

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural Central Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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Long Lawford – Church Lawford - Wolston – Binley Woods – Brandon  
Bretford – Ryton on Dunsmore – Kings Newnham – Little Lawford

Welcome to the May edition of the Rugby Rural Central team newsletter. Below you can find out what the team have been up to during the month of April 2017. The area has continued to fall victim of a wave of house burglaries with high performance vehicles being targetted. We have seen Wolston and Binley Woods being the main victims but have also had suspicious activity reported in other villages. The team are also being supported by other specialist police teams to help apprehend these criminals. We would like all residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour by calling 101. When calling 101 please ensure that you are put through to Warwickshire Police.

### Rugby Rural Central Team



#### **PC Mike Stamp**

Beat manager for  
Rugby Rural Central



#### **PCSO Charlie Cawte**

PCSO for  
Binley Woods, Bretford,  
Brandon and Wolston



#### **PCSO Matt Havelock**

PCSO for  
Ryton on Dunsmore,  
Kings Newnham, Church  
Lawford, Little Lawford & Long Lawford



## **Crime Overview**

This section looks at the crimes of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural Central Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is a brief summary of some of the incidents that have been reported to us in the month of April:

**Anti Social Behaviour** – There has been 12 separate reports of ASB in the Rugby Rural Central area.

- Incident 419 of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – School Street, Wolston - Report that a group of 3 youths are smoking cannabis in the alley.
- Incident 349 of the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – A46, Eastern bypass – Report of three young males throwing stones at passing cars.
- Incident 207, 217 and 245 of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Brandon Woods, Brandon Lane – Report of a group of males riding off road bikes.
- Incident 214 of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Redhill Road, Long Lawford – Report of a group of males smoking cannabis in the car park.
- Incident 123 of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Main Street, Wolston – Report that a group of youths are in the alley and due to recent damage the caller was concerned.
- Incident 300 of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Priory Road, Wolston – Report of a group of children on the railway line.
- Incident 244 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – Brandon Woods, Brandon Lane – Report that a group have been seen riding off road bikes in the woodland area.
- Incident 299 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – School Street, Wolston – Report of two males in the alley smoking cannabis
- Incident 301 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - Brandon Woods, Brandon Lane – Report that a group have been seen riding off road bikes in the woodland area.
- Incident 256 of the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Brandon Woods, Brandon Lane – Report that 3 bikes racing around the woods

**Burglaries (Dwelling)** – There have been 7 reports of Burglary Dwelling in the Rugby Central area.

- Incident 10 of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Meadow Road, Wolston - Report that around 1:30 am the informant was awoken by a loud bang. Informant has come downstairs and into the kitchen to find that his back door has been kicked in to a UPVC kitchen door. Unknown offenders have gained entry to the kitchen and have removed a set of keys to a white Volkswagen Tiguan R line and stolen the vehicle, making off in an unknown direction.
- Incident 395 of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Teeswater Close, Long Lawford - Between Sunday Morning of the 09 April 2017 and 7pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Unknown offenders have gained access to a private dwelling via by using patio slab, throwing it into the rear patio kitchen doors shattering the glass. Once inside the offenders stolen the keys to a VW Golf GTD car. The offenders have then made off in the stolen car in an unknown direction
- Incident 214 of the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Sir Winston Churchill Place, Binley Woods – Report that a unknown person has entered the victim's house, the unknown suspect has then told the elderly couple that they owe him money for cleaning the windows or guttering. The confused couple have then handed over money believed approximately £100 before the offender left the location.
- Incident 121 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – Monks Road, Binley Woods – report that unknown offenders have gained entry to the front of the address by entering an insecure hallway window. They have then stolen car keys and then the car, they have also other belongings from inside the property.
- Incident 142 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – Court Leet, Binley Woods – Report that between 2115hrs on Saturday 22 April 2017 and 0830 hours Sunday 23 April 2017, Unknown offenders have approached the rear of the property by U/K means have opened a window. No entry gained to the dwelling. Offenders have then removed a garden ornament from a table outside to a value of £5 and made off in an unknown direction.
- Incident 38 of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Foxwood Drive, Binley Woods – Report that unknown offenders have gained access to the property via a rear patio door. Once inside car keys have been taken; to a Black Audi S5. Offenders have then made good their escape with the vehicle in an unknown direction.

- Incident 105 of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – School Street, Wolston – report that between 09:50am and 10:30am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 unknown offenders have smashed a small window in the front door, and gained entry. The offenders have then gone to the rear of the property and taken the keys to a VW Golf. The vehicle has then made off in an unknown direction.

**Burglaries (Non Dwelling)** – There have been 1 reports of Burglary (Non Dwelling) in the Rugby Rural Central Area.

- Incident 217 of the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – London Road, Ryton on Dunsmore – report that unknown offenders have broken into a building site by means unknown between 5pm on the 04<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and 8am on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. They have stolen a quantity of tools.

**Criminal Damage** – There have been 3 reports of Criminal Damage in the Rugby Rural Central Area for the month of April.

- Incident 116 of the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Daneswood Road, Binley Woods – Damage to a fence panel at the rear of the garden.
- Incident 299 of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Meadow Road, Wolston – Car windscreen smashed on a moving vehicle.
- Incident 38 of the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Earls Walk, Binley Woods – Tyres slashed on an unattended car parked on a driveway.

**Theft** – There have been 5 reports of Theft in the Rugby Rural Central Area.

- Incident 383 of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – Poplar Grove, Ryton on Dunsmore – Theft of metal lintels from a driveway.
- Incident 51 of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon – Wallet stolen from guests jacked whilst left unattended.
- Incident 333 of the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Co-op, School Street, Wolston – Pack of beers stolen from within the shop.
- Incident 367 of the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Wolston Grange Home – Handbag stolen from insecure office.
- Incident 395 of the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Heather Road, Binley Woods – Vehicle entered and money stolen from within.

**Vehicle Crime** – There have been 6 separate reports of vehicle crime.

- Incident 302 of the 6<sup>th</sup> April – Manor Estate, Wolston – Tow bar stolen off vehicle whilst parked on the street.
- Incident 112 of the 10<sup>th</sup> April – Chapel Street, Long Lawford - Attempt made to gain access to a van drivers door lock damaged
- Incident 176 of the 14<sup>th</sup> April – Meadow Road, Wolston – Car entered and items stolen from within.
- Incident 277 of the 14<sup>th</sup> April – Meadow Road, Wolston – Car entered and items stolen from within.
- Incident 152 of the 17<sup>th</sup> April – Woodlands Road, Binley Woods – Car entered and items stolen from within.
- Incident 261 of the 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friars Close, Binley Woods – Suspicious male trying car doors.

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## **Our team Priorities**

Policing priorities have been set for the Rugby Rural Central Team at the last Community Forum held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Binley Woods Village Hall. The team have adopted the below priorities for the following three months

- Proactive patrols to reduce theft of number plates in the Wolston and Long Lawford area.
- Proactive patrols in the RRC area to reduce theft from commercial vehicles.

Although these are currently the main SNT priorities, we will continue to monitor any issues that have been raised previously.

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# Appeals News and Updates/Information and Advice

## Garden Security

With the longer days a lot of us are spending more time in the garden this time of year. Have you ever stopped and taken the time to consider the value of property stored in your gardens, sheds and garages. Power tools, plants, containers, hand tools, sports equipment, cycles and toys are among those items most often taken by thieves.

Don't give thieves 'shedloads' of opportunities!

Most garden sheds are not designed for safe storage. Here are some shed security tips;

- Keep your shed in good condition.
- Fit closed shackled padlock to the door.
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- Fit grilles or mesh to the windows
- Invest in an alarm.

Once you have improved the physical security of your shed, it is important to make everything inside it secure. Tools and equipment could be used to force entry into your home, causing you even more expense and hassle. Make sure;

- Large items such as bicycles are chained together. It is much more difficult for a thief to carry away a lot of large heavy items all at once.
- Ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they cannot be used to reach top floor windows of your house.
- Your valuables should be marked with your postcode.

### Top Tips for a safer garden

- Gates, fences and walls should be kept in good repair to stop intruders getting in.
- Grow prickly plants close to vulnerable areas such as windows, fences, boundary walls and drainpipes.
- Don't leave expensive equipment like garden tools, mowers mountain bikes and power tools in the shed.
- If you have nowhere else to store valuable equipment, take measures to secure your shed.
- Don't leave ladders and tools lying around in your garden – these could be used to break into your home.
- Mark your garden tools and equipment with your postcode.



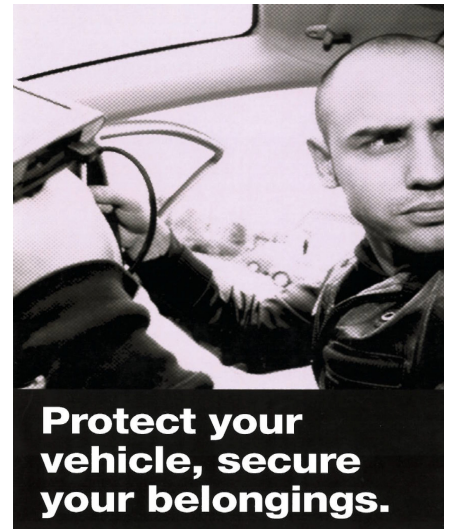
PCSO Havelock says the most important tool to have in all sheds and garages is a permanent marker pen so when using new and existing tools the pen is utilised to mark your property with either your name or postcode so if you are ever a victim of crime we can get these items back to you if recovered.

## **Protect your vehicle, secure your belongings.**

You are less likely to become a victim of vehicle crime in Warwickshire than in many other counties but this is no consolation if your phone, wallet, handbag or satellite navigation equipment is taken and your vehicle damaged in the process.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Never leave anything on view.
- Take audio and sat nav equipment in with you.
- Remove the sat nav cradle and wipe away suction marks.
- Never leave the car with the engine running, or the keys in the ignition.
- Fit self-locking screws to prevent number plates being stolen
- Always lock your car and fully close windows and sunroofs
- Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels, fuel caps and wheels
- Park in safe, well-lit areas or secure car parks
- Never leave your mobile phone behind when leaving the car.



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## **News Stories**

### **PCSO's spend a day with Long Lawford Primary School**

PCSO's Matt Havelock and Charlie Cawte went back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The PCSO's spent time with years 3 and 5, speaking about staying safe on the way to a from school and when out with parents. The pair ended each session with question time from the children. The PCSO's have also arranged another day with the school to complete years 4, 2 and 1.





## Speed Checks on High Street, Ryton on Dunsmore



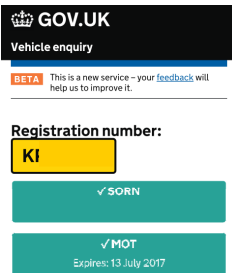
The team were contacted by concerned residents about the speed of vehicles using High Street, Ryton on Dunsmore. PCSO Havelock and PC Stamp of the Rugby Rural Central SNT team attended on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and checked the speed of around 50 vehicles in the 30 minute check. The team have feed back there findings to the concerned residents and have agreed to conduct further checks and will consider this as a policing priority at the next community forum.

## Vehicle Seized for No Tax in Wolston and Ryton on Dunsmore

PCSO's Matt Havelock and Charlie Cawte were patrolling in Wolston on 21<sup>st</sup> April when they saw a vehicle parked on the road and looked in an abandoned condition. On further checks they found the vehicle had expired Tax. The vehicle was seized as this was parked on the public highway. The pair were then later patrolling



Ryton on Dunsmore when another vehicle caught their attention for the same reasons. This was also found to have no tax and seized. If the owners of their want to collect their vehicles then they will have to pay for the tax from the time it had expired, plus its current tax as well as its recovery fee alternatively they can decide to have the vehicle crushed.



## Vehicle seized and Male arrested in Binley Woods



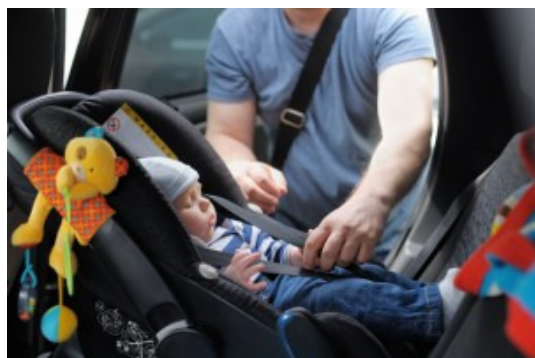
Due to the increased activity surrounding thefts of cars and burglaries our traffic colleagues' have been patrolling the area in order to detect and deter all criminality using our roads. On the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 our traffic colleagues stopped a van travelling along the A428 in

Binley Woods due to having no insurance, the van was seized and one of the occupants of the van had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from Sunderland! The male was arrested and the van seized.



## Car Seat safety training for Rugby Officers

PCSO Matt Havelock was one of the ten officers from Rugby Police Station that was selected to complete Car Seat Safety training. PCSO Havelock has been involved with running events aimed at highlighting road safety. The team started the child car seat clinics as they were alerted to a worrying increase of children that were not being appropriately secured in cars or car seats that were not fitted correctly. The team worked with a car seat safety charity at a number of events across Warwickshire and found that 72%



of car seats were not fitted correctly. The officers received training and finished the day with IOSH accredited test. PCSO Matt Havelock was happy to find out that he had passed the test and this means that Matt along with the other officers can now check and advise parents and guardians about fitting child restraints to vehicles. If you have a

child's car seat or about to purchase one and would like Matt to check your seat fitment or for further information, please contact the team on the below details. Future Car Seat Safety Clinics will also be advertised on future newsletters.

## Contact us!

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**101** – To report a Crime



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