offenders attempted to break into a primary school in Caesar Road, Kenilworth by smashing an office window. The offenders failed to get inside and nothing was stolen.

Incident 44 of 20 August – Rouncil Lane, Kenilworth

During the night of 19 into 20 August, offenders broke into a storeroom at a rural premises off Rouncil Lane, Kenilworth and stole a mower, a strimmer and a Honda petrol generator.

South Warwickshire

Incident 94 of 19 August – Campbell Close, Shotton

During the night of 18 into 19 August, offenders broke into the detached garage

of a home in Campbell Close, Shotton and stole 3 bicycles and several bottles of beer.

Incident 17 of 21 August – Ingram Close, Great Wolford

At around 1.30am on 21 August, three offenders entered the grounds of a home in Ingram Close, Great Wolford from the rear and forced open a living room window. The offenders entered the house and stole the keys to an Audi vehicle, a decanter of whisky and a quantity of cash. The offenders then used the keys to drive the vehicle away.

Incident 185 of 19 August – Meldrum Court, Temple Herdewyke

During the night of 18 into 19 August, offenders climbed into the lounge of a home in Meldrum Court through an insecure window and stole an Xbox.

Incident 10 of 21 August – Avon Dassett

Between midnight at 1am on 21 August, two male offenders broke into a home in Avon Dassett by prising open a front window. Once inside the house, the offenders stole the keys to a BMW vehicle and then used them to steal the vehicle.

The vehicle was later recovered and two offenders were arrested.

Incident 107 of 19 August – Snowford Hill, Long Itchington

During the night of 18 into 19 August, offenders broke into a metal storage container at a property in Snowford Hill, Long Itchington. It is not clear what was stolen.

Incident 94 of 18 August – Coughton Lane, Coughton

During the night of 17 into 18 August, offenders climbed over fencing into the grounds of a school in Coughton Lane and broke into a storage container. It is not clear what was stolen.

Incident 121 of 19 August – Campden Road, Lower Quinton

At around 1am on 19 August, offenders broke into a workshop at a premises in Campden Road, Lower Quinton. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a motorbike, power tools and other miscellaneous tools and torches.

Countywide Information

Community Speedwatch relaunches in Warwickshire



Warwickshire Police's Community Speedwatch scheme is relaunching this week from Monday 17 August 2020 as part of a phased reintroduction in the county.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join together to monitor speeds of vehicles in their local area with support from the police. In Warwickshire each group uses the LTI Speed Lasers independently purchased by either the group itself or the local parish council.

Any vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit are referred to Warwickshire

Police and receive a letter with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. However, in cases where education is ignored and there is evidence of repeat or excessive offences, even across county borders, enforcement and prosecution follow.

Inspector Sally Bunyard-Spiers said "Speeding continues to be a concern for many communities in both rural and urban environments and we are delighted that we are able to start a phased reintroduction of the Community Speedwatch Scheme in Warwickshire.

"Warwickshire Police is very grateful to all the CSW volunteers who use their own time to help make Warwickshire's roads safer for everyone, often enthusiastically supporting national anti-speeding campaigns."

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe said "I would encourage anyone who is concerned about speeding in their community to consider signing up as a Community Speedwatch volunteer. As well as helping Warwickshire Police and partners to raise awareness of speeding, the visible presence of CSW helps to reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit, improving the quality of life for local communities and most importantly helping to reduce death and injury on our roads. This is something I am keen to support."

Warwickshire Police is keen to support and develop further CSW groups and as soon as COVID restrictions allow we hope to be able to progress the training of newly formed CSW groups.

Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by officers and staff including a new soon to be appointed Road Safety Officer who will oversee the CSW groups.

The aim of CSW is to make our roads safer, and to ensure no CSW members or the public are put at risk, a full risk assessment is carried out for each group.

If you are interested in forming a CSW group in your area, please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood team. The details of your local SNT can be found by visiting www.warwickshire.police.uk and entering your location.

For more information about CSW please visit <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

Man charged with drug offences in Atherstone

Emanuel Arang Awet, 31, of Cedars Avenue, Birmingham has been charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to supply, possession of heroin with intent to supply, possession of cannabis and assaulting an emergency worker.

He was arrested after plain clothed officers from Warwickshire Police Proactive CID stopped him in Tonnes Court Yard, Atherstone yesterday (Thursday 20 August) morning as part of an ongoing investigation.

The officers seized drugs during the arrest and more drugs were seized following a search of a nearby property.

During the search one of the officers was allegedly bitten, suffering a minor injury to her arm.

Arang Awet will appear at Coventry Magistrates' Court today.

Police enquiries are ongoing. Anyone with information that can help police should call 101. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Warwickshire's dedicated Rural Crime Team expands



Warwickshire Police's Rural Crime Team, which was launched in October 2019, has now almost doubled in size thanks to increased investment by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner, funded through the Council Tax precept.

Three additional officers have been recruited into the team and with a further vacancy due to be filled shortly. This takes the total number of dedicated Rural Crime experts within the force to ten, with a further fifteen trained Wildlife Crime Officers around the county.

The new officers will be based in Stratford, Atherstone and Rugby, allowing for an additional shift to be implemented and for the team to increase their presence across the whole of the county.

Day-to-day, the Rural Crime Team specialise in key types of rural crime by responding to rural offences, working with rural communities to address local issues, providing crime prevention advice, running regular proactive operations and patrolling in their dedicated beat areas.

Alongside the expansion of the team, a dedicated Strategy has now been published to provide clarity around the force's approach, focus and commitment to tackling rural offences. A copy of the strategy can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3iZMR7a>

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Secombe made boosting the Rural Crime Team one of the

priorities for the additional funding raised through local Council Tax contributions this year. He said: "Crime in our rural areas is a major concern for people across Warwickshire and I have been keen to ensure that there is additional resource and expertise within Warwickshire Police to help boost the focus that is placed on both preventing and detecting offences outside of our urban populations.

"The original introduction of the Rural Crime Team was as a result of the priority I made in previous years to invest in frontline policing and, with the success of this approach now proven, I am pleased to see the team expand further.

"With dedicated teams now established for both the north and the south of the county and a comprehensive strategy to tackle offences in place, I want to reinforce the message that rural crime will not be tolerated anywhere in Warwickshire. We know there is much work to be done, but I hope this sends a signal to everyone about the determination to make a real difference in our rural communities."

Following the expansion, Rural Crime Lead for Warwickshire Police, Inspector Alison Wiggin, said: "As a largely rural county, sadly we do suffer from rural crime and alongside other counties, we have seen an increase over recent years - especially in relation to livestock and caravan thefts.

"We're really pleased to have received this additional investment to help us to continue tackling rural crime within our communities."

Chief Constable for Warwickshire Police, Martin Jelley, said: "Rural crime is an extremely important issue which can cause huge distress and financial hardship to victims and communities, and we are determined to address this.

"The team has had a significant impact in its first 10 months, and I am extremely pleased to see the addition of these new officers, which will help to strengthen the team and enable us to make our rural communities even safer.

"While we recognise there is still more work to be done, we have made significant investments to tackle rural issues over the past ten months and we remain committed to this.

"I'd like to thank the public for their support to enable this increase to take place, and am confident our rural communities will really see the benefits from these additions."

To learn more about the Rural Crime Team and see what they are doing in your local area, visit www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk (where you can also sign up for regular alerts), or follow them on social media - @WarwickshireRuralCrimeTeam (Facebook) and @RuralCrimeCops (Twitter).

Man arrested after woman seriously injured in Leamington collision

Warwickshire police officers investigating an incident where a woman suffered serious injuries after a car collided with her have arrested a man.

Officers were called at 12.31pm on Friday 14 August to a report of the road traffic collision in Newbold Street, Leamington. The driver of the car failed to stop at the scene of the accident.

The woman in her 70s was taken to hospital with serious injuries to her leg and torso. She remains in hospital.

Officers carrying out enquiries arrested a 27-year-old man from Stratford on suspicion of failing to stop at the scene of

an accident. He was released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Officers are appealing anyone with further information to contact Warwickshire Police on 101 quoting incident 155 of 14 August 2020. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Nuneaton woman jailed for sexual activity with teenage boy

A woman has been jailed for having sex with a teenage boy.

Kellie Smith, 28, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual activity with a child.

Smith groomed the 15-year-old, buying him alcohol and smoking cannabis with him. She then booked them both into a hotel in Nuneaton in March where they had sex.

She was arrested the following day after the victim's mother reported him missing and police enquiries established the two had spent the night together.

Smith was handed a two year and eight month jail term at Warwick Crown Court on Tuesday (18 August).



The conviction follows an investigation by Nuneaton Serious and Complex Crime Team.

Police Staff Investigator Amanda Jackson from Nuneaton Serious and Complex Crime team said: "Like many people involved in the sexual exploitation of children, Smith groomed her victim. She made him believe she cared about him, purely to exploit him for her own sexual gratification. It was a despicable crime for which she has quite rightly been sent to prison.

"I would like to pay tribute to the victim. Coming to terms with the fact you have been groomed and abused in this way is never easy but he has shown great courage in supporting this investigation and conviction.

"Hopefully, this gives other victim of grooming and sexual exploitation the confidence to come forward in the knowledge that we will listen and we will investigate."

If you have been a victim of child exploitation or are concerned someone else is being exploited support is available

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/caa/child-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation/>

once disturbed will deter burglars, or may make them run off if they are activated.

Crime Prevention Advice

Keeping your home and property safe

At this time of year and especially in these unprecedented times, it is essential that we remain vigilant and keep ourselves and our property safe.

You can do this easily by doing the following simple things:

- Be aware of strangers and walkers around your area as most burglaries are opportunistic
- Make sure that you close and lock windows and doors when they are not in use or when you are leaving your home.
- Remove anything of value such as electronic devices, jewellery and silverware out of sight of windows
- Make sure that you dispose of packaging of new items discreetly and safely. Leaving out boxes showing you have had a new TV will make you more of a target.
- Don't leave items that you want to keep on your driveway or down the side of your home. These may attract unwanted attention
- Hide keys to high value vehicles and motorbikes. Use a Faraday box or pouch to store key fobs for keyless start vehicles. Never leave keys within sight of your doors, they can easily be fished through a letterbox.
- Make sure that sheds and garages are secured properly. Add a padlock alarm or shed alarm if possible. Something to make noise