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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 12th January 2025

Based at Alcester Police Station, The Safer Neighbourhood team's primary roles are around crime prevention, problem solving both long standing or emerging issues of community concern and community engagement. We are supported at Alcester by colleagues from Patrol teams whose role is to respond to incidents and investigate crimes that occur in the area 24/7. The SNT is supervised by Inspector Hembry who leads on Neighbourhood Policing for Stratford District and Sgt Ebbs who also oversees neighbourhood Policing in the Shipston on Stour area. The Alcester SNT currently consists of 2 Police officers and 5 Police Community Support Officers, and our contact details are shown above.

Hello all.

This is our latest combined weekly report and prompt to see if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the Alcester Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Thank you to those that have contacted the Teams this week. If you would like to be removed from this local email circulation list, please let me know asap. This report will also be sent out on the Warwickshire Connected alert system.

For operational and privacy reasons not all the incidents that occur on the Alcester area are listed in this report, although they are recorded on police systems. Please remember to report any anti-social behaviour, suspicious activity or crimes to us as soon as possible - this can be done via the 101 and 999 telephone numbers or if not an emergency via our online reporting forms that can be found on our website. If you have any information or cctv footage that may relate to the incidents listed, please contact us.

Incidents of a public interest from the last week: -

STUDLEY

- Theft. Store, Alcester Road. Three young males dressed in black have stolen items from the shop. May be also responsible for other thefts recently. 7.10pm Saturday 11th January. 0246 11/01/2025
- Vehicle Crime. Castle Road. White Nissan Qashqai stolen without key. Around 10pm Tuesday 7th January. 0363 07/01/2025

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- Attempt Vehicle Crime. The Slough. Three males with face coverings seen on driveway to house looking around a Ford Ranger pickup. One of the males had a coat hanger shaped device, probably a relay system. Their attempt to unlock the vehicle on the driveway was unsuccessful and they left the area in another vehicle parked further down the road. 12.30am Monday 6th January. 0290 06/01/2025
- Suspicious Circumstances. Priory Square area. Blue Ford Transit van spotted by Council CCTV acting suspiciously in the area. A male from the van was seen to look around the outside of premises and then jump a fence into a garden. The van eventually drove off northbound. The registration number started 'MF09'. 3.50am Monday 6th January. 0044 06/01/2025

Online Safety – Social Media

If a person sends threatening/abusive/offensive messages to another person via Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), or any other social networking site, they could be committing an offence. The most relevant offences are 'harassment' and 'malicious communications'. The offence of 'stalking' may also be relevant if a person is being targeted persistently by someone across various social media accounts, along with any other repeated, obsessive and intrusive behaviour, which causes the person alarm and distress.

For harassment to be committed, there must be a 'course of conduct' (i.e. two or more related occurrences). The messages do not necessarily have to be violent in nature but must be oppressive and need to have caused some alarm or distress.

If there has only been a single communication, which would be insufficient for the offence of harassment (above), there could be an offence relating to malicious communications. For such an offence to be committed, a message must be sent to another person (or sent via a public communications network) that is indecent, grossly offensive, obscene or threatening/menacing.

You can report any possible offences to your local police, who will advise whether they can progress the matter based on the full facts and your individual situation. To assist the police with their investigation, you must not respond to the message as it may encourage the sender and make the situation worse. Also, you could take a screenshot of the message so if it gets deleted later there will still be a record of what was said.

However, depending on the circumstances and the nature of the messages, you may wish to initially make a report to Facebook/X etc., as they have processes in place for such situations, and may be able to simply remove the content and/or close down the person's account.

A few examples of websites offering advice in relation to dealing with harassment.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-social-media/>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/discrimination/taking-action-about-discrimination/taking-action-about-harassment/>

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams>

Keyless vehicle theft

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key fob comes within a short-range distance of the car. Keyless theft, also known as 'relay theft', occurs when device is used to fool the car into thinking the car's own remote key fob is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

Is my car keyless entry? - If you have to press a button on your car's key fob to enter your car and turn the ignition with your key, then your car is not 'keyless' entry. Keyless entry cars allow the driver to unlock and start the car with the key fob still in their pocket / bag. Once in the car, the driver can press a button to start the engine without ever needing to touch the key fob / remote.

How can I protect my vehicle?

Keep car keys safe.

Whilst at home keep your car keys away from the car to disrupt communication range.

Avoid leaving them near your door or window.

Use a signal-blocking pouch.

The pouch can block the transmission of the signal from the car key once inside the pouch.

Turn off the fob's wireless signal.

Wireless signals on some keyless fobs can be turned off. Look in your car manual to see if this is possible, if not, contact your vehicle manufacturer.

Re-programme your keys

This erases the code from the car key to the car itself. This will mean a spare car key that is not in our possession can no longer be paired with your car leaving it susceptible to theft. Contact your local Master Locksmith Association (MLA) approved auto locksmith for a quote.

On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) Port

Some theft involves thieves breaking into a vehicle and accessing the OBD port to start the car. Below are a few options that may help secure your vehicle from this method of theft:

Contact your local dealership or an auto electrician to relocate the OBD port in your vehicle.

Consider the use of a OBD port protective cover or lock guard.

Consider a remote central locking keyless system upgrade or an upgraded immobiliser system to protect your vehicle. This can be very costly and only to be considered for higher end prestige vehicles.

Steering wheel lock

Strongly consider reintroducing a steering wheel lock to your vehicle. This can be an effective tool in the fight against keyless thefts, purely for the reason that it cannot be compromised via technology.

Parking

If you have a garage, use it to secure your vehicle in. If you park on the driveway, park as close to the property as you can. If you have more than one vehicle on your driveway, park the less desirable vehicle in front of the more desirable vehicle to block its access.

Note - as with any additional security for vehicles, try to purchase devices that are:

Thatcham Quality Assured - <https://www.thatcham.org/>

Sold Secure Tested <https://www.soldsecure.com/>

Secured by Design <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>

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