

North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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October 2025



Anti Spiking Campaign

As part of our commitment to the national Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee (NPG) and following the success of activities in Coleshill, we'll be running more town centre operations in the coming months.

With the welcome assistance of the Neighbourhood Watch Network Neighbourhood Watch Scheme team, our officers have been chatting to people about staying safe while out in town, handing out crime prevention products like personal security alarms and visiting local pubs and bars to give anti-spiking advice and carry out licensing checks.



Speaking about the operation, PC Thompson said: "It was great to receive so many positive comments about seeing officers out and about in the town centre. We're grateful for the support of local licensed premises to work together to make our town centres feel safer for everyone. We also encouraged people to sign up to Warwickshire Connected, where you can help shape policing priorities for where you live and find out what we're doing near you."



OP PLENTY

#OpPlenty has now launched in Atherstone, Coleshill and the surrounding villages.

The scheme was already running in Nuneaton and Bedworth, and since last year, there were 35 people visited as a result of Op Plenty.

Op Plenty involves our Safer Neighbourhood Team officers dropping by the homes of vulnerable people in our community for a cup of tea and a chat to check whether they are OK and if there's any further support that can be provided.

Inspector Andi Gibbons of North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team said "We're very happy to announce our support of Op Plenty in Atherstone and the surrounding villages. "We are in quite a rural part of the county, and we're aware that this can sometimes make the loneliness of older people in particular who find travelling difficult more pronounced. "Op Plenty gives us a way of finding out where those who would appreciate us dropping by are, and a reason to check in."



If you know someone in your community, be it a neighbour, friend, or relative, who would appreciate a visit from one of our officers for a cup of tea and a chat, fill out a form and send it to sntreachout@warwickshire.police.uk. There is a link to the referral form in the comments.

Get Connected with Warwickshire Police

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT have been promoting Warwickshire Connected.

Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work. Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing.

This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm.

Follow the link to sign up today:

www.warwickshireconnected.com



Also please follow our Facebook page where we put updates of what Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Teams get up to.

There are updates on going incidents, appeals and much more. We will be posting about upcoming events also so please take a look, see when they are and come along. We like to be as accessible as possible so using our social media page is a great way for us to communicate with our communities.

OP ROSEPOOL - Off Road Bikes

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Officers from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have been putting up further signage in the villages/towns for our 'DOB EM IN' campaign.

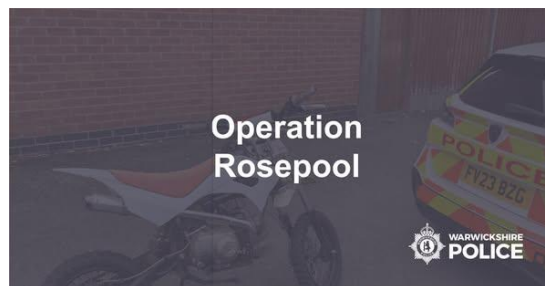
We are working with [Warwickshire County Council](#) and [North Warwickshire Borough Council](#) to tackle the antisocial and illegal use of off road bikes, motorbikes and e-bikes in our villages and towns.

We urge residents to report these matters through the 'DOB EM IN' scheme on the following link: <https://services.warwickshire.gov.uk/report-a-nuisance.../>

PCSO Smith said: "We have a dedicated operation (OP ROSEPOOL) to tackle the illegal use of bikes in our towns and villages. We are working with West Midlands Police and Staffordshire Police to build intelligence on who is offending on our areas which ultimately helps us bring them to justice. We are looking at further enforcement over the coming months."

We are looking to target harden hot spot locations by putting up fencing and k barriers to prevent the bikes getting onto children's play areas and other locations that they are trespassing on.

Watch this space
[#oprosepool](#)



Operation Rosepool aims to tackle the illegal use of off-road bikes in North Warwickshire. If you have an issue with off road bikes in your area, please report it through our DOB EM IN reporting system. www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin



The local neighbourhood team have been made aware of some Anti-social behaviour around the school leaving times in the Hartshill area particularly in relation to dangerous riding of powered Bikes.

We are working with all partnership agencies including schools to identify and deal with the suspects.

We ask if you have any video of this behaviour to submit it to:

nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk.

If the file is too large, please drop us an email and we will be in contact.



OPERATION TAVACO – VEHICLE CRIME

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Whilst patrolling hotspot areas, PC 2300 Thompson and PC 1372 Breeze from Coleshill safer neighbourhood team came across a suspicious vehicle parked on Digby Road, Coleshill.

Officers were alerted to the registration plate on the vehicle being a 2015 reg but knowing the specific car model had stopped being manufactured in 2003.

After conducting further checks, the vehicle was clearly on false plates (with the correct VRM being displayed in the tax disc) and was subsequently seized on suspicion of being stolen.



Further Operation Tavaco operations are being organised for the coming months.



OP CAR KEY BURGLARY – VEHICLE CRIME

Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Officers still have FREE faraday pouches to give to residents with keyless entry vehicles.

If you would like one, please email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk with your name and address.

Do you have a keyless entry vehicle?

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Help to protect your vehicle by:

- Make sure your vehicle is properly locked/secure and keep your key away from doors and windows. This will reduce the chance of criminals amplifying the signal.
- Some keys have a function allowing them to be turned off. Check your manual to see if yours does and then use it.
- Use some kind of physical barrier such as a steering wheel lock (preferably a disk lock), instal a driving parking post or use a wheel clamp. This will deter many criminals as it will be time consuming for them to move the vehicle.
- Fit a tracking device into your vehicle.
- Keep your keys in a Faraday bag to block the signal to your keys.
- Remove batteries from your spare key or put them in a separate Faraday pouch.
- And remember to be on the lookout for people acting suspiciously and report it by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency!



If you would like a FREE faraday pouch delivered, please see the last page of this newsletter and email the team of the area you live in with your name and address.

OPERATION YARD

Early morning patrols by PCSO Scott continue around the M42 Moto and M6 Corley Services.

This is a continued effort to reduce freight thefts from heavy goods vehicles and also to offer reassurance to staff and customers passing through.



PCSO 8742 has been carrying out many different patrols including coverage of all the industrial estates, the M42 services, and local parks as well as the residential estates.

It has been lovely to have so many waves from members of the public, as well as lots of engagement.



Community Engagement

PCSO's and Warwickshire Rural Crime Team have been out and about engaging with the fishery, play centre, staff and community at Dobbies.

We were able to offer lots of crime prevention and personal safety advice.



PCSOs from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have been on high visibility foot patrols in Ansley Village.

We have been engaging with dog walkers and handing out personal attack alarms to members of the public.

Further patrols will be conducted over the coming days. The officers also attended Ansley Parish Meeting and gave an update to those in attendance. Alarms and faraday pouches were also given out.

If you would like a FREE faraday pouch please email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk. These pouches have kindly been funded by North Warwickshire Borough Council.



Bobbies on the Beat

Officers from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team attended a breakdown on M6 Junction 4 island.



Coleshill and Atherstone SNT were out giving crime prevention packs and faraday bags to residents in Bath Road, Mancetter due recent suspicious incidents.

They also conducted patrols in Atherstone Town Centre, Coleshill Town Centre, Maxstoke, Ansley Common, Shustoke and Polesworth.



Officers conducted visits in Erdington Road area of Atherstone going door to door speaking to residents and issuing faraday pouches.

They also spoke to residents about policing priorities.

If you would like a free faraday pouch to assist in prevention of keyless car thefts, please email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



Officers from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have been out on foot patrols in Coleshill Town.

It was great to engage with the community and offer them crime prevention advice. The officers also dealt with police related matters.

Further foot patrols will be conducted.



Bobbies on the Beat

PCSO Beale has been conducting cycle patrols today whilst linking in with local residents and businesses.



PCSOs from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team attended Curdworth Parish Council meeting.

A full report for the month was given. We are organising another Cuppa with a Copper event in the village soon so keep a look out for the date and please come along and meet the local team.

We will be giving out FREE faraday pouches and crime prevention packs.

PCSOs from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have been on foot in Curdworth Village giving out FREE faraday pouches to residents.

They also signed residents up to Warwickshire Connected so they can stay up to date on local policing and complete a survey which allows us to see what our communities want our priorities to be. These visits allowed us to speak to residents about local policing matters and give them crime prevention advice.

We will be out again to visit more residents over the coming days.

If you would like a FREE faraday pouch, please email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



Officers conducted visits in Grove Road area of Atherstone after visiting Barsby Close and Orchard Street areas going door to door speaking to residents and issuing faraday pouches.

They are also speaking to residents about policing priorities.

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Walk with us

Share your thoughts on women's safety

Come and chat to our friendly officers about personal safety as we walk around different areas of the county.

Walks are open to all women living and working in Warwickshire. Please note under 14s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Join us and let us know any issues or concerns you have so we can work to improve the safety of our spaces.

Our Next Walk will take place

Date: Wednesday 5th November 2025

Time: 17:30 – 18:30

Location: Meeting at Anasley Village Recreation Ground, B'ham Road, Anasley, CV10 9PQ

The walk will be suitable for all and will take approx. 1hr.

TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

You can also scan the QR code or visit our website for:

- guidance
- information
- advice
- reporting incidents

<https://tinyurl.com/AWGWWarwickshire>





Community Engagement

PCSO Hodson & PCSO Thompson attended a crime prevention event in Warton, which was kindly organised by Warton Community Speed Watch.

It was a great opportunity to speak to different members of the community about concerns they had, as well as offer home and vehicle security advice.



We'd like to thank Warton CSW for inviting us to this event!

PCSO's have been at Racemeadow primary school assisting with the education around parking.

We would like to thank everyone for the engagement and cooperation around keeping the children safe on their journey into school.

This presence proved to be beneficial, and lots of parents thanked us for being there, and clarifying exactly where they should be parking.

We look forward to the future engagement with the parents and school, whilst assisting Angie who already does an amazing job in protecting the children.



Due to requests by residents for foot patrols and more visibility in Water Orton Village, PCSO Smith, Mitchell and Rygielski conducted a Walk with us event in the village.

Unfortunately, no one attended. But this didn't stop us. We walked and talked to loads of people, giving out FREE faraday pouches and personal safety alarms which have been provided to us by [North Warwickshire Borough Council](https://www.north-warwickshire.gov.uk/).



We also signed people up to Warwickshire Connected (Our networking site) and completed some surveys to see what our communities want from us and what they think our priorities should be. This helps us to plan engagement opportunities within our communities. If you would like to complete a survey please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yoursaymatters>

Further walks will be conducted.



Arrests and Outcomes

Some great teamwork through our Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative Scheme and members of the public.

This was after Tesco's reported three females leaving the store with stolen items.

Town centre officers who were nearby and approached the females on Longstreet where they decided to starburst.

Through our retail radios the females were quickly located and were taken to Custody.



All the stolen items have been recovered and returned to Tesco's.

Not a good day for three males who were acting suspiciously at Corley Services today.

Officers were in the right place at the right time to deal with the suspects and in their panic left behind some suspicious property that won't be returned.

They have also been reports of selling similar property in the car parks.

Officers have tested the brand-new boxed items and none of them work and are counterfeit.

Be careful what you buy!!! If it's too good to be true....

A female from Birmingham was arrested at 02:20 hours on 2nd October in Polesworth on suspicion of theft.

The female was identified from doorbell footage as picking up a delivery from somebody's doorstep after being located in vehicle near the scene.

If it is not yours don't take it!



A man has been charged with vehicle theft and attempted burglary offences following separate incidents in Tamworth and Lichfield.

Ashley West, 31, of Grendon, Warwickshire, has been charged with theft of motor vehicle and two counts of attempted burglary with intent to steal.

It comes after reports of two attempted burglaries in Tamworth and Whittington on 25 August and the theft of a BMW i4 in Tamworth on 16 August.

West appeared at the North Staffordshire Justice Centre on Tuesday (30 September) and has been remanded ahead of his next appearance at Stafford Crown Court on 31 October.



We've received several reports this evening (16 October) of an individual calling residents and claiming to be a police officer in an attempt to get people's sensitive information.

The calls are reportedly coming from 01926 450000. It's believed those behind this are 'spoofing' a Warwickshire landline number.

The caller is claiming to be a PC Andy Lawson. There is no such officer working for us.

They are then reportedly citing false incident numbers, claiming they're involved in an investigation and asking for usernames and passwords to various online services.

We're investigating this. In the meantime, please remember:

- We will never ask you to give sensitive information - like logins and passwords - over the phone.
- If you are in any doubt at all as to the legitimacy of the caller - hang up immediately and call us directly on 101. Any genuine police officer will have no issue at all with you doing that.

Know anyone who is vulnerable? Please have a chat with them this evening to give them a heads up.

If you receive any calls like this, please hang up and call us on 101.

We want to know what you think!

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT are community-based officers. We want to know what our communities would like to see us prioritising.

You may have seen and completed this survey previously; however, we are keen to routinely review what matters to you in your area as your priorities may change.

We're always keen to understand the concerns you have about your area and what policing priorities you would like us to focus on.

To help us to help you, please complete our Survey to tell us what most matters to you. This will help to shape our crime prevention and engagement activities in your area and the updates that we share with you.

Please click the link below to access the survey:
<https://tinyurl.com/yourprioritiesmatter>

Find out more about your local officers, get the latest crime statistics and advice, help us with appeals for information and find out what we're doing to tackle crime in your area by visiting:
<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/area/your-area/>

Thank you for your support



Officers will be visiting the villages and towns completing this survey with residents.

If you would like to complete a survey with an officer, please look out for upcoming events on our Facebook page 'Atherstone and Coleshill Police'.

Community Speed Watch

Would you like to support your community and join a speed watch group?

The Community Speed Watch Groups work closely with Warwickshire Police. By conducting the speed checks, they help reduce the speeding issue in the area. Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative and is managed by the volunteers, coordinated by Warwickshire Police.

Are you interested in joining the Community Speed Watch group?

If so email us on nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk.



E-Scooters

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of 'powered transporters'. This covers a range of personal transport devices that are powered by a motor.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence and insurance. There are two ways of using an e-scooter:

- by privately owning one
- by renting one through an authorised rental scheme

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance. If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter, the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car. Where you can use your own e-scooter: If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it on private land, such as in a garden. But you must have the permission of the landowner to do so.

VEHICLE CRIME ADVICE

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And remember to be on the lookout for people acting suspiciously and report it by calling 999!

PCSO Mitchell and PCSO Smith have been out distributing faraday pouches.

These have been distributed around some of our high targeted areas. The pouches have very kindly been purchased by North Warwickshire Borough Council, in our steps to tackling vehicle crime.

We believe a joint approach is key when tackling crime. We have received lots of great comments from residents, many of whom we have been able to offer lots of crime prevention information to.

Remember if you see something, even if you believe it to be small, let us know via 101 or <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

If you would like a faraday pouch, please email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk with your address and contact details.



Initial police response to vehicle crime.

Initial call managed by either LPRC or control room and if the incident is live and ongoing seek immediate deployment.

During the initial contact, the call taker will provide reassurance and discuss all investigative opportunities such as CCTV, Witnesses, Forensic opportunities with the victim or witness.

These questions and responses will be documented on the Strom log and an investigation is then created.

Call taker will provide scene preservation advice to the victim

Should there be no investigative opportunities the investigation will be sent to the CCC to complete and record a review and ensure that all investigative opportunities have been considered.

At this stage a decision will be made to either file the investigation if there are no further opportunities to pursue a positive outcome or allocate to an officer with an action plan should further potential investigative opportunities exist to seek a positive outcome.



Facts:

- Keyless entry vehicles are twice as likely to be stolen.
- The average van carries up to £2500 worth of tools.

Protect your property!!



Inspector 2561
Gibbons

Meet the team



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