

# Stratford Town Newsletter - 19 November 2018

## Local News

**21/11/18 - Stratford Town Newsletter 12th November - 18th November 2018 - WK46**

Here is this weeks newsletter covering items of interest from the past week from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - WK46



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## Community Messages

**23/11/18 - Prison for men who admitted conspiring to supply class B drugs**

A gang who were arrested after the vehicles they were travelling in were stopped in Coventry have been jailed at Warwick Crown Court today (Thursday 22 November) for a total of more than six years for drug offences.

In November 2015, officers attempted to stop a VW Golf and a Ford Transit Van on the A45 in Coventry as part of an intelligence led operation.

They managed to stop the car but the van sped off, knocking a police officer to the floor. The van was stopped a short distance away.

£15,000 in cash was seized from the car and cannabis skunk with a street value of £40,000 was seized after it had been discarded from the van.

Four men were arrested and charged following the incident and were today sentenced for drug offences.

Billy Steal also known as Lee Richard Clarke, 44, of Carpenter Path, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, was sentenced to 23 months in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs.

Paul Anthony Dowman, 36, of Dandies Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, was sentenced to three years in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs and dangerous driving.

Levi Williams, 27, of Grafton Street, Coventry, was sentenced to 16 months in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs.

Luke Daniel Clarke, 22, of The Spires, Nuneaton, previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs. He also pleaded guilty to possession of crack cocaine and cannabis with intent to supply in connection with a different incident in May 2016. He failed to appear at court for sentencing and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Anyone with information that can help police locate Clarke should call 101.

Following the sentencing, lead investigator Detective Sergeant Richard Brown from the Warwickshire Police Serious Organised Crime Unit, said: "Our streets are much safer now these prolific drug dealers are behind bars.

"This was an intelligence led operation that has led to a dangerous drugs gang being taken off the streets and the public being protected from the harm caused by the trade in illegal substances."

Warwickshire Police's Protect campaign was started to tackle serious and organised crime in the county and the harm it causes.

Our broad-ranging campaign comprises four key areas of activity:

- Pursue - prosecuting and disrupting those involved in SOC
- Prevent - stopping individuals from becoming involved in SOC
- Protect - increased levels of protection against SOC
- Prepare - reducing the impact of SOC where it occurs

For more information go to [www.warwickshire.police.uk/protect](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/protect)

If you have concerns about the use or supply of drugs you can report it on 101. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54357/Prison-for-men-who-admitted-conspiring-to-supply-class-B-drugs>

## **23/11/18 - Warwickshire Police raises awareness of Clare's Law**

### **Warwickshire Police raises awareness of Clare's Law**

This Sunday (25 November) marks White Ribbon Day - the internationally recognised day when people are asked to wear a white ribbon to signal their opposition to any form of domestic abuse.

Clare's Law - Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme Warwickshire

Warwickshire Police is using White Ribbon Day to raise awareness of The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), or 'Clare's Law' as it is known. The scheme is named after Clare Wood, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 2009. He had a history of domestic abuse, however Clare was unaware of it.

The scheme gives people a formal way to apply for a police check into the past of a person where there is a concern that a relationship may be, or may become abusive.

This is available to anyone in a relationship or people who have concerns for another individual who is in a relationship.

Launched in Warwickshire back in 2015, 190 people in Warwickshire have used their 'Right to Ask' the police whether a new or existing partner (either their own or a friend or relative's) may have a violent past, with 69 disclosures being made.

How do you make an application for disclosure and what happens next?

For further information about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, or to make a request for information under it, please contact Warwickshire Police by either visiting your nearest police station or calling 101. You can also find more information on our [website](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/claresslaw) here: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/claresslaw>

The applicant will need to give their name, address and date of birth and some initial checks will be done to establish if there are any immediate concerns.

Following initial contact with the police, a face to face meeting may be set up to complete the application if deemed appropriate.

This meeting will establish further details about the application in order to assess risk and confirm identity.

If a professional has concerns about a person at risk of domestic abuse, they can make a request for disclosure - known as the 'Right to Know'.

In Warwickshire, 36 disclosures have been made under 'Right to Know'.

Working alongside partner agencies, the police will work as quickly as possible to complete checks, a multi-agency panel will check every request for 'Right to Ask' and 'Right to Know' to make sure it is necessary and proportionate and if so, will decide who to disclose the information to and set up a safety plan tailored to their needs.

Head of Vulnerability and Safeguarding, Detective Superintendent Richard Long for Warwickshire Police said: "Domestic abuse is a deplorable and debilitating crime, which can cause lasting damage to individuals, children and families.

"The offender may try to control the victim by removing their confidence and freedom, often by the use of threats, intimidation or violence.

"Clare's Law is an opportunity for people to take back control and make the right decision on whether they are at any risk by staying in that relationship.

"Domestic violence and abuse is a serious and complex issue, and one which our force and all forces nationally treat as a priority."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, Philip Seccombe, said: "Tackling domestic abuse remains a priority for the police and partners here in Warwickshire.

"As part the commitment of 'Protecting people from harm' in my Police and Crime Plan, I fund a number of initiatives which provide victims with the help and support they need to report domestic abusers, recover and rebuild their lives, while also ensuring the criminal justice system takes a joined-up approach to bringing offenders to justice.

"Ultimately, I want to ensure that agencies can work together to protect people from harm and the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme is an important element of this work.

"I hope the added focus given by White Ribbon Day helps more people understand how the 'Clare's Law' provisions can help to provide important information to people who may have concerns about a relationship, enabling informed choices to be made."

You can contact Warwickshire's Domestic Violence Service helpline on 0800 408 1552 between 9am and 9pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 4pm on Saturday.

The service, which is free from landlines and is confidential, can give information, advice, safety planning and access to safe accommodation.

The Men's Advice Line provides advice and support for men in violent relationships. They can be contacted on 0808 801 0327 or via their [website](#)

<http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk/>

You can also call Warwickshire Police on 101 (always call 999 in an emergency).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54354/Warwickshire-Police-raises-awareness-of-Clares-Law>

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## **23/11/18 - Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service**

### **Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service (CMS)**

***Please pass this message on to Friends, family neighbours and colleagues living in Warwickshire who may benefit from receiving messages and community information from Warwickshire Police***

Warwickshire Police is encouraging the local community to sign up for their free messaging service to keep up-to-date with what is going on in your local area.

The Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service (CMS) is a two-way local watch scheme that enables communities to engage with their local watch groups and the police.

Local watch schemes such as these are aimed at encouraging communities to work together to protect both themselves and their property.

It is a free tool that anyone can sign up for and in doing so, you will receive crime alerts for your local area along with useful crime prevention advice and community safety information. It also offers you the opportunity to join a local watch scheme or even start one.

By offering this service, we hope to further protect people from harm by not only preventing crime but also reducing the local community's fear of crime.

When you sign up to this service you can tailor it to your requirements, for example, you can select which watch schemes you are interested in hearing from and in which areas.

Kevin Powell, Citizens in Policing Programme Supervisor from Warwickshire Police said: "Since its launch, we are really pleased with how many people have signed up to our Community Messaging Service.

"The Community Messaging Service has greatly enabled us to improve communications with our local residents on the issues that really matter.

"It has also proved to be an invaluable and useful tool that has allowed us to keep our local communities updated on a daily basis in relation to what is going on in their local area.

"We hope to encourage even more people to sign up if they would like to hear useful advice and tips on how to keep themselves and their local communities safe while raising awareness of the types of crime that are affecting our communities."

To find out more about the Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service, please visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cms>

If you would like to register for this service, please visit: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/register>

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54353/Warwickshire-Police-Community-Messaging-Service>

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#### **21/11/18 - Community information, Stratford Town**

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#### **21/11/18 - Incidents at homes in Stratford upon Avon**

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

**Incident 70 of 15 November** - During the night of 14 into 15 November, offenders entered the rear garden of a home in Croft Lane, Temple Grafton across fields. They then approached a secure log cabin and removed a rear window to get inside. Once inside, the offenders stole a Dell computer and a Samsung monitor.

**Incident 158 of 15 November** - During the night of 14 into 15 November, offenders broke into a van parked outside a home in Wilmcote, Stratford by smashing the front nearside window. Nothing was stolen.

**Incident 57 of 16 November** - During the night of 15 into 16 November, offenders broke into a vehicle parked at the King Head, Aston Cantlow causing damage to the door. Nothing was stolen from inside.

Incident 164 of 18 November - During the night of 17 into 18 November, offenders entered the insecure porch of a home in Evesham Road, Stratford and then broke into two vehicles parked on the driveway. A sat nav and a set of keys were stolen.

**Incident 322 of 20 November** - At 4.45pm on 20 November, a male knocked at the door of an elderly person in Ash Grove, Stratford and told the resident that there was damage to the front window. The resident allowed the male into the lounge and left him alone for a few moments.

After the male left the premises, the resident discovered that a glasses case containing his Christmas savings had been stolen.

## **21/11/18 - Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Advice**

### Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

Having your vehicle stolen can be extremely upsetting and have a major impact on your daily routine - getting to work, dropping the kids off at school or running a business.

There have been a number of car key burglaries across Warwickshire in recent months and the vehicles stolen may end up getting written off, used in other criminal offences, sold on or broken down for parts.

Below are a few ideas which may help you to protect your vehicle from being stolen and your home from being burgled for the vehicle keys:

- It is a fact that some new cars have very sophisticated locks, immobilisers and other security devices, and the only way to start the vehicle is to have the key. Keep keyless entry keys in a suitable RFID device and well away from the front door.
- If you have a garage don't use it as a storage area; clear it out and keep your vehicle secure inside it.
- If you have to park your vehicle on your driveway or on the street, consider using additional security devices (e.g. steering wheel lock), make sure the area is well lit, ensure the vehicle is secure and that nothing of value is left in it - i.e. tools, laptops, money, SatNav.
- If you have gates securing your driveway area, make sure you keep them closed and locked.
- If required, consider getting a professionally fitted car alarm and/or immobiliser.
- If required, consider fitting a tracking device.
- Never leave your car keys on show through a window when not using them. Do not leave them in locks, on window ledges or kitchen/hall tables, and never on a hook behind the door or in reach of a letterbox/cat flap.
- Householders also need to make sure that they take other simple crime prevention measures to ensure that they don't become victims of sneak-in thieves or burglary, such as remembering not to leave doors and windows unlocked.

Your vehicle may be the second biggest investment you make after your home and it's very important to do all you can to keep it secure and not attract any unwanted passing attention to it.

Warwickshire Police continue to prevent, detect and investigate incidents of this nature. Rest assured a lot of work goes on in the background. Visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54013> to read a recent good news story with regard to car key burglaries in Warwickshire.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54275/Car-Key-Burglary-Crime-Prevention-Advice>

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## **20/11/18 - Trading Standards Week Information - Protecting the Food Chain**

Warwickshire Trading Standards play an important role in protecting the food chain 'from farm to fork'.

Trading Standards Animal Health Officers visits farms and markets to ensure that livestock is healthy and well care for and that animals which might harbour diseases such as BSE or contain medicines such as antibiotics, don't enter the food chain. Trading Standards Officers check that animal feed is not contaminated, that food products are correctly labelled, (especially allergens) and that food is not being sold past its 'use by date'.

Officers make regular visits to restaurants, takeaways, food retailers and manufactures to advise them on food safety law and take food samples to check for banned ingredients and meat and fish substitution (where a more expensive meat/fish is substituted for a cheaper one).

Consumers should be confident that when they buy food from their local shop or supermarket or eat out at a restaurant or take-away, that the food they eat is both safe and correctly labelled, so they know exactly what they are consuming.

Warwickshire Trading Standards, working together with the Food Standards Agency and our District and Borough Council Environmental Health teams aims to ensure that food is safe from farm to fork.

## Top tips

Be safe! Always ask about allergens #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Do you run a takeaway or restaurant? Follow our allergen advice: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsafety> #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always check what allergens are in the dish even if you have eaten it before, as recipes and ingredients can change #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always carry prescribed allergy rescue medication with you and ensure family and friends know how to use it on you, if necessary #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always check the use-by-date on fresh meat and dairy products #foodsafety @foodgov

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54200/Trading-Standards-Week-Information---Protecting-the-Food-Chain>

## Contact Details

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