

## Community Messages

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Police have warned local people they will not tolerate any violent behaviour ahead of what is likely to be their busiest weekend of the year.

Extra officers will be on the streets of town centres to help keep people safe. Violent crime traditionally goes up over the festive period as people go out celebrating.

There will also be a dedicated domestic abuse unit on duty. They will be responding to reports of domestic violence and paying visits to high-risk victims and offenders.

Chief Inspector Steve Beard said: "Christmas is a happy time for most people. However, as people drink more alcohol this often leads to a rise in violent offences, both on the streets and in homes.

"Extra officers will be on the street to help people stay safe and enjoy their Christmas celebrations.

"We'll also have a dedicated domestic abuse unit on duty in the county. I'd urge anyone who is a victim of domestic violence not to suffer in silence and to call police. We are committed to tackling domestic abuse in all its forms.

"Being drunk is no excuse for being violent. We will take a zero tolerance approach and I urge people to take responsibility for their behaviour."

For more information on reporting domestic abuse go to <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/domesticabuse>  
<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55441/Police-focus-on-violent-crime-ahead-of-busiest-weekend-of-the-year>

### 21/12/18 - Appeal to help locate Coventry man

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Officers are appealing to the public for help to locate 23-year-old Dale Melia from Coventry.

Police would like to speak to him as it's believed he may have information about a burglary investigation in Warwickshire. Please see the attached photograph.



Dale Melia is described as white, 6'1", of a medium build with short dark hair.

Anyone who has seen Melia or has information concerning his whereabouts is asked to call Warwickshire Police on 101.

Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their [website](#) .

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55438/Appeal-to-help-locate-Coventry-man>

### 20/12/18 - Burglary , Business Premises, Attleborough Fields

On 15/12/2018 unknown offender(s) have entered the yard of business premises in Kelsey Close, Attleborough by breaking the gates. Once inside the alarm was activated and a large quantity of expensive devices were stolen.

If you have any information connected to this incident please contact police on 101 quoting incident number 0348.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55408/Burglary-Business-Premises-Attleborough-Fields>

## 19/12/18 - Protect your home and your property this Christmastime

### Protect your home and property this Christmas

With the Christmas and New Year upon us, you are probably in the process of buying presents and stocking up on supplies for the festive season. However, at this time of year rich pickings can be found by criminals. We want you to be able to relax and enjoy the festive season, so here are some useful tips to ensure that you don't become a victim to an opportunist thief. There's a brief checklist and more details to help you have a great and crime free Christmas.

#### When using your vehicle:

- Never leave presents or valuables on open display in your car. Even plastic carrier bags could attract a thief.
- Park in safe, well-lit areas.
- Use secure car parks, lock your vehicle & remove valuables.
- Remove your SatNav and any associated cradle. Wipe off any marks left on your windscreen.

#### When out shopping:

- Do not leave your purse, wallet, keys or mobile telephone in your shopping trolley or basket.
- Do not put any valuables down at the checkout when purchasing items.
- Keep your valuables in an inside coat pocket or zip them in your bag and keep it close to your body.
- If stopping off for a mid-shop coffee, don't leave your valuables or purchases unattended whilst you purchase a drink / use the facilities.

#### When at home:

- Don't advertise to thieves what you have in your home.
- Don't put presents under the tree until Christmas Eve.
- Don't have your presents visible from the outside of your home. Place your Christmas tree away from windows and external doors.
- Don't store presents in sheds/outbuildings.
- Don't leave discarded present boxes outside and in view.
- Property mark and register your new gifts  
There's more detail here to help you check your security and safety:
- Make sure gifts and valuables, wrapped and unwrapped, are out of view and not visible from any windows. This applies in the car as well as in the home.
- Photograph valuable property and log any serial numbers. Don't store the information on a laptop, as that might be stolen too - keep it on a memory stick in a safe place.
- Don't put gift packaging out for recycling or leave it sticking out of your bin - thieves will notice boxes for branded products like laptops, TVs or accessories that could indicate an expensive piece of kit somewhere in the house. The safest thing to do is to break down any cardboard boxes or fold them inside out so that you cannot see the branding. You can then store them out of sight inside your home until you can dispose of them at a local recycling site.
- Mark any expensive gifts you receive for Christmas with a UV pen or property marking service/product such as Smartwater. This will make it harder for burglars to sell the items and allow police to return them to you.
- Lock all doors and windows, leave a light on and draw the curtains when you go out at night.
- Keep your doors and windows locked from the inside even when you are inside your home.
- Visible burglar alarms, exterior security lighting, timer lighting switches and leaving the radio on help to deter thieves and give the impression that somebody is at home.
- Bolt and padlock garden gates and make sure you don't leave ladders out, or other things that burglars could easily use to climb on. Remember to lock your garden shed and store your tools inside; it stops burglars using your tools to break into your house.
- Consider fitting extra padlocks to gates, sheds and garages. Don't keep presents in the garage or shed.

•If you're going away, we always recommend asking a trusted neighbour to pop in to your home every now and then to turn the lights on and off, draw the curtains, collect the mail and make the house look occupied. It goes without saying, make sure everything is properly locked up before you leave and the burglar alarm - if you have one - is set.

•We advise cancelling your newspapers, magazines and milk deliveries. We also recommend that you don't advertise the fact you are away from your home on Social Networking sites - thieves use Social Media too! You don't have to be a member of a Neighbourhood or Home Watch scheme to be a good neighbour, and even if you don't have much contact with your neighbours, Christmas could be the perfect time to break the ice, have a friendly chat and get to know them a bit better.

•For those concerned about theft of motor vehicles we recommend that you consider using a visible immobilisation device such as a Disclock or Krooklok steering immobilisers or other similar products. These act as deterrents because they require to be removed to facilitate a vehicle to be stolen.

Criminals are mainly opportunists, they wander around looking for chances. The best opportunity for the police to catch them in the act is for you to spot them before they break in. Wherever you live, remain vigilant and if you see anything suspicious, call 999 immediately. Call 101 to contact police in a non-emergency situation.

Finally, we'd like to wish you a crime free Merry Christmas and Happy New Year .

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55377/Protect-your-home-and-your-property-this-Christmastime>

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#### **18/12/18 - Two people arrested for theft of motor vehicle following vehicle being stung twice.**

On the morning of the 15th December, Warwickshire OPU had a car fail to stop on the A45 Westbound Ryton to Tollbar. It was a stolen car on cloned number plates. The car was stung twice and stopped with tactical containment. Two people in custody at the scene. Incident 188/15/12/18 refers.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55353/Two-people-arrested-for-theft-of-motor-vehicle-following-vehicle-being-stung-twice>

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#### **18/12/18 - Two people arrested following pursuit for a number of offences including theft of motor vehicle.**

A male and a female were arrested in a stolen vehicle in Bedworth by Officers last night. Officers tried to stop the vehicle in Bulkington, however the driver rammed the police vehicle and made off at speed. A pursuit ensued involving several police vehicles and the police helicopter. The pursuit came to an end after a stinger was deployed and the stolen vehicle crashed on Bedworth Lane in Bedworth. The two occupants of the vehicle were arrested by officers for a number of offences.

Warwickshire has seen a increase in vehicle thefts over recent months and we are deploying a wide range of tactics to apprehend the offenders behind these offences. We have had some significant successes and this is just the latest of several arrests linked to vehicle crime in recent weeks.

Both suspects remain in custody at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting incident 22 of 18 December. Or you can give information anonymously by calling the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55351/Two-people-arrested-following-pursuit-for-a-number-of-offences-including-theft-of-motor-vehicle>

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#### **18/12/18 - Vehicle Stolen in Kingsbury**

Unknown offender(s) entered a property in Fircroft, Kingsbury and stole an Audi Q2, registration ending UTU.

If you saw anyone or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please refer to inc 386 of 17/12/18, email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55339/Vehicle-Stolen-in-Kingsbury>

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### **18/12/18 - Man and Woman Arrested in Suspected Stolen Vehicle in Bedworth**

A man and a woman were arrested in a suspected stolen vehicle in Bedworth by police officers at about 3.30am this morning (Tuesday 18 December). The vehicle, a Peugeot Boxer van, was in collision with a police car in Bulkington just after 3am and then made off at speed. A number of police vehicles and the police helicopter were deployed in response to the incident, which came to an end after a stinger device was used, and the vehicle crashed on Bedworth Lane in Bedworth. The two occupants of the vehicle, a man and a woman, were arrested on suspicion of a number of offences, including theft of a vehicle, and drugs, weapons, theft, deception, robbery and burglary offences. Both suspects remain in custody at this time.

Superintendent Mike Smith said: " Warwickshire has seen an increase in vehicle thefts over recent months, and we are deploying a wide range of tactics to apprehend the offenders behind these offences. We have had some significant successes, and this is the just the latest of several arrests linked to vehicle crime in recent weeks."

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55330/Man-and-Woman-Arrested-in-Suspected-Stolen-Vehicle-in-Bedworth>

### **17/12/18 - Theft From Vehicle in Wood End**

Some time between 22.00 hrs on 16/12/18 and 07.00 hrs today, unknown offender(s) entered a vehicle in Boulters Lane, Wood End and stole a debit card that was covered by a coat in the central console.

If you saw anyone acting suspiciously or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk) and refer to inc 238 of 17/12/18.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55306/Theft-From-Vehicle-in-Wood-End>

### **17/12/18 - Incidents Reported in Hurley**

Inc 79 of 17/12/18

Sometime between 18.00 hrs on 16/12/18 and 08.00 hrs today (17/12/18), unknown offender(s) entered a secure garage and shed in Knowle Hill, Hurley and stole 4 mountain bikes, power tools and a petrol mower.

Inc 57 of 17/12/18

Some time between 22.00 hrs on the 16/12/18 and 06.30 hrs on the 17/12/18, unknown offender(s) entered a secure garage and shed in Knowle Hill, Hurley. Damage was caused to the garage door but nothing is believed to have been 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 the incident number stated. alternatively you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/55305/Incidents-Reported-in-Hurley>

## **Contact Details**

Warwickshire Direct, Coleshill Library and One Stop Shop  
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101 (In an emergency always call 999)

