

Stratford Town Newsletter - 30 July 2018

Community Messages

31/07/18 - Shed burglaries at homes in Bordon Hill, Stratford

Please be aware of the following incidents, which have occurred at homes in your area over recent days:

Incident 324 of 30 July - During the night of 29 into 30 July, offenders entered the grounds of a home in Bordon Hill, Stratford and broke into a garden shed. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with 2 chainsaws.

Incident 384 of 30 July - Between 10am on 14 July and 4pm on 28 July, offenders used a heavy object to smash through the door of a shed in the garden of another home in Bordon Hill, causing damage. Once inside the shed, the offender stole a soft black holdall containing hand tools.

Incident 395 of 30 July - Again during the night of 29 into 30 July, offenders smashed the padlock off the door of a shed in the garden of another home in Bordon Hill. Once inside the shed, the offenders stole a strimmer and a grey zip up tool bag containing several hand tools.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49802/Shed-burglaries-at-homes-in-Bordon-Hill-Stratford>

31/07/18 - Burglary at home in Banbury Road, Stratford

Please be aware that at around 5am on 31 July, offenders entered a home in Banbury Road, Stratford upon Avon and stole the keys to an Audi vehicle. The offenders then used the keys to steal the vehicle from outside.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49800/Burglary-at-home-in-Banbury-Road-Stratford>

31/07/18 - Burglary at home in Cottage Lane, Shotton

Please be aware that at some point between 6pm on 28 July and 7.15am on 31 July, offenders cut through wire fencing at the rear of a rural premises in Cottage Lane, Shotton and forced open the doors of a stable block before entering the building.

Once inside, the offenders attempted to force the padlocks off three other doors but were unsuccessful. It is not clear if anything was stolen.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49798/Burglary-at-home-in-Cottage-Lane-Shotton>

30/07/18 - Burglaries at homes in Trevelyan Crescent & Bordon Hill, Stratford

Please be aware of the following incidents, which have occurred at homes in your area over recent days:

Incident 54 of 30 July - At some point before 6.40am on 30 July, offenders broke into a home in Trevelyan Crescent, Stratford. Once inside, the offenders carried out an untidy search before making off with a quantity of cash.

Incident 60 of 30 July - During the night of 29 into 30 July, offenders entered the grounds of a home in Bordon Hill, Stratford and then broke into three sheds. Several items were stolen.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49765/Burglaries-at-homes-in-Trevelyan-Crescent--Bordon-Hill-Stratford>

30/07/18 - Scam alerts from Warwickshire Trading Standards

Doorstep Charity Collection Warning

Nuneaton residents are warned to beware of doorstep charity collectors operating in the town who are reported to have pushed their way in to elderly people's homes. One complaint related to a couple receiving a knock at the door from

someone with poor English asking for a £10 donation for 'disabled charities'. When the couple refused they dropped their request to £5 and then £2 and attempted to push their way in to the couple's property.

Trading Standards Officers are concerned that these persistent approaches may be a prelude to a distraction burglary and warn residents to keep their doors closed.

Tax Arrest Threat Scam

Residents in Bedworth and across Warwickshire are warned to beware of phone calls from fraudsters claiming to be HMRC. The callers attempt to frighten residents by falsely suggesting that the Police are on the verge of arresting them for unpaid taxes. The fraudsters then ask the residents to pay the 'tax bill' often demanding they pay using iTunes gift card voucher codes.

A number of Bedworth residents have recently reported receiving these phone calls, but the problem is widespread across Warwickshire.

- HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.
- Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.
- If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

Bitcoin investment scams

A Warwickshire resident reported losing over £3000 after being cold called and offered an opportunity to 'invest' in Bitcoins via an online platform. The resident transferred the money which was then almost immediately withdrawn by the fraudsters.

You can't tell a good trader from a bad one over the phone. Never buy goods or services from cold callers.

Free solar panel 'health check'

Owners of solar panels are warned to beware of letters and cold calls from bogus/high pressure companies offering solar panel 'health checks' that are in reality an opportunity to sell the resident highly priced and unnecessary warranties and additional solar panel equipment.

Bogus BT callers

Attempts are being made by fraudsters to obtain the banking details of Warwickshire residents by making calls falsely claiming to be BT and other telephone service providers. The fraudsters telephone unsuspecting consumers, claiming that their broadband speed is not as fast as it should be and offering them £200 refunds. They then ask for the individuals' bank details to so they can 'pay the money in'. In reality, bank details stolen in this way are used for criminal activity.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49741/Scam-alerts-from-Warwickshire-Trading-Standards>

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