

North Warwickshire West Newsletter - 04 June 2018

Local News

06/06/18 - Have Your Say

The North Warwickshire West Safer Neighbourhood Team would like you to have your say in what our local Priorities should be.

The one with the highest amount of votes will be adopted by the Team as their next Priority for the next three months.

The targetted patrols will be carried out in conjunction with the normal day to day work of The Team.

The voting will stay open for one month until 6th July when they will be counted and will be taken into your local Team's Priorities.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/47896/Have-Your-Say>

Community Messages

06/06/18 - Rogue trader and scam warnings from Warwickshire Trading Standards

TSB phishing scam: Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in criminals sending out fake text messages and phishing emails claiming to be from TSB. Since the start of May, there have been 321 phishing reports made to Action Fraud - an increase on the previous month where 30 reports were made. In the same reporting period, there have been 51 reports of cybercrime to Action Fraud which mention TSB - an increase on the previous month, where 24 reports were made.

Warwickshire Trading Standards advises residents not to respond directly to unexpected emails, text messages or phone calls from someone claiming to be your bank. If you believe a message is genuine, phone the bank back on a publicly listed telephone number (for example from their website).

Exhall area residents warned of doorstep rogue traders: Doorstep rogue traders offering to clean block paving are operating in the Exhall and surrounding area warn Warwickshire Trading Standards. The rogue traders are reported to be door knocking and acting in both an aggressive and persistent manner. Trading Standards advises residents not to buy goods or services from unexpected doorstep traders. If in doubt, keep your door closed.

Rogue traders operating in Nuneaton warning: Doorstep rogue traders offering to 'clean and treat' block paving and driveways are operating in Nuneaton warn Warwickshire Trading Standards. The rogue traders are reported to be door knocking and offering to clean driveways and treat them with a 'sealant' (which may just be sand and water). Consumers reported being asked to pay £100 for the work before the cost trebled as work got underway. The traders are also reported to be very persistent and may be targeting elderly residents.

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Cryptocurrency trader scam warning: Warwickshire Trading Standards are warning residents to be wary of companies that claim to be able to buy and trade cryptocurrencies on behalf of investors. One resident reported losing over £8,000 after investing his money with a cryptocurrency trader who promised guaranteed returns. Some businesses that claim their algorithms and market expertise can generate guaranteed returns are doing little more than gambling with investors money!

Investors should be aware of the following:

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) will not compensate you for any losses from trading cryptocurrencies.

Websites may appear professional and glossy, but don't assume that means an investment opportunity is genuine.

Criminals can exploit the names of well-known brands or individuals to make their scams appear legitimate.

Never be rushed in to making an investment and beware of promised returns that sound too good to be true.

Get impartial advice from an independent financial adviser.

Beware especially of unexpected phone calls or emails or social media messages offering you investment opportunities.

Whatever the investment opportunity check the [FCA Register](#) of financial services firms. If a firm does not appear on the register then it is best not to trade with that firm, transfer funds, or provide any banking details.

[June is Scams Awareness Month 2018](#)

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/47861/Rogue-trader-and-scam-warnings-from-Warwickshire-Trading-Standards>

05/06/18 - Operation Tramline - targeting driving offences across Warwickshire and West Mercia

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From 4 to 18 June 2018, police officers across the alliance will be engaged in Operation Tramline which utilises a HGV to identify driving offences.

Officers will be using the tractor cab as a spotter vehicle to identify offenders committing driving offences along the Warwickshire and West Mercia strategic roads network.

Offenders will then be stopped and dealt with by officers following in police vehicles.

The elevated view afforded by the tractor cab provides an excellent view into vehicles of all shapes and sizes, enabling officers to see drivers interacting with mobile devices below the level of the window.

This operation is an alternative method being employed by officers to promote, educate and reinforce road safety messages and in particular highlight the 'fatal four' common factors in fatal road traffic collisions: using mobile phones while driving, excess speed, not wearing seat belts and driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol

Inspector Andrew Bentley from the Road Safety Team said: "This is a partnership initiative with Highways England, who own the tractor cab and loan it to forces across the country for road safety activity and enforcement.

"We are always looking for new ways to get road safety messages across to the public and identify those that choose not to comply."

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/47823/Operation-Tramline---targeting-driving-offences-across-Warwickshire-and-West-Mercia>

04/06/18 - Insecure Vehicle Entered in Kingsbury

Overnight on 31st May/1st June, an insecure vehicle in Laburnum Close, Kingsbury was entered, nothing taken.

Please always secure your vehicle, even if you are only leaving for a short time.

If you saw anyone acting suspiciously or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 57 of 1/6/18.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/47785/Insecure-Vehicle-Entered-in-Kingsbury>

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