

North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

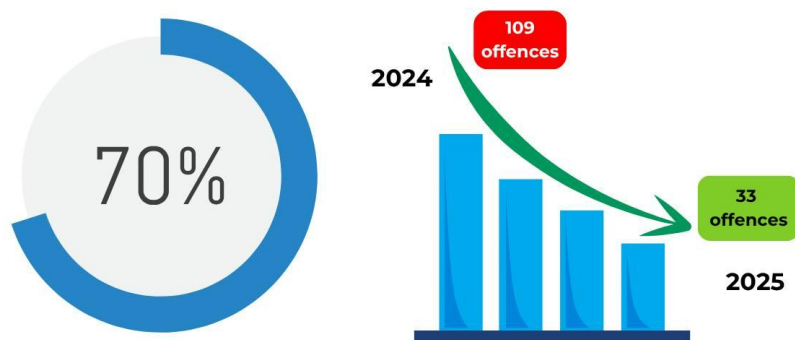


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April 2026



A Crackdown on HGV Crime

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HGV-related offences

An ongoing policing initiative has seen crime drop dramatically at Corley Services in the last two years.

Comparing 2023 to 2025, reported crime is down by around 60% across all motorway services in Warwickshire. But at Corley Services, there's been an even bigger improvement.

After HGV-related crimes in particular were highlighted, we took steps to tackle it. And thanks to these efforts, there's been a drop of 70% from 109 offences in 2024 to just 33 last year.

It's now the lowest level it's been in years with usually anywhere between one and four offences each month.

We had a slight spike in November, which we think was opportunistic offenders looking for valuables before Christmas, but the overall trend is still strongly down from where it's been in the past.

This shows the measures put in place, along with ongoing partnership working, are making a real and lasting difference at the site. And we're not stopping here - we'll keep driving crime down and keeping the area safe for everyone.

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.

Operations

OP Town Safe

As our continued commitment to keeping Atherstone town centre safe Atherstone SNT has been working with the parish council and CCTV panel in producing new signage for town. We are pleased to say these are now fitted throughout the town centre along with roads entering Atherstone town just above the flower borders promoting the use of the retail radio network and CCTV in the town centre.



Operation Rosepool – Tackling Off-Road Bike ASB

Operation Rosepool is a dedicated policing operation focused on tackling **anti-social behaviour involving off-road bikes**. We know how disruptive illegal, or irresponsible off-road bike use can be to our communities — from noise and intimidation to damage of parks, fields, and public spaces. Through Op Rosepool, officers are working proactively to:

- **Identify and target** individuals using off-road bikes illegally or dangerously
- **Seize uninsured or unroadworthy bikes**
- **Increase patrols in hotspot areas**
- **Gather intelligence** from the community to support enforcement
- **Work with partners** to reduce long-term harm and keep public spaces safe

Our aim is simple: **to reduce harm, prevent anti-social behaviour, and protect communities** from the ongoing issues caused by nuisance off-road bikes. If you have information that could support Operation Rosepool, please report it via our usual channels. Your information helps us take action.

OP VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls.



OP YARD – What It Is and Why It Matters

Operation Yard is a targeted policing initiative focused on reducing HGV-related crime at motorway service stations and freight hubs. These locations are essential rest points for drivers, but they're also vulnerable to offences such as fuel theft, load interference, vehicle break-ins, and organised criminal activity.

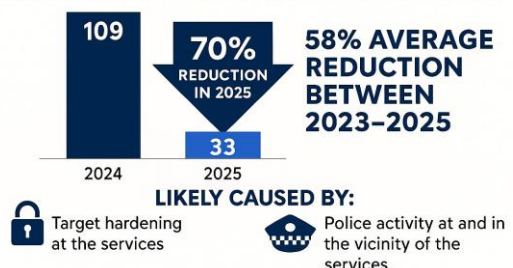
The purpose of Operation Yard is to:

- Protect HGV drivers and their cargo.
- Identify and disrupt offenders operating around service stations.
- Increase visibility and reassurance in high-risk areas.
- Gather intelligence linked to freight crime and organised networks.
- Work with partner agencies and service-station operators to improve safety.

Officers conduct patrols, speak with drivers, check vehicles linked to intelligence, and monitor behaviour around the services to spot early signs of criminal activity. By focusing on the places where HGV drivers rest and refuel, Operation Yard aims to keep the road network safer, prevent costly thefts, and support those who play a vital role in keeping goods moving across the country.

GOOD NEWS! REDUCTIONS IN FREIGHT CRIME AT CORLEY SERVICES

The number of offences decreased from 109 in 2024 to 33 in 2025.



DOB EM IN

07/04/2026 Officers have recovered a stolen bike this afternoon from Chelmsley Wood, following a theft on Blythe Road, Coleshill around 16:30hrs.

Following a short pursuit, officers have located the motorcycle abandoned in a recreation ground off Coleshill Heath Road around 16:52hrs.

The suspects are believed to have been travelling on three black motorcycles: two sports bikes and one moped. None of the bikes were displaying registration plates and we believe all riders & passengers were wearing balaclavas.



E-Scooters:-

You can ride a privately owned e-bike in public without a licence if you are over fourteen, but it must meet certain requirements.

They must have a maximum power output of 250 watts and a maximum speed of 15.5mph.

They also must be pedal assisted, meaning you must pedal for the motor to kick in, rather than simply pressing a button or twisting a throttle.

If they do not meet these criteria, they are classed as a motorbike or moped so must be registered, taxed, and insured, while riders must hold a licence or wear a helmet.

Police have powers to seize e-scooters and e-bikes that do not comply under Section 1658A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, having a vehicle on the road without insurance.

The offence can result in a criminal prosecution, typically attracting six penalty points when dealt with in court, however it is dealt with simply by way of seizure.

If you witness someone riding an off-road bike in an antisocial manner, please report them through the QR code below.



As many may have experienced within the local community, the rise in Anti-social behaviour involving a large number of motorbikes.

Most of these bikes are driven illegally without insurance and pose a danger to the community. Therefore, we need to encourage the community to inform us of these concerns with as much information as possible so we can get these bikes off the streets and crushed.

We can also issue the driver a Section 59 which grants us the powers to seize and remove vehicles that are being used to cause alarm, distress, or annoyance, careless or inconsiderate manner and off-road driving, this will last for 12 months. A section 59 also applies to both the driver and the vehicle so even if someone else drives the same vehicle in an anti-social manner, we can still enforce it.

To report an incident regarding a ASB Bike or vehicle, please call 101 or you can make an online report via our Warwickshire Police website. You can also go on the DOB EM IN website, which is www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin.



Operation Rosepool – Tackling Off-Road Bike ASB

Stolen Motorcycles - Recovered in Atherstone

Officers from Atherstone Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and the Warwickshire Rural Crime Team have successfully recovered two stolen motorcycles in Atherstone this afternoon.

At 12:53hrs on 01/04/2026, we received a report of a motorcycle theft from an address overnight in Hurley. Thanks to swift action by officers and valuable information provided by the victim, not one, but two stolen motorcycles were located and recovered in under ninety minutes!

Both owners have now been notified, and enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the thefts are ongoing.



Bobbies on the Beat Atherstone

04/04/2026 Late night to early morning patrols have been carried out by PCSO Scott today around residential areas of Atherstone Town Centre to combat car keyless thefts.

We still have free faraday pouches available kindly donated by North Warwickshire Community Safety Team.

If you are a resident of North Warwickshire and would like a free pouch, please email the team with your name and address.

nwe@snt.warwickshire.police.uk



On the 09/04/2026 Late night to early morning patrols have continued today by town centre PCSO 6162 Scott covering residential areas to deter car keyless burglaries. The local golf course and sports club were also patrolled due to a burglary at the sports club this week where a tractor was stolen.

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11/04/2026 PCSO 6162 Scott has been conducting late night to early morning patrols around the M6 Corley Services and M42 Motto Services as part of Operation YARD.

This operation focuses on keeping customer service areas safe, engaging with drivers, and helping to prevent HGV cargo crime and vehicle-related offences occurring on site.



11/04/2026 PCSO 6098 Hodson & 6162 Scott have been on patrol in Hartshill

We are aware of a large amount of rubbish, fly tipped next to The Clock Bridge.

We are working with NWBC environmental team to remove this asap.



Bobbies on the Beat Atherstone

17/04/2026 Patrols around Corley services have been carried out this evening by PCSO Rygielski and Thompson. We've had lots of engagement, and it was great to see so many happy motorists on their way home for the weekend.



On the 17/04/2026 Targeted patrols have been conducted this evening by the local safer neighbourhood team around Dordon and Polesworth.

Foot patrols covering much of the park and surrounding areas has been conducted, along with lots of engagement with the locals.

Furthermore, after reports of anti-social behaviour, patrols in Polesworth and in particular around Paddocks close have been conducted at multiple times throughout the evening today and yesterday. Atherstone, Mancetter, Hartshill and Ridge Lane have all had patrols this evening to allow for high visibility in the area.



Officers from Atherstone SNT have seized this vehicle on the 23/04/2026 in Austrey. Members of public had been in contact and advised that the vehicle had been parked up, without moving for a number of weeks, upon doing some checks, it was discovered that the vehicle had no tax and no insurance.

Your calls, your information, and your willingness to speak up really do make a difference.

If you see something that doesn't look right, please don't hesitate to report it.

Thank you for your continued support.



You said we did

After persistent complaints from local residents in Atherstone Town Centre and the store being linked to the sale of counterfeit products a store is set to close down at the end of May. Working with the landlord and partner agencies the initial stages of a closure order was implemented within the past few days. This would mean the store would be forced to close for a prolonged period of time and unable to trade. The store has now "voluntary" decided to hand in their tenancy. If found to be involved in any fraudulent sales or criminality from now until the date they leave the tenant will be fined £5000.

The landlord will be appropriately vetting the potential new tenants. If issues do arise then we will be taking immediate formal further action that will seriously effect the landlord and tenant.

Thank you to PCSO Scott who has worked on this over the past few months providing valuable evidence and actions. We will not tolerate the town centre to be linked to criminality.

Bobbies on the Beat Coleshill

On the 01/04/2026 PC 2300 Thompson and PC 1372 Breeze from Coleshill safer neighbourhood team have been conducting high visibility patrols in Water Orton. Following several reports of anti-social behaviour in the area along with parking issues on Birmingham Road, particular on Friday and Saturday evenings, patrols will be conducted on a regular basis as we look to identify those responsible.

Furthermore, following an increase in shop thefts from One Stop, Coleshill, officers have identified a suspect for these offences who has been visited by officers with the crimes now being processed as we work alongside the store.



10/04/2026, PCSO Mitchell has been out on patrol across the HGV parks at Corley Services as part of Operation YARD.

This operation focuses on keeping our service areas safe, engaging with drivers, and helping to prevent cargo crime and vehicle-related offences.

Great to speak with drivers and offer reassurance while maintaining a visible presence.



23/04/2026 Coleshill SNT have seized the pictured vehicle in Kingsbury after it was brought to our attention from local residents. The vehicle had no road tax and had reportedly been dumped in the location and had not moved for over 8 weeks.

Should there be any vehicles which look suspicious in your area which you believe require our attention please do not hesitate to report this to us.



29/04/2026 afternoon, PC 2300 Thompson visited Kingsbury Water park for a meeting with staff members regarding anti-social behaviour and the use of off road bikes being used in the park.

Yesterday's meeting was hugely beneficial where key hotspot locations in the park were highlighted, patrols will be increased especially coming into the summer months due to anti-social behaviour usually increasing during this time.

Should you see officers around the park, please feel free to say hello or raise any concerns you may have.

Arrests and Outcomes

05/04/2026 We've arrested two people after a man's body was discovered in a road near Atherstone in the early hours of Friday morning.

The body of the man in his 50s was discovered in Monk's Park Lane just after 1.30am. Our main line of enquiry is that a vehicle collided with him and left the scene. A couple of hours later, a 23-year-old man from Nuneaton and a 74-year-old man from Shifnal were arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, drink driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. They've both been bailed while enquiries continue, PC Craig Pearson from our Serious Collision Investigation Unit said: "An investigation into the incident has started to establish the circumstances surrounding this tragic incident. I'm especially keen to speak to anyone who saw or has video footage of a red Mercedes Vito van in the area around the time of the incident. I'd ask anyone in the area to please check CCTV, doorbell cameras and dashcam footage.

"Our thoughts are with the family of the man who lost his life, they are currently being supported by a specially trained family liaison officer."

Anyone with information that could help the police with their enquiries can contact us via the link in the comments or by calling 101. Please quote incident number 25 of 3 April 2026.



A well-known male from the Grendon area was arrested yesterday afternoon after stealing items from the Co-Op store in Atherstone Town Centre.

The male stole crates of alcohol.

He was later charged and remanded in police custody to appear in court 17/04/2026.

A male from Atherstone was arrested yesterday morning after he has persistently contacted emergency services with false calls and abuse.

He is already on bail for similar offences and is currently in custody at Nuneaton.

He will be kept for court this morning of 23/04/2026.



We are aware of a public order incident on Saturday 25th April at a public house in Hartshill.

The incident is being investigated and positive action will be taken against any persons involved.

Further to the below we have arrested a male this morning in relation to these offences and he is presently in custody.



29/04/2026 officers from North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team supported the RSPCA during an operation which resulted in a number of animals being seized.

The investigation is ongoing.

Thank you to those who raised concerns to the relevant agencies and to our partners for their continued work to protect animal welfare.

Community Engagement



On the 01/04/2026 PCSO's Rygielski and Thompson have had a fantastic afternoon today at Ratcliffe road Youth centre for their women's and girls' event. What a fantastic event this was, enjoyed by so many.

23/04/2026 D shift Emergency Response are out in the northern villages tonight and discovered a rather Angelic sound coming from Tithe Barn. The Singing Villagers were out in force and made our day. Thank you for welcoming us and hope to catch you again soon.



22/04/2026 PC 2300 Thompson & PC 1372 Breeze from Coleshill SNT have attended the Coleshill parish council meeting. Tonight, officers gave feedback to all who attended on local topics ongoing in the area alongside incidents of note which have recently occurred.

Furthermore, officers today have located an individual in relation to a graffiti issue which has occurred in the town, the offender is currently being processed for the offence of criminal damage.



A massive thank you to everyone who joined PCSO Rygielski and Inspector Wrighting on the VAWG walk this evening 27/04/2026 at Hartshill Hayes country park. We have had lots of engagement as well as offering lots of support in staying safe.

PCSO Rygielski has then gone on to carry out patrols around the cemetery and Grange road recreational ground in Hartshill.

There has been lots of engagement as well as preventative patrols to deter anti social behaviour from taking place. Speaking with many of the locals have given us a bigger insight to some of the concerns locals have.

Patrols of Atherstone and Mancetter have been carried out including the industrial estates.



Up Coming Community Engagement Events!

We have a VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls)



Walk with us

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 and girls living and working in Warwickshire. Please note under 14s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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

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/VAWGWarwickshire>

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Atherstone are hosting a 'Cuppa with a Copper' Event on 28/05/2026 at Hartshill community centre Church Road, CV10 0LY



PCSO Yaqub & PCSO Rygielski Atherstone & Coleshill safer neighbourhoods' team are hosting a Facebook live on the 06/05/2026 at 1200pm.



We Want To Hear From You!

We routinely review what matters to you in your area as your priorities may change.

Tell us your concerns and policing priorities so we can better focus on what matters to you!

Help Us to Help You Better!

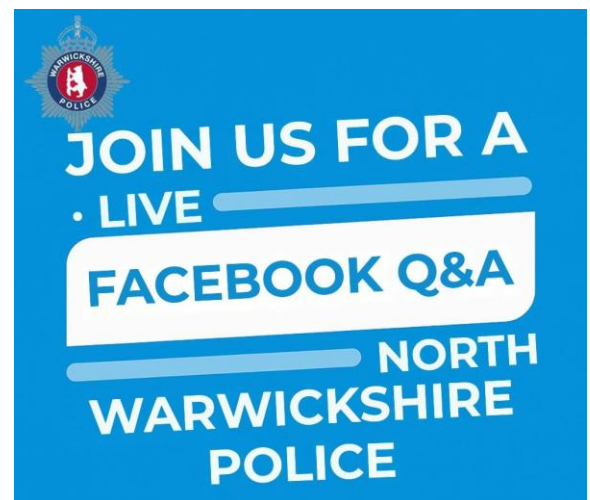
Complete Our Survey Today!

SCAN THE QR CODE

Tell us what matters most to YOU!

Shape our crime prevention & community engagement in your area.

Your feedback will help us to focus on the issues that matter to you and keep you informed with the latest updates.



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LIVE

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POLICE

Coleshill are hosting a 'Cuppa with a Copper' event on the 09/05/2026 at Curdworth Village Hall 10:00 – 12:00.



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 are secure.



Community Speed Watch

PCSO Yaqub has been training volunteers for speed watch this month.

This month, the speed watch teams have been out conducting speed checks in the villages. The community speed watch groups are a valued part of our communities. They take time out of their lives to help make our communities safe on the roads. If you would like to sign up to be a member of your local speed watch group, email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



We are looking to set up more speed watch groups in the villages that don't have them. If you would like to put your name forward to be trained, please email the above email address. We will be looking to get volunteers trained in November, so apply now so you don't miss your chance!

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

Owning your own e-scooter

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!

The Atherstone & Coleshill safer neighbourhood teams have been delivering 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 nwe.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



Inspector 2154
Wrighting

Meet the team.



PS 671
Skelsey

**North Warwickshire
Central & East Safer
Neighbourhood Team
Covering: Atherstone
Town, Hartshill, Ridge
Lane, Mancetter and
Oldbury**



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Scott



PC 2267
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Alvecote, Shuttington, Warton,
Badesley Ensor, Baxterley,
Seckington, Newton Regis,
Grendon and Grendon common.**



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Shustoke, Arley, Old Arley,
Ansley Common, Ansley village,
Birchley Heath, Furnace End and
Over Whitacre**



PC 1372
Breeze



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Wishaw, Curdworth, Water
Orton, Nether Whitacre,
Whitacre Heath, Lea Marston,
Hams Hall, Hoggrills End and
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