

Warwick Rural East Newsletter - 13 May 2019

Community Messages

17/05/19 - Break in, Nether Whitacre, Coleshill

Overnight from 13/05/2019 - 14/05/2019 unknown offender/s have gained entry to the compound of business premises in Nether Whitacre Coleshill. The locks to the gate were removed and an outside building was broken into. A few expensive batteries were taken.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please call police on 101, quoting the above incident number.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/60453/Break-in-Nether-Whitacre-Coleshill>

17/05/19 - Break in, Central Park Drive, Rugby

At 19:00hrs on 13/05/2019 two offenders entered business premises in Central Park Drive, Rugby. Entry was gained via the main doors also, locks to another door was broken. Not sure what was taken.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact police on 101, quoting the above incident number.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/60452/Break-in-Central-Park-Drive-Rugby>

17/05/19 - Break in, Central Park Drive, Rugby

Between 18:00hrs on 13/05/2019 and 06:09hrs on 14/05/2019 unknown offender/s broke into business premises on Central Park Drive, Rugby, by forcing the front door. Once inside an untidy search was carried out but nothing appears to be taken.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact police on 101, quoting the above incident number.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/60450/Break-in-Central-Park-Drive-Rugby>

15/05/19 - Residential Burglaries - Leamington Area

Please be aware of the following incidents.

Incident 0200 09/05/2019

Between the hours of 12.00 and 2pm on Thursday 9th May a house on **Range Meadow Close** was broken into, entry being gained via an upstairs bedroom window. Once inside the offender(s) used a garden fork to smash open the study door and made an untidy search. A large quantity of Indian gold was stolen. The intruders left behind at the scene a luminous jacket, hammer and torch.

Incident 0134 10/05/2019

Signs of an attempted break-in were discovered by the resident of a property in **Godfrey Close**. Damage had been caused to a rear fence and back gate and jemmy marks found on a side door.

Incident 0464 14/05/2019

Resident of a property on **Pinehurst** returned home at 5pm and discovered that someone had attempted to break into the property via an interconnecting garage door to the house. The attempt may have occurred between the hours of 12.30 and 5pm. The garage door was damaged in the attempt.

If you have information that may relate to any of the above incidents please call Warwickshire Police on 101 quoting the relevant incident number.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/60374/Residential-Burglaries---Leamington-Area>

14/05/19 - Warwickshire Trading Standards Scam and Rogue Trader Alerts

14/05/2019 Online auction bank transfer warning

Warwickshire Trading Standards is reminding consumers to think twice before paying for online purchases by direct bank transfer, instead of using escrow services such as PayPal which offer protection. A Warwickshire consumer reported bidding over £300 for a smart phone on a popular auction website. The buyer was contacted by the seller who told her that they had a problem with their PayPal account (it had been 'hacked') and asked for the money to be transferred directly instead. The buyer did this but the phone never arrived and the money was not returned. The buyer later saw the same phone had been advertised again. They tried to contact the seller several times but without success.

Online shopping advice: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/>

14/05/2019 Beware copycat 'Life in the UK' websites

Foreign nationals seeking British citizenship are warned to beware of bogus 'Life in the UK' websites. The Life in the UK test is required to be taken as part of an application for British citizenship or settlement in the UK (see website below for full details). The cost is £50 and there is only one official government service for booking the Life in the UK Test.

A foreign national reported visiting what she later realised was a copycat website and being charged £76 as opposed to the official £50 cost. The bogus website was later closed down, but copycat websites that mirror official websites continue to appear.

Official Life in the UK test website: <https://www.gov.uk/life-in-the-uk-test>

Copycat website warning video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCfOQC7ONSI>

14/05/2019 Wall 'scanning' warning

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of unexpected phone calls from people asking to visit your home to 'scan your walls'. These approaches are sometimes made by unscrupulous companies who only wish to sell home insulation and are looking for an opportunity to visit you in your own home where their high pressure sales techniques are often more effective. **Never allow a cold caller to visit your home. Put your phone down.**

14/05/2019 Bogus bonds could cost investors thousands

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of unexpected emails offering bogus investment bonds. The emails will often claim that the bonds have Financial Services Compensation Scheme protection when they do not. One investor reported that he invested over £20,000 in bonds and after discovering the business didn't exist wasn't able to recover all of his money.

If an investment seems too good to be true, it usually is! Don't respond to spam email, however convincing it might appear.

Spot an investment scam: <https://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/how-to-spot-an-investment-scam>

14/05/2019 Business warned to beware of bogus advertisers

Bogus advertisers are again cold-calling Warwickshire businesses. The callers use high pressure sales techniques to sell advertising space in magazines that have little or no circulation. This makes the advert essentially worthless.

The callers will often claim that the magazine is related to health or to safety and may suggest that it is linked to schools, the police or local fire service.

Never engage with callers of this type. Phone calls are often recorded in an attempt to 'prove' that a verbal contract is made. Don't request further information or a copy of the magazine.

Put the phone down immediately.

Contact Details

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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

