

Community Messages

23/10/18 - Vehicle Entered in Lea Marston

At around 04.00 hrs this morning (23/10/18), a vehicle owner was alerted by a dog barking and found that their vehicle had been entered in The Green, Lea Marston. Change had been taken from inside the vehicle.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 119 of 23/10/18 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 11 anonymously.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52846/Vehicle-Entered-in-Lea-Marston>

23/10/18 - Motorbike Stolen From Storage Barn in Lea Marstone, North Warwickshire.

In the early hours of this morning (23/10/18), possibly around 05.00/06.00 hrs, unknown offender(s) entered a farm in Lea Marston and after forcing the lock to a storage barn stole a blue Kawasaki motor bike, reg ending CUJ.

If you saw anything or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 89 of 23/10/18 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52844/Motorbike-Stolen-From-Storage-Barn-in-Lea-Marstone-North-Warwickshire>

23/10/18 - Someone 'Could Have Been Killed' 'Reckless' Nuneaton Car Dealer Was Told

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Nuneaton car dealer Matthew Twigg, owner of A5 Motor Group Limited was described in court as 'reckless' after selling an unroadworthy car.

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service successfully prosecuted Mr Twigg and A5 Motor Group Limited following an undercover investigation.

As one of Warwickshire's most complained about traders, A5 Motor Group was targeted as part of a wider undercover investigation in to the sale of dangerous and unroadworthy vehicles.

Trading Standards Officers visited the company, located on Leather Mills Lane, Hartshill, Nuneaton and purchased a car for £490, advertised as having a 'service history'. The car was then examined by an expert vehicle examiner who identified a number of faults including suspension problems, a leaking shock absorber, incorrectly attached wiper blades and a severe engine oil leak.

At Nuneaton Magistrates' Court Mr Twigg's behaviour was described as 'reckless' and it was stated that if Mr Twigg didn't know what he was doing, he should have.

Magistrates added that had the wheels come off the vehicle Trading Standards had purchased, 'someone could have been killed' and that Mr Twigg was 'lucky no one was hurt'.

At Nuneaton Magistrates Court on Tuesday 16th October 2018 Matthew Twigg (age 34) of Middlesmoor, Wilnecote Tamworth pleaded guilty to two offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. He also pleaded guilty on behalf of A5 Motor Group Limited, to two further offence under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

Mr Twigg was fined £500 and A5 Motor Group Ltd a further £500. Both Mr Twigg and the company were each ordered to pay costs of £2454 each. Mr Twigg was also ordered to pay a £50 victim surcharge. This totalled £5958.

Mr Skinner, representing Mr Twigg and A5 Motor Group Ltd stated in mitigation that the company now had a fully qualified mechanic on site, a car ramp and held RAC certification.

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

"Warwickshire Trading Standards will continue to take action to protect consumers from car traders who seem happy to put their customer's lives at risk by selling them cars that are dangerous or unroadworthy."

Advice on buying a used car

Warwickshire Trading Standards has created a helpful video describing the simple checks consumers can make before they buy a used vehicle.

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue8t_kciMfA&feature=youtu.be

These include:

- The Government's MOT history website provides detailed information of a car's MOT history and tells you if your vehicle is subject to a recall: <https://www.check-mot.service.gov.uk>

- This Government website has information on the tax/SORN status of the vehicle, year of manufacture, date first registered, engine size and colour: <https://www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

There are also commercial websites that will tell you, without charge, if the vehicle has been stolen or imported. For a few pounds you can get further information including whether there is any outstanding finance on the car or if the vehicle has ever been written off or scrapped.

Warwickshire residents wishing to make a complaint about a vehicle they have purchased can do so by contacting Warwickshire Trading Standards via the Citizens Consumer Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52821/Someone-Could-Have-Been-Killed-Reckless-Nuneaton-Car-Dealer-Was-Told>

22/10/18 - Community Engagement Evenings in North Warwickshire for All Residents

Two community engagement evenings are being held this week with an open invitation to all residents in North Warwickshire. This is a great opportunity to come along and chat with a number of organisations and authorities on any area that you would like advice or information on.

Tuesday 23rd Oct is at The Town Hall, Coleshill, 7 to 9pm.

Thursday 25th Oct is at The Queen Elizabeth School, Atherstone, 6 to 8pm.

Agencies attending include Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire fire Service, Trading Standards, WCC, NWBC, Community Speed Watch Scheme, Cyber Crime Advisor, Business Crime Advisor, Citizens Advice, Neighbourhood Watch, HEART, Time Out, Dementia support, plus lots more.

Van owners are invited to come and collect a van pack and property marking pens will be given out to all who attend.

Lots of advice and information to help you and your community.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52802/Community-Engagement-Evenings-in-North-Warwickshire-for-All-Residents>

22/10/18 - Bike Taken From Garage in Nether Whitacre

Overnight (20th/21st Oct), unknown offender(s) broke into a garage by damaging the doors at a property on Coton Road, Nether Whitacre and stole a bicycle.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 118 of 21/10/18 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52761/Bike-Taken-From-Garage-in-Nether-Whitacre>

22/10/18 - Vehicle crime, Water Orton

Unknown offender(s) have entered a secure vehicle parked at a property on Coleshill Road, Water Orton and stole watches and jewellery left inside.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 162 of 21/10/18 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/52756/Vehicle-crime-Water-Orton>

Contact Details

Warwickshire Direct, Coleshill Library and One Stop Shop

19 Parkfield Road

Coleshill

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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

