

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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*September 2018 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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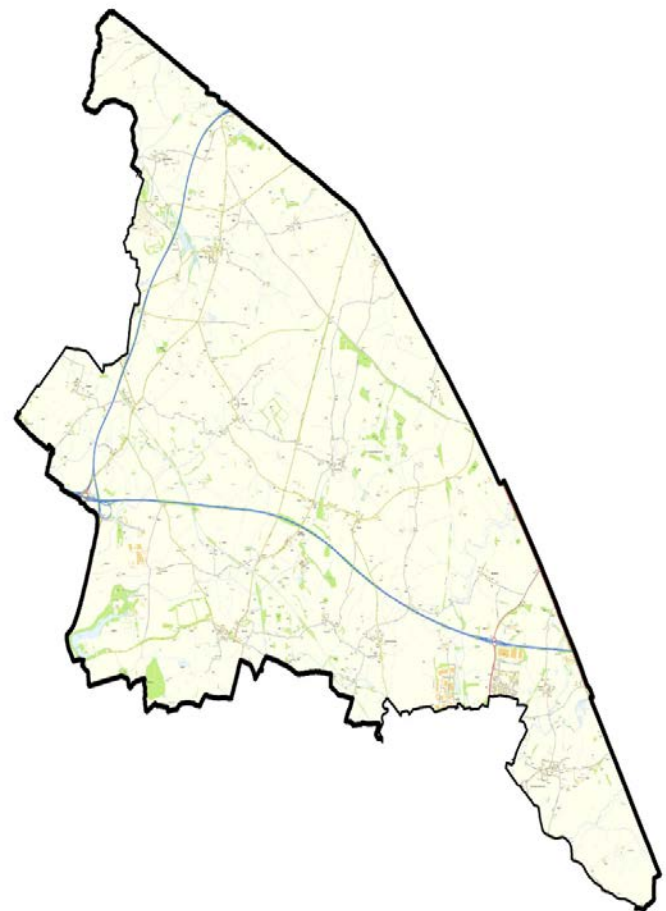
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect 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.



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## Your local policing team

Inspector 1598 Karen McClay – Rugby Borough SNT



Sergeant 0948 Sarah Masters – SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town West and Rural

Sergeant 1906 Stu Baker – SNT Sergeant for Rugby Town Centre & North



PCSO 6152 Sharon Bailie-Crabtree – Rugby Rural North

## Introduction

Welcome to the September issue of the Rural North Newsletter. Please could we ask you to complete the short survey below?

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

We will continue to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area working with schools and the local council to identify and address any concerns you may have. Anti-Social Behaviour is anything which causes harassment, alarm or distress. It can take many forms and there are a numbers ways we can put a stop to it.

However in order to best address anti-social behaviour Rugby SNT, have created a short online survey. The survey consist of 8 questions and take approximately 2 minutes to complete, the data we receive will then help tailor our response to concerns of each individual area across Rugby's policing area. Whilst simultaneously increasing the level of communication between the local neighbourhood and residents.

So far we have had 232 responses, so a huge thank you to those who already have completed the survey. But we are still pushing for more, so please take the time to complete the survey it can be found on our Twitter @RugbyCops or accessed via the link below:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BXHY6GJ>**

## **[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 302 24/08/2018 – Top Road, Barnacle**

Between 1:00pm and 3:00pm unknown offenders have stolen a car from a property with keys.

#### **Inc 272 29/08/2018 – Wolds Lane, Wolvey**

Around 3:30pm unknown offenders have gained entry to a property, nothing taken as disturbed with CCTV.

#### **Inc 306 29/08/2018 – Leicester Road, Wolvey**

Between 7:30am and 4:30pm unknown offenders have gained entry via a rear window and a car has been stolen with keys.

#### **Inc 344 30/08/2018 – Withybrook Road, Bulkington**

About 5:00pm a male has been disturbed rummaging through a property. When he has been seen, he has jumped out of window before leaving the area.

### **Burglary Business and Commercial – 4 reported incidents**

#### **Inc 75 02/08/2018 – Main Street, Withybrook**

A stable has been entered and the horses have been let out and tools were missing.

#### **Inc 53 15/08/2018 – Wolvey Road, Wolvey**

A caravan compound has been entered and a caravan has been stolen.

#### **Inc 179 29/08/2018 – Coventry Road, Wolvey**

A storage container has been entered and power tools have been taken.

#### **Inc 71 17/08/2018 – Cypress Road, Rugby**

A room has been entered and hard hats and jackets have been stolen.

### **Criminal Damage – 0 reported incidents**

## **Theft – 15 reported incidents**

6 x Commercial Thefts  
2 x Theft from HGV's

### **Inc 121 06/08/2018 – The Wharf , Stretton under Fosse**

A padlock has been cut off and a skip loader has been stolen, green in colour.

## **Vehicle Crime -10 reported incidents**

### **Inc 190 01/08/2018 – Charles Lakin Close, Shilton**

Overnight the front and rear number plates have been stolen.

### **Inc 94 08/08/2018 – Coombe Abbey Country Park**

The handle on a sliding door has been pulled off and an attempt has been made to force the lock off.

### **Inc 133 11/08/2018 – Main Road, Ansty**

Both wing mirrors to a mini have been stolen.

### **Inc 235 14/08/2018 – Broad Street, Brinklow.**

Three males have tried to gain entry to a van by making a hole in the drivers side lock, before being disturbed.

### **Inc 196 25/08/2018 – Brinklow Road, Ansty**

A Mercedes panel van has had the spare wheel stolen.

## **Mobile Police Visits**

Mobile Police Station visits should be up and running again on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, notice boards will be updated as soon as possible.

## **Rugby Rural North Policing Priorities.**

The policing priorities are still the same for this month:

- 1 – To conduct speed checks on Main Street, Withybrook.
- 2 – To conduct speed checks on Pailton Road and Easenhall Road, Harborough Magna.

Our actions so far with the policing priorities are:

### **Speed checks on Main Street, Withybrook**

Speed checks have been completed on 19/07/2018 between 10:30am and 11:05hrs, 23 vehicles have been checked and 3 warning letters have been issued to drives travelling at 34mph in a 30mph speed limit.

Speed checks completed on 11/08/2018 between 10:45am till 11:15am. Approximately 19 vehicles entered the village and 8 vehicles left the village one vehicle travelled at 32mph.

Speed checks completed on the 22/08/2018 from 11:30am till 12:00pm on Main Street. Approx 21 vehicles entered the village and 13 vehicles left the village. Two vehicles exceeded the 30mph speed limit 1x34mph and 1x37mph.

Two warning letters were sent out ref this speeding operation.

Speed checks completed on the 28/08/2018 from 3:35pm till 4:05pm. Approx 24 vehicles entered from the Wovely direction and 18 from the Rugby direction. 1 vehicle exceeded the 30mph travelling at 34mph. 1 warning letter was sent out.

### **Speed checks on Pailton Road, Harborough Magna**

Speed checks have been carried out on 17/07/2018 between 9:05am and 9:40am, 50 vehicles have been checked and 2 x TOR's have been issued by PC Haden for excess speed of 37mph and 47 mph in a 30mph speed limit.

Speed checks completed 22/08/2018 from 10:45am to 11:15am. Approx 53 vehicles entered the village from the Rugby direction and 54 vehicles entered from Pailton. Vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit were 34x1, 36x1 and 1x39mph. Two warning letters sent 22/08/2018.

Speed checks completed 28/08/2018 from 04:35pm till 05:05pm. Approx 164 vehicles entered the village from Pailton and 205 vehicles entered from the Rugby direction. Vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit 34x1, 36x2 and 42x1. 4 warning letters were sent out ref speeding operation on 28/08/2018.

Speed checks completed 31/08/2018 from 05:40pm till 06:15pm. Approx 150 vehicles entered the village from the Rugby direction and 85 vehicles entered from Pailton. Vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit were 34x2, 35x1, 36x1, 37x1, 40x3 and 43x1.

## **Good News Stories**

### **Drug arrests after car stopped on A5**

A 25-year-old man from Leamington and 35-year-old woman from Rugby have been arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs with intent to supply after their car was stopped by officers on the A5 near Rugby on Friday (3 August).

A quantity of what is believed to be class A drugs was seized.

Both suspects have been released under investigation while investigations continue.

### **Arrest of 5 People in Car in Harborough Magna**

On the 10th August, officers from Warwickshire Operational Patrol Unit have stopped an Audi Q3 in Harborough Magna and detained 5 people inside the vehicle. Officers from patrol at Rugby helped their colleagues and after they were searched all five occupants were arrested. The Audi was confirmed as a stolen vehicle from the Coventry area and had recently been stolen in a burglary.

## **Trading Standards Updates**

Scam Alert - Fake British Gas Emails

**Watch out for these fake British Gas refund emails.**

There has been an increase in reports about fake British Gas emails claiming to offer refunds. The links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking British Gas phishing websites that are

designed to steal the usernames and passwords for British Gas accounts.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

For more information on how to stay secure online, visit [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

## Crime Prevention

### Welcome to the emergencySMS

The emergencySMS service lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard.

Simply by sending an SMS message to 999 you can call for help and the emergency services will be able to reply to you.

You will need to register your mobile phone before using the emergencySMS service, click on the **Registering your phone** link above for more information.

Click [here](#) to download the emergencySMS leaflet.

**REMEMBER:** This is an emergency service and must only be used in an emergency as below.

#### When...

- Life is at risk;
- Crime/trouble is happening now;
- Someone is injured or threatened;
- Person committing crime is near;
- There is a fire or people trapped;
- You need an ambulance urgently;
- Someone is in trouble, or missing, at sea,
- Someone is in trouble on the cliffs or on the shoreline

<http://www.emergencysms.org.uk/>

### Using SMS to contact the 999 service in an emergency

#### Do you know about the EmergencySMS service?

**It is a valuable tool that can be shared with our communities, partners and even families and friends.**

**It assists anyone who may have communication difficulties with contacting the police or other emergency services.**

**The service is free and allows you to use text messaging to get in touch with any of the UK 999 services (police, ambulance, fire and rescue or coastguard).**

It is available for anyone who finds making a voice call difficult, has communication difficulties, is deaf and includes members of the autistic community.

## Preventing Vehicle Crime

Do not be complacent about keeping your property and your vehicle safe. By following the below advice you can help prevent opportunist thieves from striking.

Never leave anything on show in your vehicle and remember to take your sat nav and audio equipment with you. Always remove the sat nav cradle and wipe away the suction marks.

Remember, never leave the car with its engine running or the keys in the ignition and fit self-locking screws to prevent number plates being stolen and always lock your car and fully close its windows and sunroof when you are leaving it unattended. Double check by pulling your vehicles door handles to ensure the central locking system is working correctly.

Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels, fuel caps and wheels and park in well-lit areas or in a secure car park. Never leave your mobile phone behind and do not store items in the boot, remember to take them with you.

Keyless entry vehicles, although convenient, are currently an extremely easy target for theft with increasing numbers being stolen. However, there are several steps you can take to reduce your risk.

1. Ensure your vehicle is properly locked and keep keys far away from doors and windows to ensure the vehicle is no longer in range of the key's signal.
2. Place keys in a metal/foiled lined box or container, or another container that blocks the keys signal from reaching the vehicle when it's not in use.
3. Switch off the key's wireless signal when you don't need your vehicle. If you are unsure if the key has this function, find out in your owner's manual.
4. You could also purchase an aftermarket security device, such as a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post or even a wheel clamp. Even if the thieves are able to access and start your car, these should prevent them from driving away. Many criminals will consider bypassing these as too much hassle.
5. Other steps include checking if there are any software updates for the car itself, remaining vigilant for unusual activity in your area and having an aftermarket immobiliser or tracker fitted.

For further information on all forms of crime prevention, please visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/2099/Crime-and-safety>

Please remain vigilant around your area and report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to the Police on 101. Thank you.

Information can also be given anonymously to the Independent Charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

## Police warn of 'HMRC' scam calls in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Police is reminding people to remain vigilant, after receiving a number of reports of scam telephone calls from residents.

A number of people have reported receiving calls purporting to be from HMRC, informing them there is a police warrant out for their arrest for the non-payment of tax. In these cases, often victims may then receive a second call a few days later.

HMRC, banks and the police will never ring people in this manner or ask for personal or bank details over the phone.

If you receive a call of this type, we advise that you do not give any details out and hang up immediately. Note the phone number that rang and report it on 101 or to [Action Fraud](#) on 0300 123 2040.

If you have elderly friends or relatives who may be vulnerable to this scam, please talk to them and make them aware.

### Contact us!

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🌐 <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/2237/Rugby-Rural-North>

☎ **999** – In an Emergency

☎ **101** – To report a Crime

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