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

Welcome to the July edition of the Rugby Rural Central team newsletter. Below you can find out what the team have been up to during the month of June 2017. May and June have been extremely busy for policing both locally and nationally with officers resilience tested to the limits; however your local team continues to patrol, deter and detect issues in your local community, below is a snap shot of incidents, issues and arrests arising the last month or so.

Rugby Rural Central Team



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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 6 separate reports of ASB in the Rugby Rural Central area.

- Incident 230 of the 3rd June 2017 – Townsend Lane, Long Lawford – Report that unknown persons have been riding off road bikes and scooters on the school playing field
- Incident 320 of the 10th June 2017 – Townsend Lane, Long Lawford – Report that 3 young males have been witness on the roof of the school.
- Incident 514 of the 16th June 2017 – Edinburgh Way, long Lawford – Report that a group are in the street smoking cannabis
- Incident 31 of the 24th June 2017 – Holbrook Road, long Lawford – report that people are being loud in the street from a nearby party.
- Incident 478 of the 24th June – Brandon Woods, Brandon – Report of about 15 or more unknown youths have meet in the woods and are drinking a smoking around a small fire.
- Incident 20 of the 30th June – Townsend Close, Church Lawford – report that there is a large group of youths in the village from a nearby house party making noise and causing disturbance.

Burglaries (Dwelling) – There have been 1 report of Burglary Dwelling in the Rugby Central area.

- Incident 166 of the 26th June 2017 – Bilton Lane, Long Lawford - On Sunday 24th June the victim has realised that someone has tampered with the electric meter and found that a sovereign ring is missing. Unknown how offenders have gained entry into the premises.

Burglaries (Non Dwelling) – There have been 4 reports of Burglary (Non Dwelling) in the Rugby Rural Central Area.

- Incident 491 of the 1st June 2017 – Main Street, Wolston - Unknown offenders have caused damage to a gate to access the school grounds, once inside access to the school has been gained via a. At this stage it appears anything has been stolen.
- Incident 163 of the 6th June 2017 – Rugby Road, Brandon – Two males have entered a derelict building and have been seen to take radiators, metal shelving and an old washing machine out of the building and load it into a van and drive off. Officers stopped males and they have been questioned and enquiries are currently ongoing.
- Incident 108 of the 12th June 2017 – Holbrook Road, Long Lawford – sometime over the weekend unknown persons have trespassed into the school via fencing, and approached a secure play shed. Door to wooden play shed forced. Further damage was also caused to the school.
- Incident 193 of the 19th June 2017 – Rugby Road, Binley Woods – sometime overnight unknown offenders have cut a wire fence surrounding the premises and entered onsite storage. Once entry gained they have stolen tools and diesel.

Criminal Damage – There have been 4 reports of Criminal Damage in the Rugby Rural Central Area for the month of June.

- Incident 202 of the 7th June 2017 – School Street, Wolston - Unknown persons have set fire by unknown means to a metal cage container left at side of the shop.
- Incident 421 of the 6th June 2017 – Garratt Close, Long Lawford – Report that a known male has been witnessed to pull heads of the informants flowers and throw these around the street.
- Incident 329 of the 11th June 2017 – Manor Estate, Wolston – Report that around midnight unknown males where in the street and witnessed kicking a wing mirror of the informants vehicle.
- Incident 150 of the 20th June 2017 – Dyers Lane, Wolston – Report that unknown offenders have cut off the counter weight from gym equipment in the play area they have also cut ropes on a basket swing.

Theft – There have been 6 reports of Theft in the Rugby Rural Central Area.

- Incident 256 of the 6th June 2017 – Rugby Road, Binley Woods – Report that a female has entered the store and stolen various items from around the store. The female was challenged and left the store after a struggle with staff
- Incident 161 of the 10th June 2017 – Brandon lane, Brandon – Report that unknown offenders have stolen a black Samsung mobile phone from the informants bag.
- Incident 280 of the 18th June 2017 – School Street, Wolston – Report that an unknown female with children have entered the store and witnessed to steal various items from the store. They made there escape in a nearby parked vehicle.
- Incident 142 of the 18th June 2017 – London Road, Ryton on Dunsmore – Report that between unknown times items have been stolen from the informant's belongings.
- Incident 103 of the 22nd June 2017 – Dyers Lane, Wolston – report that unknown offenders have stolen batteries powering electric fencing.
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Vehicle Crime – There have been 4 separate reports of vehicle crime.

- Incident 54 of the 9th June 2017 – Elizabeth Way, long Lawford – report that sometime overnight unknown offenders have broken a lock securing a motorbike and then stolen the bike making of in an unknown direction.
- Incident 328 of the 15th June 2016 – Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore – Unknown persons have stolen the rear and front number plates from an unattended vehicle
- Incident 80 of the 16th June 2016 – Manns Close, Ryton on Dunsmore - Unknown persons have stolen the rear and front number plates from an unattended vehicle
- Incident 564 of the 18th June 2016 – Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore – Between 1145pm and midnight unknown offenders have smashed the rear window to a parked secure van and entry gained. Appears that no items have been stolen.

Our team Priorities

The next community forum is on the 6th July 2017 and will be at the Wolston Leisure Centre, CV8 3PD from 7pm. Please click the link below to vote on our next Policing priorities.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/34122/Online-voting-for-the-Rural-Central-Community-Forum---July-2017>

Our current policing priorities were set for the Rugby Rural Central Team at the last Community Forum held on the 16th 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.



News Stories

Male arrested in relation to theft from motor vehicles in Binley Woods and Brandon



In recent weeks your local SNT had received numerous different reports of thefts from motor cars, 15 in total from 29/04/2017 up until end May 2017. In the early hours of 30th May a male was seen by a member of public in Saxon Close Binley Woods acting suspiciously, police were called, located the male and after prompt enquires at the scene the male was arrested and hours later charged with theft from motor vehicles, Going equipped to steal and a

public order offence. Andrew Loakes was found guilty at Court and is now serving 12 weeks in HMP; discussions are now taking place with a view to Interview LOAKES in prison regarding the numerous other previous reports throughout April and May. Since Loakes' arrest reports of a similar nature have dropped/reduced notably.

Drugs Warrant Executed in Binley Woods

Sporadic reports are received by your local team regarding cannabis usage by youths in and around your community. In the early hours of 23rd June 2017 a Drugs warrant was executed in the Court Leet area of Binley Woods; officers swiftly entered the property and a male was arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs with the intention to supply them, a very large quantity of Cannabis resin was found, enquires are ongoing, direct result of intelligence gained from the community.



School Parking patrols leads to a car seizure in Ryton on Dunsmore

During recent school patrols outside Provost Williams School in Ryton on Dunsmore, by PCSO Matt Havelock and PC Michael Stamp they deterred vehicles from parking in such a manner to cause obstruction and put children in danger. PCSO Matt Havelock was highlighted to a vehicle parked on the yellow keep clear lines. On checking the vehicle it was found to have no current tax. The vehicle was seized and the driver also issued with a fixed penalty notice for the obstructive parking.





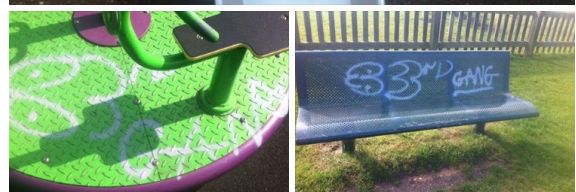
Anti Social Behaviour, not tolerated in the Rugby Rural Central Area

On 13th May police received reports of 2 males stood on the railway line throwing stones at passing cars underneath them, damage was caused to 2 cars, the same males then proceeded to enter into a nearby garden and damage some

patio furniture, even throwing one chair into the river. Police arrived swiftly identified the 2 males and they were interviewed, one male admitted fully to the offences of criminal damage and endangering road users and the other male responded to all questions put to him with 'no comment' the 2 males have been summonsed to court and will have a court date soon.

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On 8th May police were informed of a vast amount of damage caused in and around Wolston that had been occurring during weekend nights for the past 4 or 5 weeks. The damage consisted of spray paint over the new play area on Dyers lane as well as in the village centre on the 'bridge', the bird boxes erected by the volunteers of Woods been torn down and smashed, damage within the Primary school grounds and finally various cars been egged and floured. After tireless enquires your local SNT identified 3



youths responsible for the chaos, they have been interviewed and fully admitted to all the damage caused over the last 1 or 2 months; with discussions held at the local community centre with the parents and victims it has been decided to deal with this matter via a local Community resolution without criminalising the youths who are 12 years old.

Appeals News and Updates/Information and Advice

New 'No Rogue Trader Zone' Launched in Ryton-on-Dunsmore

A new 'No Rogue Trader Zone' is to be launched in Ryton-on-Dunsmore under a scheme operated by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service and supported by Warwickshire Police.

The 'No Rogue Trader Zone' comprises a number of rogue trader 'hotspots' identified using Police intelligence. Trading Standards Officers have issued residents with No Rogue Trader door/window stickers and information booklets following the theme of staying safe from cowboy traders. Street signage has been erected to reinforce the No Rogue Trader message and act as a warning to rogue traders that they will be reported if they attempt to trade in the area.



Warwickshire County Councillor Howard Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said: "Rogue traders are a menace, pressurising residents to have work carried out on their homes and gardens that is often unnecessary and always overpriced and poorly carried out." "No Rogue Trader Zones have proved very successful in deterring rogue traders and bogus callers where they have been established across the county. I'm delighted that a No Rogue Trader Zone is now being launched in Ryton-on-Dunsmore to help protect often very vulnerable and elderly residents from doorstep crime."

PCSO Matt Havelock of the Rugby Rural Central Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, added: "Rogue traders call at your door and offer to do work on your home or garden that will be either unnecessary or vastly over-priced. They have no formal training to carry out the work. Some have links with distraction burglars. Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with the trader; legitimate traders would never do this and never allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out. Do NOT open the door if you do not know the caller. If you ask them to leave and they don't call 101 or 999 in an emergency. If you do think your property needs some work, talk to a relative or friend who can help

you find a reputable trader. Never agree to any work or sign anything on the spot and if you are not sure, don't open the door."

Warwickshire Trading Standards surveyed residents in the 'hot spot' areas. Most of the residents were aged 60 or over and almost three-quarters were at home for most of the day. Of the residents who responded, 63% said that doorstep sellers were a nuisance in the area. Two-thirds had had people knocking on their doors in the last year asking them to buy something or offering to do work for them. The types of goods/work offered included:

- Gardening work, including tree felling, tree surgery, tree maintenance, hedge trimming
- Double glazing, replacement windows, conservatories
- Drives, including drive cleaning and sealing, tarmacing and block paving
- Roofing and roofing repairs, including replacement tiles, roof cleaning and sealing
- Guttering and fascias, including cleaning and clearing, repairing and replacing
- Household goods and cleaning products, including carpets, sofas, brushes, dusters, cleaning cloths and other "items from a bag"

Many of the residents reported that doorstep callers had been persistent, aggressive, dishonest, intimidating, and intrusive. One resident said that when she had refused to open her front door, the rogue trader had broken her gate to try and enter via patio doors. Another cut down trees in a residents garden, despite being asked not to and stole ladders. Rogue traders were also reported to have banged loudly on doors and not taken 'no' for an answer.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to **Warwickshire Trading Standards Rapid Response Team via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.**

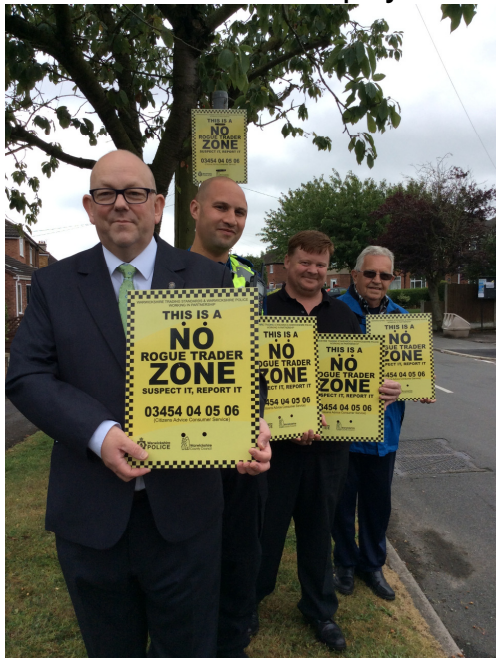
Wherever possible Trading Standards Officers will reply either in person or by phone to a report of a suspicious caller in the area.

Doorstep Crime – What you need to know

There are two types of doorstep seller that Warwickshire Trading Standards are concerned about:

Rogue traders. These people often work door to door or use professional looking flyers to approach householders. They generally offer maintenance work such as gardening, driveway repair and roofing and quote low prices which are later inflated. The work they carry out is

of a very poor standard and sometimes non-existent! They will appear very plausible on the doorstep and may claim to be working for a neighbour or on behalf of the council. Only after a householder accepts the offer of work can they become intimidating and aggressive if their inflated demands for payment are not met. Rogue traders use false



names and addresses and are hard to trace. Victims will find that the rogue traders will attempt to return to offer to carry out more 'work'.

High pressure sales people. These traders, who sell a variety of goods and services including household products, mobility aids, alarm systems and unregulated investments, use pressure selling tactics to rush you in to a decision. They may have no experience or training and could convince you to buy something that is over-priced and that you didn't really need or want.

Warwickshire Trading Standards advises consumers not to buy from unexpected doorstep traders and people who cold-call you on the phone. It's difficult to tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep. If you need work carried out to your home, obtain at least three quotes from local traders with reputations to maintain. Wherever possible, go on recommendation.

Residents may also wish to consider using Warwickshire Trading Standards Approved Trader Scheme 'No Rogue Traders Here'. Phone 0800 233 5000 or visit: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders>

Keep up to date with all the latest scams and rogue trader incidents by subscribing to our free email alert system, visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams

Warwickshire Wildlife Watchers

A new scheme to raise awareness and improve reporting of incidents of wildlife crime has been launched across Warwickshire

The Warwickshire Wildlife Watcher scheme aims to boost the numbers of reports of wildlife crime incidents, helping police and other agencies to take action against offenders and provide a deterrent to criminals.

Currently wildlife crime is acknowledged as being significantly under-reported, While working with communities and wildlife groups in the county has shown that incidents are taking place in rural areas including lamping, hare coursing, poaching, animal cruelty and other offences linked to this, such as harassment, anti-social behaviour and threatening behaviour by the perpetrators.

The new scheme will bring together a wide range of organisations including Nuneaton and Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Warwickshire Police, the Angling Trust, Environment Agency, Warwickshire County Council Country Parks, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Tame Valley Wetland Scheme.

People will have the opportunity to become 'Wildlife Watchers' to increase their knowledge and understanding of this type of crime, what to look out for and how to report it. As well as promoting the use of 101 to report incidents to the police (or 999 if a crime is in progress), the scheme also provides a wildlife crime reporting page via the Warwickshire Rural Watch website www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk, as well as a dedicated Facebook page. Signs, posters and flyers have also been produced with key information about wildlife crime.

The scheme has been funded by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner who has also supported the training of wildlife officers within Warwickshire Police.

Wildlife Watchers is initially being launched in North Warwickshire and will later be extended to cover the whole county, as well being adopted within the neighbouring West Mercia Police area.



Carol Cotterill, Chair of Warwickshire Rural Watch said: "Wildlife Watchers is like a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for people interested in wildlife and the countryside. We know that wildlife crime is under-reported, perhaps because people aren't sure what it is or don't know who to report incidents to or how.

"Through this initiative we want people to become Wildlife Watchers and, when they are out and about in the countryside or walking their dogs, if they see anything of concern, they can then report it to the police or make use of the reporting facility on the Warwickshire Rural Watch website.

"We hope to raise the profile of wildlife crime and give people the understanding that if people report it, there are a range of agencies who do look into such reports and can take action against offenders. The Wildlife Watchers scheme brings all of these agencies together and also allows us to pass on hints and tips to the public on what to look out for."

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Secombe said: "Wildlife crime is an issue that has been raised with me as I've been around the county in the last six months and it is an issue that is under-reported, possibly because of a perception that nothing can be done. This scheme will help to raise awareness of what wildlife crime is, provide an easy way to report it and, ultimately, give the public the confidence that something will be done about it when it is reported. Over time I hope that this will deter offenders and result in a reduction of wildlife crime in the county."

To find out more about the scheme, visit www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk and follow the link to the Wildlife Watchers pages.

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101 – To report a Crime



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