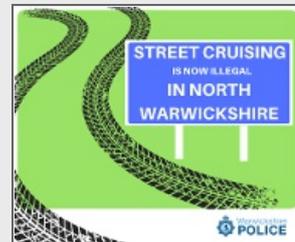


## Local News

### 21/10/18 - Street Cruising now Illegal in North Warwickshire

The Operation has seen **20** Section 59 Warnings being issued to vehicles and their drivers after they have been identified as taking part in Street Cruising since mid September 2018. The first phase of the enforcement was educating the drivers of the dangers of street cruising and was a 'warning period' which has now ceased.

This period of 'Warnings' has now ceased and any driver seen to be taking part in any street cruising is now to be dealt with by the High Court of Birmingham by means of a 'Breach of Injunction' and drivers can expect to either be



1. Arrested at the scene and put before the next available court **or**
2. Reported for the offence and summoned to court.

***The Injunction, which was passed by His Honour Judge Worster on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 makes it specifically forbidden to:-***

1. Take part in a street cruise within the claimant's local government area (known as 'North Warwickshire'). \*See below for definition of Street Cruise
2. Promote, Organise or Publicise any Street Cruise in North Warwickshire

**\*A Street cruise can be defined as the following**

1. Driving, riding at excessive speed or otherwise dangerously
2. Driving or riding in convoy
3. Racing against other motor vehicles
4. Performing stunts in motor vehicles
5. Sounding horns or playing radios
6. Dropping litter;
7. Supplying or using illegal drugs;
8. Urinating in public;
9. Shouting or swearing at, or abusing, threatening or otherwise intimidating another person

10. Obstruction of any other road user (blocking a road/part or a road)

A power of arrest has also been attached to this order so that persons taking part can be arrested and immediately committed to court without delay.

This approach is similar to the approach taken by West Midlands Police and now it makes it more difficult for people to take part in such Street-Cruising in North Warwickshire and the Birmingham Area. Drivers who are committed to court can expect to face a charge of 'Contempt of Court' and can be fined and imprisoned for the offence.

A Section 59 Warning places a marker on a **vehicle** and its **driver** if that vehicle is stopped again (in any police force area) and it is being used anti-socially then it can be seized without warning. If that driver is stopped in **any other vehicle** then they may also lose whatever vehicle they are driving if they are causing anti-social behaviour.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52747/Street-Cruising-now-Illegal-in-North-Warwickshire>

**20/10/18 - Halloween Advice for Residents of North Warwickshire**

**Advice for those taking part in Trick or Treating.**

If you're going trick or treating, make sure you go with an adult and your parent or carer knows where you're going and when to expect you back.



Be polite, courteous and respectful of people who don't wish to take part in the celebrations.

Respect posters asking you not to trick or treat at someone's house.

Don't go trick or treating alone - stay with your group.

Eggs and flour are for baking. Don't throw them.

Be careful crossing roads in the dark.

**Advice for those who do not wish to receive 'Trick or Treat' visitors**

Either download our 'No Trick or Treat Poster' or make your own - make the message clear but polite

If someone should knock your door, don't answer

If you are feeling threatened or intimidated by the behaviour of the trick or treaters call us on 101 for advice

Warwickshire Police have also created a set of resources which you may find helpful, which can be found below.

Have a great Halloween!

Downloadable Materials

Document Name	Details	Type of Document	Link
Halloween Poster	No Trick/Treat Poster and information	PDF Document	<a href="#">Halloween, No Trick or Treat [584kb]</a>

Colouring In	Halloween Colouring In Poster A4	PDF Document	<a href="#">Halloween Colouring Sheet [135kb]</a>
Halloween Advice	Advice for Halloween Celebrations	PDF Document	<a href="#">Have a Safe Halloween Information Leaflet [1Mb]</a>
No Trick Treat Poster	No Trick or Treat Poster A5	PDF Document	<a href="#">Sorry, No Trick or Treat Poster &amp; Information Leaflet [584kb]</a>

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52714/Halloween-Advice-for-Residents-of-North-Warwickshire>

### 19/10/18 - Two males approach child in Water Orton

The incident occurred at around 4.40pm when the 11 year old was riding home from School and he was approached by two males in a small silver coloured hatchback vehicle and told the child to put his helmet on. The child did this and rode off, but shortly after he removed his helmet and the car once again stopped and the occupant told the child to put his helmet back on.

One of the males then told the child that he knew his father and he was on the phone to which the child told the male that he would be home soon.

At this point, the child rode home and informed his parents about the incident. At no point did the two males attempt to lure, snatch or encourage the child to get into the vehicle.

*PC Scot Ramsell, beat officer for Water Orton Said "Warwickshire Police received a call at around 7.20pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 relating to an incident on Plank Lane, Water Orton where an 11 year old child was spoken to by two males in a silver coloured hatchback with the partial number plate "C" at the beginning. Whilst concerning that the two males engaged with the child it could be completely innocent and just two people doing a good deed in by encouraging the child to put his helmet on whilst riding his bike. At this stage we are not ruling anything out and we have put a plan in place with Carl Lewis, Head teacher of Water Orton Primary School, to increase patrols and provide a visible presence of the coming weeks to offer re assurance to parents. We are working closely with Warwickshire County Council to bring a Stranger Awareness package to the School I would urge the public not to panic about this incident because although it is of a concern to us it isn't reason for significant adjustments in routine"*

Police are asking for anyone with Dashcam Footage of the incident or any witnesses to contact Coleshill Police Station on 02476 48 3554.

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52712/Two-males-approach-child-in-Water-Orton>

### 16/10/18 - Offender prosecuted for littering

A man from the Wood End area of Atherstone was fined for disposing of several plastic bags of general rubbish within the Trinity Road area of Kingsbury. PCSO Beale discovered the bags whilst on patrol and investigated the contents which eventually led him to the identity of the offender, cctv was also used to identify the offenders vehicle. The offender was prosecuted for the offence in addition to being made to collect the rubbish to clear the area of any litter. PCSO Beale commented "its inexcusable and despicable that someone may think its acceptable to dispose of any rubbish within our community in this way, it really does bring the whole area down and I feel like it further encourages other offenders to do the same. I am currently in the process of putting together a package to deliver to our local schools regarding the impact of littering in general, What ever happened to the message "KEEP BRITAIN TIDY".

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52544/Offender-prosecuted-for-littering>

## 18/10/18 - Burglary overnight with items stolen from address and vehicles taken from driveway - White Landrover Discovery & blue VW Golf R

Between 2330hrs 17 Oct 18 and 0645hrs 18 Oct 18 offenders broke into occupied dwelling and taken items of sentimental value including antique pen knives, Chrome table, binoculars, a number of antique fob watches and campaign medals awarded to a Frederick Stanley GEORGE 6467886 including the 39-45 Campaign Star, 8th Army Africa Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal and War Medal 1939-45. Keys have been stolen from the address and a white Land Rover Discovery and a blue VW Golf R have been taken from the drive. If you have any information please contact Warwickshire Police



<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52651/Burglary-overnight-with-items-stolen-from-address-and-vehicles-taken-from-driveway---White-Landrover-Discovery--blue-VW-Golf-R>

## 18/10/18 - Almost 250 Residents Take Advantage of Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests

Almost 250 residents took advantage of this year's electric blankets safety tests provided by Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards.

Each year the service runs a free electric blanket testing campaign for Warwickshire people aged 50+ in order to protect residents from old and dangerous electric blankets.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

"This year 28% of all the blankets we tested failed, a lower failure rate than last year and hopefully an indication that fewer people are using very old blankets and are replacing them more regularly."

"Old electric blankets are much more likely to develop faults that can lead to fires and very old ones rarely have the inbuilt safety protection that all modern electric blankets must have."

The electric blanket testing campaign has now finished but owners can check the safety of their own electric blankets by looking for the following warning signs:

- the fabric is worn or frayed
- there are scorch marks anywhere
- the tie tapes are damaged or missing
- the flex is worn or damaged
- any connections are loose

Remember older blankets in regular use are much more likely to have one or more of the above faults. If your electric blanket is more than 10 years old, industry guidelines suggest you should replace it. An old BEAB safety mark (a round symbol) is an indication that the blanket is more than ten years old.

For more information visit: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electricblanket>

A collection service was operated for living in rural/isolated locations or who were housebound or disabled.

Visitors to the test centres also received information and advice on scams and doorstep crime and were able to speak to a representative from Act on Energy, a charity that offers advice on keeping their homes warm and reducing their gas and electricity bills.

## **15/10/18 - Cowboy Builder Adverts Targeted in Rogue Trader Awareness Week**

### **Cowboy Builder Adverts Targeted in Rogue Trader Awareness Week**

In Rogue Trader Awareness Week 2018, Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has been disrupting rogue traders by cracking down on illegal and misleading roadside advertising sometimes used by unscrupulous traders to promote their businesses.

Rogue traders sometimes promote their businesses using large pallet advertisement boards illegally placed on the roadside, pavement or attached to trees/lampposts. These advertisements can contain false claims that the business is based locally when it's not or that it is a member of a trade association or trusted trader scheme when it isn't.

In Rogue Trader Awareness Week Trading Standards Officers have been removing these illegal advertisements and have already destroyed over 100 since this initiative was launched. Rogue traders also advertise online and Trading Standards is actively closing down any websites that contain false claims.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

"Rogue traders can be very convincing, but their work will be overpriced and shoddy and their actions can have a devastating impact upon the lives of their victims, many of whom are elderly and vulnerable. Preventing rogue traders advertising is just one of the ways Warwickshire Trading Standards is cracking down on their activities, which also include the investigation and prosecution of cowboy builders and carrying out rapid responses to protect consumers on the doorstep."

A rogue trader conned a Warwickshire resident out of £25,000 after knocking at his door to claim a tile on the victim's roof was loose. A common ploy of rogue traders is to repeatedly return to the properties of doorstep crime victims falsely claiming that other work needs to be done and then charge increasingly inflated prices. In a similar case another homeowner was also told about a loose tile and agreed to pay £40 to have it repaired. However, once on the roof the rogue trader 'discovered' other issues and charged her £1100 for what turned out to be little if any work.

- 1) Rogue traders often operate door to door but also advertise on the roadside and with the use of flyers.
- 2) Rogue traders offer a range of 'work' including gardening, roof tiling, driveway repairs and guttering.
- 3) Rogue traders quote low prices, but costs soon rise and they often find more work 'that needs doing urgently'.
- 4) Rogue traders like to appear local and genuine, but the addresses they use are usually false and their memberships of trade schemes bogus.
- 5) Never agree to buy goods or services from people who unexpectedly knock on your door. If in doubt, keep your door closed.
- 6) If you are interested in having work done on your property, seek quotes from reputable local traders with verifiable names and address - visit their premises if necessary.
- 7) Warwickshire Trading standards operates an approved trader scheme, visit [www.noroguetradershere.com](http://www.noroguetradershere.com) or phone: 0800 233 5000.
- 8) If you suspect someone of being a rogue trader, or find yourself accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

• Operation Rogue Trader is a national multi-agency campaign coordinated by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) with Operation Liberal, the Police National Intelligence Unit.

• Last year's campaign involved over 1400 personnel, 1806 people were stopped and searched, 87 arrests with 871 offences and over £40,000 in property seized.

• Operation Rogue Trader began specifically to target doorstep crimes, especially distraction burglaries and rogue trader offences. As rogue trading practices diversified, Operation Rogue Trader grew to allow participating authorities to proactively target criminal behaviour, and raise awareness amongst the most vulnerable groups.

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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

