

North Warwickshire West Newsletter - 12 November 2018

Local News

14/11/18 - Theft of Vauxhall Corsa Parts, Water Orton

Between 6th September and 13th November 2018. Since the 6th September 5 Vauxhall Corsa's have had their passenger windows smashed and the vehicles have been stripped down of the front bumpers, lights, grille, associated wiring and bonnet.



The first incident occurred on Coleshill Road, Water Orton on 6th September 2018. On this occasion a 2016 Vauxhall Corsa was attacked.

The second incident occurred on Orton Close on the 7th September 2018, a 2013 Vauxhall Corsa was attacked

The third incident occurred on Orton Close on the 19th September 2018, a 2013 Vauxhall Corsa was attacked

The fourth incident occurred on Coleshill Road, on the 26th September 2018 when a 2014 Vauxhall Corsa was attacked

The latest incident occurred on Manor House Lane on the 13th November 2018 when a 2012 Vauxhall Corsa was attacked.

Police are also advising owners of Vauxhall Corsa's to be particularly aware of this latest trend and consider, where available

Parking the vehicle in a secure garage

Parking the vehicle under a CCTV Camera

Investing in a good quality aftermarket alarm with bonnet trigger

Parking the vehicle nose on a driveway, close to a garage or wall to prevent access to the front of the vehicle

We are aware that West Midlands Police are also suffering with a staggering increase in these incidents - and we are working cross border to identify those responsible.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54019/Theft-of-Vauxhall-Corsa-Parts-Water-Orton>

13/11/18 - Beaver Metals, Water Orton

In the past few weeks Warwickshire Police have received a number of reports about HGV's parking and blocking Marsh Lane, Water Orton outside Beaver Metals. In addition to this we are also aware of a number of Facebook posts about the site and has attracted a great deal of publicity and a lot of local concerns.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working with some time with Beaver Metals to try and resolve the issues relating to parking and this is an ongoing project spanning the last two years. Mr Bevan was keen to develop the land

opposite Beaver Metals to allow off street parking for delivery vehicles however this option was quickly dismissed by North Warwickshire Borough Council after objections locally. This option is Warwickshire Police's preferred option and has been supported by the Local Policing Team and this is also something we are keen to discuss with North Warwickshire Borough Council further but this is yet to happen.

Beaver Metals has already invested heavily in Staff Parking/Off street parking on the land to the right hand side of the yard which has alleviated all of the on street parking of personal vehicles, at considerable cost to Beaver Metals. This was done without question and once again demonstrates that Beaver Metals are community focussed.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are also aware that a number of HGVs do park causing an obstruction and as soon as this is brought to the attention of Beaver Metals they will do all they can to accommodate the vehicles onsite but this isn't easy due to the size/layout of the yard. This is not an obligation of Beaver Metals, it's the responsibility of the driver to ensure that they are not causing an Obstruction

Drivers of vehicles that attend Beaver Metals to drop off metal are continuously reminded of their obligations relating to Obstruction Offences and we are satisfied that they can do no more than they are doing to ease the traffic situation on Marsh Lane. Beaver Metals are continuously working with Warwickshire Police and we are satisfied that everything is being done by Beaver Metals.

Remember that any offences relating to Obstruction should be reported to Warwickshire Police on 101. In order for further action to take place we will need

Image or Dash Cam Footage

Statement of evidence from the person witnessing

The Registration mark of the vehicle causing the obstruction

Environmental Issues

During the recent engagement regarding parking the issue regarding 'orange smoke/fumes' were approached and this was identified back to smoke being created when high temperature cutting equipment is used to cut up scrap metal. Beaver Metal can do this in their licensing however they are aware that it doesn't always look good so they are investing a large amount of money into a cutting chamber to allow the cutting to take place.

In all, the Neighbourhood Policing Team are happy with the responses of Beaver Metals and everything is being done to try and resolve the issue.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/53944/Beaver-Metals-Water-Orton>

Community Messages

17/11/18 - Incidents of Deer Poaching Reported in Shustoke Area, North Warwickshire.

Two incidents of deer poaching have been reported this week in the Shustoke area.

Wildlife crime is a serious concern and will be dealt with by Warwickshire Police who have wildlife officers within the force. 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 277 of 16/11/18, alternatively contact Crimestoppers on their dedicated rural line 0800 783 0137, online at www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk or email us at NorthWarwickshireAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54126/Incidents-of-Deer-Poaching-Reported-in-Shustoke-Area-North-Warwickshire>

15/11/18 - Warwickshire Trading Standards Scam and Rogue Trader Alerts

Door to Door Mattress Sellers: Warwickshire residents are again being targeted by door to door mattress sellers. The sellers often employ high pressure sales techniques to encourage a sale and Trading Standards are also concerned that

the mattresses may not meet UK fire safety regulations. Don't buy at the door. If in doubt, keep your door closed.

Insulation cold callers: Warwickshire residents are urged to be vigilant and beware of companies that cold call and offer home insulation whilst falsely claiming to be operating on behalf of the Government or local council. Residents may be misled and the companies may be breaking the law.

Apple Pay targeted by fraudsters: Warwickshire residents are urged to beware of phishing emails arriving in their email inboxes falsely purporting to come from Apple. The emails may display an '@support' name and inform the recipient of a 'purchase'. The recipient is urged to follow a link to a bogus Apple login page from which Apple ID and other confidential information can be stolen. Always delete suspicious emails. Never follow any links they may contain or download any documents.

Spotify Premium phishing email: Spotify Premium streaming service users are warned to beware of bogus emails asking them to verify their subscription information. Recipients are again taken to a bogus Apple ID login page, from which passwords can be stolen. Always delete suspicious emails. Never follow any links they may contain or download any documents.

Fake TV Licence refund emails: Don't fall for bogus TV Licence refund emails, Warwickshire Trading Standards is warning. These emails encourage recipients to visit bogus websites from which personal and financial information can be stolen. Always delete suspicious emails. Never follow and links they may contain or download any documents.

Local landline telephone numbers 'spoofed': With increasing numbers of people choosing not to answer phone calls displaying international or regional numbers, expecting them to be high pressure sales calls or fraudsters, scammers are turning to 'spoofing' local landline numbers. They do this by using easily obtainable technology to alter Caller ID so that when they phone, the recipient's phone shows a local number in the Caller ID display and not the real one. The landline number the fraudsters use is likely to belong to another unsuspecting person who won't realise what has happened until they begin to receive hundreds of calls to their landline from people trying to speak to the fraudsters! Fraudsters also try to 'spoo' the telephone numbers of banks and similar organisations to try and make their victims think they are speaking to a genuine business.

HMRC paying 'refunds' direct!: Fraudsters are sending out bogus emails claiming recipients are due an immediate tax refund that can only be claimed online and will be paid on to their credit card. The fraudsters direct their victims to a bogus HMRC online 'portal' which asks for credit card details and other financial and personal information. The customer portal web page suggests that it will expire on the day the recipient received the email, encouraging them to act quickly without thinking/verifying the claim or asking a friend or family member first. Always delete suspicious emails. Never follow any links they may contain or download any documents.

Sim swap fraud: O2 and Vodafone customers are at risk of Sim swap fraud, Warwickshire Trading Standards is warning residents after a BBC Watchdog investigation. Sim swap fraud takes places when a criminal is able to convince a mobile operator (such as O2 or Vodafone) either online or in person at a high street shop, that they are you. The criminal then asks for a replacement Sim card for your phone. If successful, the criminal now has control over your mobile phone number and could potentially both see and hijack your calls and texts, including those relating to your online banking. They could then attempt to steal money from your bank account. If your Sim stops working or your phone experiences an extended period of loss of signal, these could be signs of Sim swap fraud. Contact your service provider immediately.

More information

Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

Sign up to scam alerts at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams

Avoid rogue traders. Consider using Warwickshire Trading Standards 'No Rogue Traders Here' approved trader scheme. Phone 0800 233 5000

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54036/Warwickshire-Trading-Standards-Scam-and-Rogue-Trader-Alerts>

12/11/18 - What do you know about ANPR?

What do you know about Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)?

Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police are today (12 November) launching an online survey about the use of ANPR technology across the region.

The survey will run for 6 weeks and aims to give local communities, as well as those who travel through the region, a chance to voice their views and understanding of how ANPR is used to tackle crime.

The technology is used to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality at a local, force, regional and national level, including tackling travelling criminals, organised crime groups and terrorists.

ANPR provides lines of enquiry and evidence in the investigation of crime and is used by forces throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The aim of the survey is to develop a broader view of public perceptions and understanding of police use of ANPR, allowing us to inform and engage with our communities around its future use.

To take part in the survey, simply click <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154089928356> or visit our website to learn more:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/6518/Automatic-Number-Plate-Recognition-ANPR>

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/53830/What-do-you-know-about-ANPR>

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