

## Local News

### 25/11/18 - Rogue Traders, Water Orton

The first incident, which occurred on St Blaise Ave, Water Orton [**Incident 260 of the 16th Nov**] involved a male attending the home address of an elderly resident and using 'scare' tactics to get £35 off the female for below standard work to be completed. In fact the Rogue Trader left the property with £35 and without any actual work being completed.

The second incident took place on Overton Drive, Water Orton [**Incident 355 of the 21st Nov**] where a male, *which could be connected to the incident on the 16th Nov*, befriended a male and informed him he needed an amount of working doing before conning him out of £405 worth of work which the resident agreed to.

Trading Standards report that they normally see an increase in complaints about home improvements at this time of year with roof repairs and gardening work among the most common. Rogue traders often use intimidating or aggressive practices, sometimes overcharge and provide misleading statements about the work that they offer. This often leaves householders out of pocket and facing more bills to put problems right.



*building-and-low-quality-work*

#### **Common scams used by rogue businesses can include:**

Offering to initially replace a tile or slate on the roof but then stating that water is getting into the roof and that it needs replacing urgently

Giving a cheap price to clean and clear the garden but then charging much more for 'extra' work carried out

Stating that they are working in your local area and have a load of tarmac left over which will go off if it isn't used

Stating that they can replace rotten wooden soffits, fascia boards and guttering when in fact they use cheap plastic to cover the problem instead

Offering to trim trees or replace driveways then fly-tipping waste generated from your home, leaving you open to prosecution for not controlling disposal of your waste

PCSO Jane Owen from the Local Policing team for Water Orton stated "I urge local residents to be on their guard with any uninvited callers who turn up on their doorstep offering to carry out work. Politely inform them that you do not buy on the doorstep and that you wish them to leave. If you enter into a contract on the doorstep, you are entrusting potentially expensive work to someone you have never heard of, and may never see again."

Responsible traders will know the rules and will supply the correct paperwork before starting any work. This can include the right for a consumer to cancel work for a short period of time.



Warwickshire Police are reaching out to our local communities and we are asking people to be vigilant and look out for elderly and vulnerable members in the community that are potentially being targeted by rogue traders.

Warwickshire Police urge householders to heed this advice and be on their guard. They ask that residents follow the following doorstep crime prevention advice:

Don't agree to any work on the basis of a verbal quote

If you need work done, obtain written quotes from a number of reputable companies

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Whatever you do, don't agree to be taken down to the bank to withdraw money

Residents should warn any elderly neighbours and relatives about the risks and if possible notify Trading Standards or police if you suspect there is anyone suspicious operating in and around your area. There are numerous reputable, trustworthy local traders available to residents and Warwickshire County Council support No Rogue Traders Here campaign with a list of approved and trusted trades people who are continually assessed and monitored by Warwickshire County Council.

You can find out more information about Warwickshire County Councils **No Rogue Traders Here** campaign by visiting [www.safer.to](http://www.safer.to)

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54421/Rogue-Traders-Water-Orton>

## Community Messages

### **24/11/18 - Shed Entered in Nether Whitacre**

Sometime in the last week a shed was entered at a property on Station Road, Nether Whitacre. An untidy search was made, it is not known if anything has been taken.

If you saw anyone acting suspiciously or you have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 160 of 24/11/18 or email us at [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54394/Shed-Entered-in-Nether-Whitacre>

### **23/11/18 - Prison for men who admitted conspiring to supply class B drugs**

A gang who were arrested after the vehicles they were travelling in were stopped in Coventry have been jailed at Warwick Crown Court today (Thursday 22 November) for a total of more than six years for drug offences.

In November 2015, officers attempted to stop a VW Golf and a Ford Transit Van on the A45 in Coventry as part of an intelligence led operation.

They managed to stop the car but the van sped off, knocking a police officer to the floor. The van was stopped a short distance away.

£15,000 in cash was seized from the car and cannabis skunk with a street value of £40,000 was seized after it had been discarded from the van.

Four men were arrested and charged following the incident and were today sentenced for drug offences.

Billy Steal also known as Lee Richard Clarke, 44, of Carpenter Path, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, was sentenced to 23 months in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs.

Paul Anthony Dowman, 36, of Dandies Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, was sentenced to three years in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs and dangerous driving.

Levi Williams, 27, of Grafton Street, Coventry, was sentenced to 16 months in prison having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs.

Luke Daniel Clarke, 22, of The Spires, Nuneaton, previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class B drugs. He also pleaded guilty to possession of crack cocaine and cannabis with intent to supply in connection with a different incident in May 2016. He failed to appear at court for sentencing and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Anyone with information that can help police locate Clarke should call 101.

Following the sentencing, lead investigator Detective Sergeant Richard Brown from the Warwickshire Police Serious Organised Crime Unit, said: "Our streets are much safer now these prolific drug dealers are behind bars.

"This was an intelligence led operation that has led to a dangerous drugs gang being taken off the streets and the public being protected from the harm caused by the trade in illegal substances."

Warwickshire Police's Protect campaign was started to tackle serious and organised crime in the county and the harm it causes.

Our broad-ranging campaign comprises four key areas of activity:

- Pursue - prosecuting and disrupting those involved in SOC
- Prevent - stopping individuals from becoming involved in SOC
- Protect - increased levels of protection against SOC
- Prepare - reducing the impact of SOC where it occurs

For more information go to [www.warwickshire.police.uk/protect](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/protect)

If you have concerns about the use or supply of drugs you can report it on 101. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54357/Prison-for-men-who-admitted-conspiring-to-supply-class-B-drugs>

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## **23/11/18 - Warwickshire Police raises awareness of Clare's Law**

### **Warwickshire Police raises awareness of Clare's Law**

This Sunday (25 November) marks White Ribbon Day - the internationally recognised day when people are asked to wear a white ribbon to signal their opposition to any form of domestic abuse.

Clare's Law - Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme Warwickshire

Warwickshire Police is using White Ribbon Day to raise awareness of The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), or 'Clare's Law' as it is known. The scheme is named after Clare Wood, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 2009. He had a history of domestic abuse, however Clare was unaware of it.

The scheme gives people a formal way to apply for a police check into the past of a person where there is a concern that a relationship may be, or may become abusive.

This is available to anyone in a relationship or people who have concerns for another individual who is in a relationship.

Launched in Warwickshire back in 2015, 190 people in Warwickshire have used their 'Right to Ask' the police whether a new or existing partner (either their own or a friend or relative's) may have a violent past, with 69 disclosures being made.

How do you make an application for disclosure and what happens next?

For further information about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, or to make a request for information under it, please contact Warwickshire Police by either visiting your nearest police station or calling 101. You can also find more information on our [website](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/claresslaw) here: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/claresslaw>

The applicant will need to give their name, address and date of birth and some initial checks will be done to establish if there are any immediate concerns.

Following initial contact with the police, a face to face meeting may be set up to complete the application if deemed appropriate.

This meeting will establish further details about the application in order to assess risk and confirm identity.

If a professional has concerns about a person at risk of domestic abuse, they can make a request for disclosure - known as the 'Right to Know'.

In Warwickshire, 36 disclosures have been made under 'Right to Know'.

Working alongside partner agencies, the police will work as quickly as possible to complete checks, a multi-agency panel will check every request for 'Right to Ask' and 'Right to Know' to make sure it is necessary and proportionate and if so, will decide who to disclose the information to and set up a safety plan tailored to their needs.

Head of Vulnerability and Safeguarding, Detective Superintendent Richard Long for Warwickshire Police said: "Domestic abuse is a deplorable and debilitating crime, which can cause lasting damage to individuals, children and families.

"The offender may try to control the victim by removing their confidence and freedom, often by the use of threats, intimidation or violence.

"Clare's Law is an opportunity for people to take back control and make the right decision on whether they are at any risk by staying in that relationship.

"Domestic violence and abuse is a serious and complex issue, and one which our force and all forces nationally treat as a priority."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, Philip Seccombe, said: "Tackling domestic abuse remains a priority for the police and partners here in Warwickshire.

"As part the commitment of 'Protecting people from harm' in my Police and Crime Plan, I fund a number of initiatives which provide victims with the help and support they need to report domestic abusers, recover and rebuild their lives, while also ensuring the criminal justice system takes a joined-up approach to bringing offenders to justice.

"Ultimately, I want to ensure that agencies can work together to protect people from harm and the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme is an important element of this work.

"I hope the added focus given by White Ribbon Day helps more people understand how the 'Clare's Law' provisions can help to provide important information to people who may have concerns about a relationship, enabling informed choices to be made."

You can contact Warwickshire's Domestic Violence Service helpline on 0800 408 1552 between 9am and 9pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 4pm on Saturday.

The service, which is free from landlines and is confidential, can give information, advice, safety planning and access to safe accommodation.

The Men's Advice Line provides advice and support for men in violent relationships. They can be contacted on 0808 801 0327 or via their [website](#)

<http://www.mensadvice.org.uk/>

You can also call Warwickshire Police on 101 (always call 999 in an emergency).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54354/Warwickshire-Police-raises-awareness-of-Clares-Law>

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## **23/11/18 - Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service**

### **Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service (CMS)**

***Please pass this message on to Friends, family neighbours and colleagues living in Warwickshire who may benefit from receiving messages and community information from Warwickshire Police***

Warwickshire Police is encouraging the local community to sign up for their free messaging service to keep up-to-date with what is going on in your local area.

The Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service (CMS) is a two-way local watch scheme that enables communities to engage with their local watch groups and the police.

Local watch schemes such as these are aimed at encouraging communities to work together to protect both themselves and their property.

It is a free tool that anyone can sign up for and in doing so, you will receive crime alerts for your local area along with useful crime prevention advice and community safety information. It also offers you the opportunity to join a local watch scheme or even start one.

By offering this service, we hope to further protect people from harm by not only preventing crime but also reducing the local community's fear of crime.

When you sign up to this service you can tailor it to your requirements, for example, you can select which watch schemes you are interested in hearing from and in which areas.

Kevin Powell, Citizens in Policing Programme Supervisor from Warwickshire Police said: "Since its launch, we are really pleased with how many people have signed up to our Community Messaging Service.

"The Community Messaging Service has greatly enabled us to improve communications with our local residents on the issues that really matter.

"It has also proved to be an invaluable and useful tool that has allowed us to keep our local communities updated on a daily basis in relation to what is going on in their local area.

"We hope to encourage even more people to sign up if they would like to hear useful advice and tips on how to keep themselves and their local communities safe while raising awareness of the types of crime that are affecting our communities."

To find out more about the Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service, please visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cms>

If you would like to register for this service, please visit: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/register>

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54353/Warwickshire-Police-Community-Messaging-Service>

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### **23/11/18 - Tools Stolen in Kingsbury**

Some time between 16.50 hrs on 22/11/18 and 07.45 hrs this morning (23/11/18), unknown offender(s) entered a field on Trinity Road, Kingsbury and stole a number of tools from a container.

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 46 of 23/11/18, alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54351/Tools-Stolen-in-Kingsbury>

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### **22/11/18 - Car Key Burglary in Kingsbury**

Some time between 15.30 hrs and 20.30 hrs yesterday (21/11/18), unknown offender(s) entered a property in Range Way, Kingsbury. An untidy search was made and a television was taken plus car keys which were used to take a silver Peugot 105, registration ending OMA.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 366 of 21/11/18, alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 11 or email us at [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54324/Car-Key-Burglary-in-Kingsbury>

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### **22/11/18 - Theft From Shed in Nether Whitacre**

Some time between 17.00 hrs on the 21/11/18 and 10.30 hrs on 22/11/18, unknown offender(s) entered a shed in Station Road, Nether Whitacre and stole a plastic wheel barrow and an Efco petrol strimmer.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 131 of 22/11/18 or email us at [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

**22/11/18 - Break in of Business premises in Bulters Leap, Rugby**

Between 16:00 16/11/18 - 08:30 19/11/18 unknown offender(s) have broken into business premises in Butlers Leap, Rugby. An untidy search was carried out before cash and credit cards were taken.

If you have any information relating to this incident please contact police on 101 quoting inc. ref. no. 0075.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54311/Break-in-of-Business-premises-in-Bulters-Leap-Rugby>

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**22/11/18 - Burglary, Great Central Way, Rugby**

During the morning of 19/11/18 unknown offender(s) have broken into business premises in Great Central Way, Rugby. Laptops and other equipment have been taken.

If you have any information relating to this incident please contact police on 101 quoting inc. ref. no. 0060.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54308/Burglary-Great-Central-Way-Rugby>

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**22/11/18 - Burglary of Business Premises, Butlers Leap, Rugby**

Overnight from 16/11/18 - 09:58 17/11/18 unknown offender(s) have broken into business premises in Butlers Leap, Rugby. The front door was jemmied and laptops and other equipment was taken.

If you have any information relating to this incident please contact police on 101 quoting inc ref no. 0145.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54307/Burglary-of-Business-Premises-Butlers-Leap-Rugby>

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**22/11/18 - Continuation of tools stolen overnight Cherwell Way Long Lawford**

Continuation of previous message theft of tools overnight from Long Lawford:

Omission in error

Hyundai blue cream handle chain saw

still orange strimmer

still orange heavy duty hedge trimmer

Micenta combi drill set

set of golf clubs

Motcady bag

Trainer make M2 irons plus 2 sand wedges

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54306/Continuation-of-tools-stolen-overnight-Cherwell-Way-Long-Lawford>

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**22/11/18 - Burglary of garage overnight on Cherwell Way in Long Lawford, Warwickshire.**

A garage was broken into overnight and a large amount of tools were stolen on Cherwell Way in Long Lawford. If you are offered the following items in suspicious circumstances then please contact Warwickshire Police on 101 quoting incident 62/22/11/18 or 23/48926/18.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54305/Burglary-of-garage-overnight-on-Cherwell-Way-in-Long-Lawford-Warwickshire>

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### **21/11/18 - Property Entered in Kingsbury**

Some time between 20.30 hrs 20/11/18 and 07.45 hrs today (21/11/18), unknown offender(s) entered a vehicle parked on Birmingham Road, Whitacre Heath and took some change and a sat nav. 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 63 of 21/11/18 or email NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54286/Property-Entered-in-Kingsbury>

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### **21/11/18 - Vehicle Entered in Whitacre Heath**

Some time between 20.30 hrs 20/11/18 and 07.45 hrs today (21/11/18), unknown offender(s) entered a vehicle parked on Birmingham Road, Whitacre Heath and took some change and a sat nav. 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 63 of 21/11/18 or email NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54285/Vehicle-Entered-in-Whitacre-Heath>

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### **21/11/18 - Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Advice**

Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

Having your vehicle stolen can be extremely upsetting and have a major impact on your daily routine - getting to work, dropping the kids off at school or running a business.

There have been a number of car key burglaries across Warwickshire in recent months and the vehicles stolen may end up getting written off, used in other criminal offences, sold on or broken down for parts.

Below are a few ideas which may help you to protect your vehicle from being stolen and your home from being burgled for the vehicle keys:

- It is a fact that some new cars have very sophisticated locks, immobilisers and other security devices, and the only way to start the vehicle is to have the key. Keep keyless entry keys in a suitable RFID device and well away from the front door.
- If you have a garage don't use it as a storage area; clear it out and keep your vehicle secure inside it.
- If you have to park your vehicle on your driveway or on the street, consider using additional security devices (e.g. steering wheel lock), make sure the area is well lit, ensure the vehicle is secure and that nothing of value is left in it - i.e. tools, laptops, money, SatNav.
- If you have gates securing your driveway area, make sure you keep them closed and locked.
- If required, consider getting a professionally fitted car alarm and/or immobiliser.
- If required, consider fitting a tracking device.
- Never leave your car keys on show through a window when not using them. Do not leave them in locks, on window ledges or kitchen/hall tables, and never on a hook behind the door or in reach of a letterbox/cat flap.
- Householders also need to make sure that they take other simple crime prevention measures to ensure that they don't become victims of sneak-in thieves or burglary, such as remembering not to leave doors and windows unlocked.

Your vehicle may be the second biggest investment you make after your home and it's very important to do all you can to keep it secure and not attract any unwanted passing attention to it.

Warwickshire Police continue to prevent, detect and investigate incidents of this nature. Rest assured a lot of work goes on in the background. Visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54013> to read a recent good news story with regard to car key burglaries in Warwickshire.

## 20/11/18 - Trading Standards Week Information - Protecting the Food Chain

Warwickshire Trading Standards play an important role in protecting the food chain 'from farm to fork'.

Trading Standards Animal Health Officers visits farms and markets to ensure that livestock is healthy and well care for and that animals which might harbour diseases such as BSE or contain medicines such as antibiotics, don't enter the food chain. Trading Standards Officers check that animal feed is not contaminated, that food products are correctly labelled, (especially allergens) and that food is not being sold past its 'use by date'.

Officers make regular visits to restaurants, takeaways, food retailers and manufactures to advise them on food safety law and take food samples to check for banned ingredients and meat and fish substitution (where a more expensive meat/fish is substituted for a cheaper one).

Consumers should be confident that when they buy food from their local shop or supermarket or eat out at a restaurant or take-away, that the food they eat is both safe and correctly labelled, so they know exactly what they are consuming.

Warwickshire Trading Standards, working together with the Food Standards Agency and our District and Borough Council Environmental Health teams aims to ensure that food is safe from farm to fork.

### Top tips

Be safe! Always ask about allergens #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Do you run a takeaway or restaurant? Follow our allergen advice: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsafety> #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always check what allergens are in the dish even if you have eaten it before, as recipes and ingredients can change #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always carry prescribed allergy rescue medication with you and ensure family and friends know how to use it on you, if necessary #foodallergy #foodsafety @foodgov

Always check the use-by-date on fresh meat and dairy products #foodsafety @foodgov

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/54200/Trading-Standards-Week-Information---Protecting-the-Food-Chain>

## Contact Details

Warwickshire Direct, Coleshill Library and One Stop Shop  
19 Parkfield Road  
Coleshill  
B46 3LD  
101 (In an emergency always call 999)

