

North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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September 2025



Atherstone Bike Race

Atherstone held the opening part of the Men's Tour of Britain Bike Race, and the team were out in the town engaging with those of you who attended.



Not only was it great to watch our community coming together to have a good time - it was also a great chance for us to talk to you, to hear about what's going on where you live and learn more about any concerns you might have.



If you would like to stay updated on what the team are doing in your area please sign up to our messaging alert Warwickshire Connected
<https://www.warwickshireconnected.com/#SignUp>

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

OP ROSEPOOL – Illegal use of off-road bikes.



SGT 671 Skelsey & PC 2300 Thompson came across an individual driving this electric pit bike on Coleshill high street.

Despite being instructed to stop the individual decided to make off from officers, following enquiries made officers were able to identify the driver of the bike which has now been seized.



Atherstone SNT have seized an off-road bike on Long Street today.

Even if it's just nipping to the shops, you still need insurance, a valid licence and the vehicle needs to be road legal.

The adult riding this bike had an expensive lesson today. Off road bikes are a problem around the entire county, but please report them through <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-social.../dob-em>



Officers located a suspected stolen bike that was left abandoned in a farmer field.



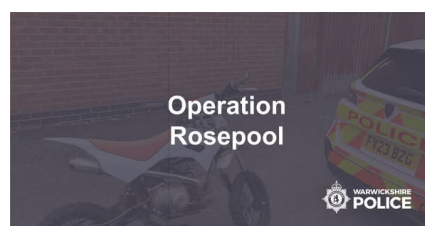
They also seized an electric bike which was seen to be ridden on Royal meadow drive with no licence plate or insurance and then hidden on a garden of an empty property.



Officers from Coleshill and Atherstone SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM have been out to locations where off-road bikes are being used illegally (in Atherstone) to see what can be done to make the locations more secure.



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



OPERATION TAVACO – VEHICLE CRIME

OP CAR KEY BURGLARY – VEHICLE CRIME

Atherstone SNT in partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council has been out delivering faraday pouches this afternoon and over the last few days.

There have been over 150 pouches issued to the residents of North Warwickshire.

We have seen an increase in theft in the area. So please stay alert...

So, if anyone would like a free faraday pouch for your keyless or push button start vehicle. Please email nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk with your name and address the team will be in touch.

****please note this is for North Warwickshire Residents only****



Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have been on foot patrol in Coleshill today.

Officers have been raising awareness around vehicle crime issues and offering advice on vehicle security.

Thanks to all the residents who took the time to speak with us today. Foot patrols will continue.



OP CAR KEY BURGLARY – VEHICLE CRIME

Coleshill safer neighbourhood team have conducted car key burglary operation in Shustoke.

Officers walked the streets trying car door handles and alerting owners to the cars that were insecure, officers gave out several faradays pouches this evening in order to combat keyless vehicle thefts.

These vehicle operations shall continue over the winter months as we look to raise awareness and reduce vehicle crime in the area.



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 TAVACO – VEHICLE CRIME

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After an increase in vehicle crime in the area, officers have been conducting patrols of known locations.

This Range Rover looked out of place; the registration displayed came back to a Silver Ford Transit.... further checks revealed that it was an outstanding stolen vehicle, stolen 2 days ago.

It has now been recovered and will undergo a forensic examination.



This vehicle was spotted abandoned in a farmer's field, checks of the VIN revealed that this was an outstanding stolen, from Coventry the week before.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, this won't be going back to the owner, however our enquiries will continue.



OP TAVACO – VEHICLE CRIME

Officers have been advised of a stolen vehicle tracking to a location. Officers have attended and recovered the vehicle for forensics.



This vehicle was used in an attempted ram raid in Coleshill this month.

ANPR and CCTV checks identified the registration which was 'no trace' on the Police National Computer. after a bit more digging the vehicle was identified, checks near the registered keepers address resulted in the vehicle being located...

As you can see its true identity had been concealed (poorly) using black electrical tape to change an F to an E...

The vehicle has been recovered, and the driver has been identified and will be processed accordingly...



Bobbies on the Beat

Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood team have been on foot patrol in the Arley and Ansley areas following recent incidents and anti-social behaviour reported by the community.

Officers spoke with local residents along the way about pressing matters in their area which will be looked into in due course.

Patrols will continue over the coming weeks.



Late night to early morning Patrols by Atherstone & Coleshill safer neighbour teams PCSO Mitchell and PCSO Scott around the M6 Corley Services to combat theft from HGVs.

Some great engagement with lorry drivers and staff from Corley.



Another uninsured vehicle/driver off the streets this time in Arley.

Vehicle seized and driver going to court.



PCSO Beale from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team has been conducting cycle patrols and engaging with local businesses and the community in Kingsbury, and the local surrounding villages.

PCSO Beale added "It's a fantastic opportunity to patrol the area's and cover our villages whilst using the police bicycles as I can cover a large area whilst also having the benefit and ease in being able to liaise with different members of our community.

Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team will be conducting regular patrols because of receiving several incidents of anti-social behaviour ".



Bobbies on the Beat

PC 2300 Thompson from Coleshill safer neighbourhood team has conducted high visibility patrols in Curdworth.

Patrols were focused of Farthing Lane due to reports to Police of criminal damage to vehicles recently which is currently being investigated by officers.

Patrols will continue on a regular basis alongside our ongoing enquiries as we look to reassure residents as we understand the worry that this has caused.

Alongside our enquiries and patrols, SNT shall be working alongside partner agencies in order to look at long term solutions to the issues that have been occurring in the location.



Road Traffic Officers came across a vehicle which was driving at excess speed heading into Coleshill from Coleshill Heath Road.

The vehicle was stopped, and it turned out that the vehicle does not have insurance therefore the vehicle was seized.

PCSO Smith and PCSO Beale attended Curdworth Parish Council Meeting and gave a full report for the month.

An update was also given regarding the nuisance bikes in the village and what the team are doing to tackle these issues.



Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have conducted speed checks at Nether Whitacre and Fillongley.

"PCSO BEALE added speeding has been a concern to our communities and to ensure everyone is abiding by the speed limit further speed checks will be conducted within the area. Ensuring, we keep our communities and road users safe".

We also conducted foot patrol at Corley Services due to recent reports of thefts within the services and we have been liaising with the staff at the businesses offering reassurances and support. Further patrols will be ongoing.

Whilst out on patrol we have been liaising with local businesses and the residents regarding future projects within the community.



PCSO Scott & PCSO Payne have recovered this vehicle on Longstreet, Atherstone.

This was after the driver parked for a considerable time both on the pavement and the keep clear markings making it difficult for wheelchairs users and buggies trying to pass by.

Please be considerate where you park, as you will be responsible for any costs incurred.



Community Engagement

PCSO's Rygielski and Thompson have been out today for a VAWG (Violence against women and girls) walk around Polesworth.

It was lovely to meet so many members of the public and discuss what would make them feel safer when out and about.

If you would like to find out when the next VAWG walk is near to you please follow the below:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/.../campaigns/2023/VAWG/>



Late night to early morning patrols continues around residential properties in the Atherstone area to combat car keyless thefts by town centre PCSO Scott this week.

Due to a suspicious incident in Bowler Close, faraday pouches have been hand delivered to residents, and we urge them to make use of the pouches ensuring they enclose their spare keys. We are also working in partnership with Chris and his team at Atherstone Garage Service Centre where customers can collect a free faraday pouch. There is still plenty of free faraday pouches available kindly funded by NWBC Community Safety Team.

If you would like a free faraday pouch, please email your name and address to

nwe.snt@Warwickshire.police.uk



PC Breeze and PCSO Yaqub from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team attended the ARC School in Old Arley.

We spoke to Year 11 students about the career opportunities in the Police and offered information about the laws we are guided by. Groups of pupils enjoyed asking questions and learning about the role. The students and teachers got to try out pieces of kits whilst role playing.

We would like to thank the school for inviting us and look forward to future visits.

Officers from Coleshill SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT) attended Water Orton Library for their Cuppa with a Copper event.

They were joined by Coleshill Fire Station and North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the library staff for hosting us.

We look forward to the next one.



PC Breeze and PCSO Mitchell attended Nether Whitacre Parish Council Meeting.

A full report for the month was given. We look forward to attending meetings in the upcoming months.

The driver of this vehicle has been driving without insurance or MOT.

Driver has been reported and vehicle seized.



Atherstone car show

Atherstone SNT are at the yearly Atherstone car show we are in Market square.



Some amazing vehicles on show and great atmosphere.



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If you have an event, you would like us to attend, please email the relevant team using the emails on the last page of this newsletter.



Bobbies on the beat

We're appealing for witnesses or information after an assault in Coleshill on 12th September.

At around 9.45pm on Friday (12 September) a man in his twenties was stabbed outside The Bell Inn on Birmingham Road.

The victim sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital, his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

A number of enquiries are currently ongoing, and officers are appealing to anyone who was in the pub and may have witnessed or filmed the offence to please come forward. Any information can be given by calling 101, quoting incident number 399 of 12 September.

An urgent licensing review has also been requested at the location.

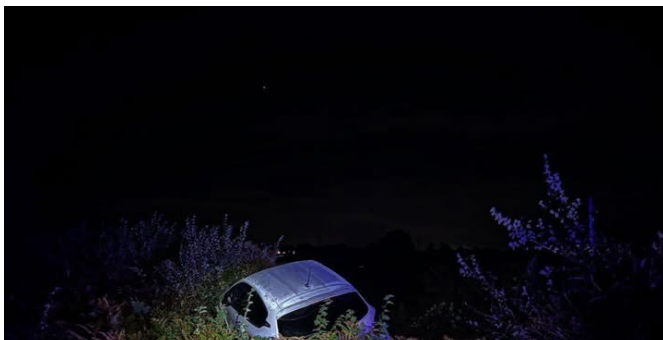
Information can also be given anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website.



PC 2723 from D Shift response Bedworth got called to a report of a vehicle seen abandoned off road in Fillongley during a recent night shift.

On arrival the vehicle was found to be around 15 meters off the road after failing to negotiate a bend. Further checks showed the vehicle as having no valid insurance policy.

With assistance from the Rural Crime Special Constabulary drone unit an area search was conducted but no persons were found in the vicinity of the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered.



PCSO Mitchell, PCSO Beale and PCSO Smith from the Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team has been conducting high visibility foot patrols of Corley services.

While engaging with members of the public and the businesses. This is in attempts to prevent ASB and thefts from HGV parks and provide reassurance to local businesses.



Atherstone SNT have attended Newton Regis Coffee morning, we gave out some faraday pouches and general advice about staying safe.

We thank the lovely ladies for the cake and photo! If you would like a faraday pouch (for your keyless vehicle) as a North Warwickshire resident you can contact the team on nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



Arrests and Outcomes

A male has been arrested in Kingsbury following a report to Police from a local business having a high value piece of machinery stolen from the site.

Following an investigation being carried out, suspect has been identified who was taken to police custody and was interviewed regarding the alleged offence.



Car Key burglary arrest

Officers attended Spon Lane, Grendon at approximately 04:30 hours this morning after a report of houses and vehicles being targeted by offenders.

Two vehicles were initially stolen but officers have quickly arrested one of the offenders involved near to the location and recovered both the stolen vehicles.

Enquires are continuing. Incident 35 1/9/25 relates.



A man has appeared in court in connection with a collision near Coleshill.

Dimitar Kalchev, 48, of no fixed abode, was charged with causing death by dangerous driving following a collision on the A446 at around 1.40pm. on Friday (5 September). The Bulgarian national went before magistrates on Saturday (6 September) and was remanded to next appear at Warwick Crown Court on Thursday 9 October.

The person named in this post has been charged with an offence(s) and will be appearing in court. To avoid jeopardising any upcoming legal proceedings, comments have been turned off on this post



We've arrested a man and seized two dogs after six people and a dog were injured in Polesworth.

Shortly before midday on 11th September, people started calling us to report that two dogs were loose on Park Street - attacking another dog and members of the public. While we were on our way, several members of the public bravely stepped in to help secure the two dogs in a nearby garden and a van.



Though they managed to secure the attacking dogs, unfortunately, six people suffered minor injuries. When we arrived, the secured dogs – believed to be an XL Bully cross and a French Bulldog - were seized by our officers.

The injured dog is believed to have been attacked by the two dogs. All the seized dogs are unharmed and safely in police kennels. We have not yet heard back on the condition of the injured dog which was attacked. We arrested a 49-year-old man from Tamworth on suspicion of having a dog dangerously out of control causing injury. He has been released on bail until the end of November as our enquiries continue.

North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team Inspector, Andi Gibbons said: "Thank you to those who called 999, and to those brave members of the public who stepped in to help - they should be incredibly proud of what they did. We understand this caused a lot of concern in the area and has led to a lot a speculation in the community. We'd like to reassure everyone that we've begun a full investigation to get to the bottom of what happened.

"The six members of the public suffered largely superficial injuries – including bite marks, scratches and puncture wounds – with some getting stitches at hospital. We can also confirm two dogs are being kept safely in police kennels. We've had officers in the area since the incident and they will continue to be around, so if you're worried, please speak to them.

"We're keen to hear from anyone who was in the area between midday and 12.30pm yesterday or from anyone who has information that can help. Please either share it with them, report it online through our website or call 101."

Anyone with information should quote incident 121 of 11 September.

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.

If you would like to raise a priority with us, click on the link and fill out the form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tq8ko-8K90eih5grpzEdigTsBhM7-tZMvpdBw6ruq09UN0oyV0IRVVcxUkRUMEFFMTBIWFBDWk5BWC4u>

or scan the QR code and fill in the boxes for it to be considered.



Vehicle Crime awareness

Theft from cars is one of the local policing teams priorities.

We have made numerous linked arrests recently and conducted various operations but one of the main targets for criminals is unlocked vehicles. Please make sure your vehicle and property is secure.



Community Speed Watch

We are currently in the process of setting up Community Speed Watch for Austrey.

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 in on private land, such as in a garden. But you must have the permission of the landowner to do so.

Vehicle Crime

Do you have a keyless entry vehicle?

Thieves can steal your keyless vehicle by hijacking and amplifying the signal from your start device (key) in order to start your vehicle.

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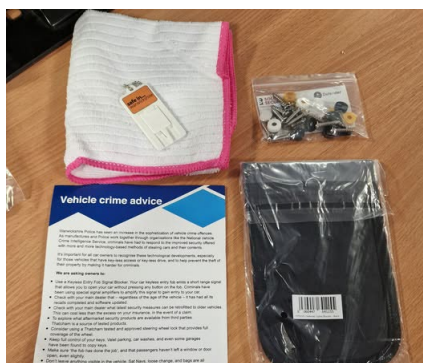
And remember to be on the lookout for people acting suspiciously and report it by calling 999!

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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