

Warwick Rural East Newsletter - 07 May 2018

Local News

11/05/18 - Warwick Rural East SNT Newsletter May 2018

Please click on the attached PDF file located in the 'downloads box' on this page to view the latest Warwick Rural East SNT e-newsletter for May 2018. The newsletter contains information relating to local/police news, incidents that have occurred on the Warwick Rural East area, crime prevention advice etc.

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46812/Warwick-Rural-East-SNT-Newsletter-May-2018>

Community Messages

13/05/18 - Cryfield Village - Burglary - Incident 22 of 12-MAY-2018

Between 2105hrs and 2345hrs Friday 11-MAY-2018 unknown offender(s) burgled a ground floor room in Cryfield Village (halls of residence) at Warwick University. Offender(s) gained entry by forcing open a ground floor window. Offender(s) stole camera equipment.

If you have information relating to the above offence, please call Warwickshire Police on 101 and quote crime reference 23/18684/18. Alternatively call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Suspicious Activity: Your information is valuable and valued. Please report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity you spot in your area to the police.

How to report crime and suspicious activity: To report crime and suspicious activity, please contact the police on 101. In an emergency or if you believe a crime is in progress, please call 999. To pass information anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

If you'd like to discuss crime prevention and/or any concerns, please contact Warwick Rural East SNT on 01926 684471 or wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Regards

Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46992/Cryfield-Village---Burglary---Incident-22-of-12-MAY-2018>

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Kind regards

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46940/Warwick-Rural-East-SNT-e-Newsletter---May-2018>

10/05/18 - Trading Standards Scams and Rogue Trader Warnings

Telephone Preference Service Scam: A Coleshill resident contacted Warwickshire Trading Standards after receiving several phone calls which may have come from a call centre located in the Far East. The caller falsely claimed to represent the Telephone Preference Service and asked for debit card numbers (including the three digit security number on the

reverse of the card) to sign up to the service. Residents should be aware that the TPS is a free service and TPS would never cold call or ask for card details/payment.

Doorstep Gardening Warning: Rugby Borough residents are warned to beware of an individual going door to door across the area offering to cut trees, hedges and bushes and do odd jobs around the garden. The trader was reported to be door knocking in a no cold calling area. Warwickshire Trading Standards advises residents not to buy goods or services from unexpected doorstep callers.

Bogus Garden Sprays: A resident contacted the service after receiving a knock on the door from someone offering to spray a 'liquid' on their front wall which they claimed would prevent weeds/plant growth. The resident strongly suspected that the liquid was just water! You can't tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep. Don't buy from unexpected doorstep traders.

Dodgy Claims Companies Making Bogus 'Trading Standards' Claims: A Warwickshire resident received an unexpected phone call from a 'claims company' to say that they were owed £4000 in bank charges compensation. Already unsure about the call, their suspicions were confirmed when they were told that Trading Standards had asked the company to contact householders! The fraudulent caller would probably have asked for an upfront 'admin fee' to release the non-existent compensation, had the call continued.

Doorstep Builder Warning: A Warwickshire resident was approached by a 'builder' who knocked on his door unexpectedly. The trader did not provide any cancellation paperwork or other details of their business and asked for money up front for building materials. No money was paid. Do not buy goods and services from unexpected callers on the doorstep.

Internet Shutdown Scam: A resident reported receiving a phone call from someone pretending to be BT and claiming that the consumer's internet was going to be shut down unless the caller was allowed remote access to the consumer's computer. Fraudsters use these ruses in order to gain access to computers to steal personal and financial information.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46903/Trading-Standards-Scams-and-Rogue-Trader-Warnings>

09/05/18 - Copycat websites and bogus publishers

Warwickshire residents have reported paying money to copycat websites. One resident received an email to remind him to renew his European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The email, which turned out to be bogus directed him to a copycat website where he ended up paying £27 for a card which is actually free of charge. Another resident paid a copycat website £60 for a fishing rod licence that should have cost him significantly less.

When applying for any official form or document, always begin your search on the GOV.UK website.

In recent years there has been a drive to remove copycat websites from the top of Internet search pages and this may be encouraging the operators of these websites to turn to sending out links via unsolicited emails.

Small businesses are warned to beware of unexpected doorstep approaches from unscrupulous traders offering advertising. Not only does the advertising often appear in publications that have little or no circulation (making them essentially worthless), but terms and conditions in the small print can lead to businesses having to pay out a great deal more than they originally expected.

Small businesses are advised to research all advertisers and read terms and conditions thoroughly before signing on the dotted line. Business to business contracts are not covered by consumer doorstep selling regulations.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46860/Copycat-websites-and-bogus-publishers>

09/05/18 - Share investment scam and bogus mattress sellers

A Warwickshire resident lost thousands of pounds following an investment on a bogus share website.

The resident received a cold call from a 'financial expert' who convinced him to invest £1000 via a investor website. The resident's investment appeared to be doing well and the 'adviser' then called again and convinced him to invest a much larger sum. The 'adviser' appeared to be carrying out trades on behalf of the investor on the website, but the money soon disappeared. The 'adviser' could not be contacted and the website was closed down.

Fraudsters use bogus websites to give the illusion that successful share dealing is taking place in order to convince investors to invest more money. They then take steal the money, disappear and the website is closed.

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of door to door sellers of beds and mattresses. A resident reported paying £250 for a divan and memory foam mattress which when it was delivered was not what was promised. The trader could not then be contacted to resolve the issue.

Mattresses and upholstered furniture sold in the UK must meet strict fire safety regulations, but cheaper non-compliant products are sometimes imported from abroad and sold door to door.

It can be hard to tell a good trader from a rogue on the doorstep and even harder to return faulty or misdescribed items if a problem is later discovered. Protect yourself from doorstep crime. Do not buy from unexpected doorstep callers.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/46859/Share-investment-scam-and-bogus-mattress-sellers>

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