

North Warwickshire West Newsletter - 23 July 2018

Local News

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Police are appealing for information after a boy reported he was forced to drink an unknown liquid during an incident in Coleshill.

The 13-year-old was at an unknown location in Coleshill at between 1.00pm and 3.30pm on Saturday 14 July when he was approached by someone who threatened him and forced him to drink the liquid. The boy returned home where he was sick and taken to hospital. He was later discharged.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information that could help police with their enquiries can call 101 quoting incident 285 of 14 July 2018. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Sergeant Neil Pearsall from the North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team said: "In highlighting this incident I'd like to remind young people of the importance of staying safe over the summer holidays. While North Warwickshire is a very safe place for children and I'd encourage them to go out and enjoy the nice weather, there are some simple steps they can take to stay safe.

"We will have high visibility patrols in place over the summer to help keep children safe."

Advice for children

Don't be afraid to trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, take action to avoid it.

Always tell your parents where you are going, who you are going with, and when you will be back.

Avoid short cuts through quiet and dark places - keep away from odd and out of the way places if you can.

Cross the road if you see people you don't feel comfortable about.

Avoid talking to strangers.

Never go anywhere with a stranger.

If you're approached by a stranger always tell your parents.

Mobile phones and other expensive electrical products are attractive to thieves. Be careful where you use them and be aware of what's happening around you if you use them.

If travelling on a bus or train always try to sit with other families.

If you get lost or are concerned about your safety seek help from a police officer, another grown up with children, or someone working in a nearby shop.

Make sure you know your address and parents' phone number off by heart.

Advice for parents

Talk to your children about the types of dangers they could face when they are out on their own and what they should do in a certain situation.

Set some rules - let your child know where they can and can't go and explain why. Set a time they need to be home by.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49668/Appeal-for-information-after-boy-forced-to-drink-unknown-liquid>

23/07/18 - New scheme launched to combat agricultural vehicle thefts

A new scheme has been launched by the police in to help tackle thefts of agricultural vehicles in the Warwickshire. Stickers with 'Police - Stop, if moving between 10pm and 5am' are being made available for farms and agricultural businesses to apply to their vehicles, trailers and other road-going equipment. If seen on the roads during these hours, police patrols not already engaged on calls will seek to check that they are being used by their rightful owner.

The initiative is based on a similar scheme which has been in operation with 'cash-in-transit' vans for many years and has been proven to successfully reduce attacks on vehicles from the security trade.

Developed in conjunction with Leicestershire Police, the new initiative is being run through the Rural Crime Project, which is funded by Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe.

It is hoped that by focusing on agricultural vehicles and trailers in a visible way, criminals will be deterred from thefts in the region and farms and rural businesses will benefit from the additional reassurance provided by the scheme.

It follows on from a number of successful police operations in the county targeting criminals involved in vehicle theft, who often travel from outside the county to commit their crimes. Officers have also received training funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner on how to spot the tell-tale signs that an agricultural vehicle, trailer or plant equipment is stolen, with input from NaVCIS, the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe said: "Similar schemes have proved very successful in reducing the number of attacks against 'cash-in-transit' vans and we think it can have the same effect on rural crime. By proactively targeting agricultural and other vehicles out on the roads at unusual times of day, we want to reassure rural communities and also provide the deterrence message that Warwickshire is not a soft touch for rural crimes."

Inspector David Williams, Warwickshire Police's rural crime lead in the north of the county said: "We continue to work in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, Leicestershire Police and the NFU, to support our rural and farming communities. This is yet another positive initiative where we can continue to be proactive in tackling the theft of agricultural vehicles, trailers and plant equipment and make life even more difficult for offenders."

The scheme was launched at a special drop-in advice session on the Merevale Estate near Atherstone. The event was supported by the National Farmer's Union, and was designed to specifically help and support local farmers and address issues regarding rural crime.

As well as meeting members of the local police Safer Neighbourhood Team, attendees could see demonstrations of new vehicle data tracking systems, obtain security advice and have power tools property marked.

Farms and rural business wanting to obtain 'Police -Stop' stickers for their vehicles should contact Carol Cotterill, Rural Crime Co-ordinator for North Warwickshire, by email at: carol.cotterill@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk or by calling 07787 151848.

For more information and advice on combating rural crime, visit the Warwickshire Rural Watch website at www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49530/New-scheme-launched-to-combat-agricultural-vehicle-thefts>

Community Messages

26/07/18 - Poultry Feeder Stolen From Farm in Middleton, North Warwickshire.

During the night, possibly between 21.00 hrs on 25/7/18 and 05.00 hrs on 26/7/18, unknown offender(s) entered a farm at Middleton, North Warwickshire and stole a bird feeder from the top of a poultry pen. The feeder has a red bottom and has a 1 litre capacity.

A number of sheds were entered but nothing taken.

If you saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 85 of 26/7/18.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49642/Poultry-Feeder-Stolen-From-Farm-in-Middleton-North-Warwickshire>

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26/07/18 - Burglary in Water Orton

Some time between 18.00 hrs and 19.00 hrs on the 24th July, unknown offender(s) entered a property in Orton Close, Water Orton and stole money and a watch.

Three males were seen in the area at this time, one is described as mixed race and the other two described as white, early 20's.

If you saw anything or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 405 of 24/7/18.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/49638/Burglary-in-Water-Orton>

Contact Details

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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

