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Alcester Police SNTs. Latest Weekly Report. Sunday 19th October 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 Jake Kibblewhite 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: -

BIDFORD

Suspicious Circumstances X 2 calls. The Leys. Two young males wearing balaclavas / no helmets seen on a moped travelling towards the industrial estate. No registration plate. 4.05pm Monday 13th October. 0234 13/10/2025

This newsletter is not intended to record a comprehensive list of every reported crime in the area but includes crimes and incidents that the local community should be aware of. Staying vigilant and working together with the police and your local community keep crime out of your area.

SALFORD PRIORS

Vehicle Crime. Car park, Station Road. Attempt theft of motorcycle by 3 males on mopeds. When challenged they made off. 2.40pm Wednesday 15th October. 0219 15/10/2025

BILLESLEY

Burglary. Billesley. Two males wearing balaclavas have kicked in the front door to house and made entry. Untidy search made, unsure of anything stolen at the time of the report. Around 5pm on Tuesday 14th October. 0299 14/10/2025

SHELFIELD

Burglary. Burford Lane. Rear patio door damaged and entry gained. Untidy search made and items stolen. Between 9am and 5.30pm Tuesday 14th October. 0277 14/10/2025

WELFORD

Vehicle Crime. Binton Road. White Mercedes Sprinter works van stolen without key. Between 11pm 13th and 7am 14th October. 0061 14/10/2025

Suspicious Circumstances. Binton Road. Several males over different days seen on driveway to house, looking into skip and around the garden. Reported 13th October. 0210 13/10/2025

STUDLEY

Vehicle Crime. The Maltings. Blue VW Transporter Van stolen without key. Overnight 12th & 13th October. 0045 13/10/2025

MORTON BAGOT

Burglary. Morton Bagot. Rear door glass smashed, and entry gained. Untidy search of premises made, and various items stolen including jewellery, silver items and cash. Between 4pm and 10.30pm Saturday 18th October. 0381 18/10/2025

WOOTTON WAWEN

Burglary. Riverside Drive. House entered through rear door. Untidy search of premises made. Jewellery believed stolen. Found and reported 14th October. 0129 14/10/2025

Burglary. Acklam Gardens. Front door lock damaged and access gained. Untidy search of premises made. Various items taken including jewellery. Between 11th & 12th October. 0318 12/10/2025

HENLEY

Burglary. Bear Lane. House entered and handbag with car keys taken. Subsequently a Blue Ford Focus Estate was also stolen from the premises. This was later found by West Midlands Police. Overnight 15th & 16th October. 0122 16/10/2025

EARLSWOOD

Suspicious Circumstances. Malthouse Lane. Group of 6 males dressed all in dark clothing and wearing balaclavas seen walking up the road. Caller concerned regards their motives. 7.25pm Tuesday 14th October. 0401 14/10/2025

Preventing car and vehicle theft

Don't let thieves get an easy ride. Follow these simple rules to protect your vehicle from thieves.

1. Lock your vehicle - Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check you haven't left any windows or the sunroof open. It is actually illegal to leave your vehicle running unattended while you de-ice it or warm it up in cold weather. If someone takes it while it's left like this, your insurer won't pay out because you won't be covered. If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

2. Keep the keys safe - Vehicles today are by and large more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them. Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door. It's not uncommon for car keys to be stolen from inside your home by thieves fishing for them with a stick and hook through the letterbox. If you're selling your car and you meet up with a potential buyer, do not allow the keys out of your sight. Your keys may be cloned by thieves and used later to steal your vehicle.

Keyless entry - Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry. Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition. Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car.

How to protect your keyless entry car

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.
- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second-hand car.
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

Additional physical security such as locks and immobilisers are still highly recommended. [Section six](#) on this page has more information about this.

3. Be aware of carjackers - The fact that you're in the car isn't always a deterrent to someone trying to steal it. In traffic, drive with the doors locked and when queuing leave enough space in front of your vehicle to enable you to get out of a tight spot. If your vehicle is bumped from behind, wait to pull over – somewhere safe and preferably where there are people. After all, you don't know the person who has collided with you; they could well be hijackers. If you're at all suspicious, consider calling the police. If someone threatens you, it's better to hand over the keys to the vehicle than become a victim of assault. Then call [999](#) as soon as possible and ask for the police.

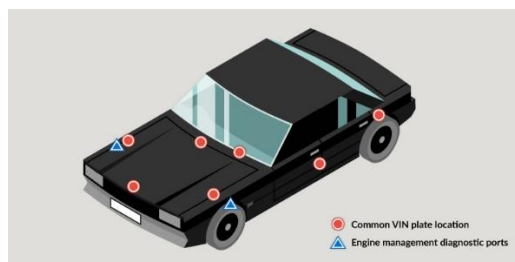
If your car is stolen, some modern vehicle alarm and tracker systems have the facility to isolate or shut down fuel systems, bringing the vehicle to a halt and leaving the thief high and dry.

4. Park responsibly - It's always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas. It's worth an extra five or ten-minute walk if it means your vehicle is left in a well-lit and busier street. And if possible, always try to park in illuminated and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out [Park Mark](#).

5. Watch for illegal tow trucks - Thieves often attempt to lift vehicles from the street, literally. So, if you see a towaway crew acting suspiciously – especially if their vehicle isn't branded or if they're not in uniform – then please report it immediately. As with every report of suspicious behaviour made in good faith, we'll never blame anyone for calling us if it proves unfounded. Car parks with height-restricted entrances help prevent illegal tow trucks and removal vehicles. And fitting a [Thatcham rated](#) category 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors can help protect and trace your vehicle.

6. Fit good in-car security locks - Additional physical security can help to prevent your vehicle being driven away even if a thief gains entry. There are a range of security rated products tested by [Sold Secure](#) that can help, such as steering wheel locks, pedal boxes and gear stick locks. Some of these products, tested to Sold Secure Diamond, can even resist a small hand-held angle grinder. It's also worth speaking to your vehicle dealership about installing an aftermarket immobiliser approved by the manufacturer. Immobilisers prevent a vehicle from starting unless the correct fob, key or activation process is used. They can be personalised so that you're the only one who knows how to unset it via a number of dashboard controls.

7. Double-check electronic locking - Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away. If unsure, lock it manually, then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who's watching feels they've been spotted, they'll probably move off.



8. Before owning, check for cloning - Changing the identity of a vehicle, known as vehicle cloning, can be as simple as adding stolen number plates. When buying a vehicle, always check the DVLA V5 document and make sure the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicle is the same as on the document. Make sure you check more than one of the VINs as well as the engine numbers on the vehicle (see diagram). [Check a used vehicle you're buying](#).

9. Secure your port - Many modern vehicles are fitted with engine management diagnostic ports, which can unlock and start your vehicle. If your vehicle has this type of port, consider fitting a lockable cover.

Useful links - For more information about police preferred specification products that help to reduce the chances of vehicle crime please visit:

[Secured by Design \(SBD\)](#)

[Sold Secure](#)

[Thatcham Research](#)

Keep burglars out of your property.

Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed. - They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable.

Here's some useful advice, firstly on helping to keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place and, secondly, on how to prevent a distraction burglary.

Keep it visible - You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

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- Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
- At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
- Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
- Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
- Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

CCTV - By using well-defined boundaries as a basis, CCTV can be a valuable tool. However, it doesn't prevent a crime from being committed and does have limitations.

- CCTV linked to a smartphone will alert you to someone crossing your boundary.
- Most importantly, CCTV is no substitute for good quality physical security such as secure doors and windows.
- Some cameras work by day and by night, and record when they detect movement. Some can be remotely viewed from a smartphone.
- Position cameras where they are best able to obtain good quality facial images. Could you recognise or identify someone from the footage?
- There is legislation for home CCTV use, so always seek advice from an accredited installer first to ensure your system complies with the law.
- Place signage up warning that CCTV is in use.
- For advice and approved suppliers of CCTV visit the National Security Inspectorate and the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board.

ALARMS - Consider an accredited burglar alarm system with audible alarm boxes mounted high at the front and rear of your home. Two visible audible alarm boxes are better than one. Mount them at the front and rear of your home, high up to resist tampering.

- There are three types of burglar alarm, varying in capability and cost:

- Monitored – Once triggered, an alarm company or designated key holder can check to ensure it isn't a false alarm.
- Unmonitored – This type, once activated, will sound a loud alarm designed to scare off an intruder and alert neighbours but they are reliant on someone such as a neighbour checking the house.
- Auto Dialler – This system, once activated, alerts pre-programmed key holders with either a text or a phone call.

The police will typically respond to a burglar alarm if requested to do so by a monitoring company but are less likely to respond to an unmonitored alarm.

- If you have an extension to your home remember to extend your burglar alarm coverage as well.
- Burglars have been known to use ladders to access upper windows that appear to be unlocked. This is to avoid intruder alarm sensors on the lower floor. To help protect your property from this approach, you should extend any alarm sensor coverage to upper rooms.
- Signage is an effective deterrent if used with an active alarm system.
- For advice and approved suppliers of alarms visit the National Security Inspectorate and the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board.

LIGHTING

- External lighting - Lighting is a good deterrent and is recommended at doors as it makes it safer for you when coming and going after dark.
- A clear, low white light that activates at dusk to dawn is ideal for lighting a yard and garden and allowing any person to be clearly seen.
- Check to make sure that trees and plants do not obscure your lighting. It's recommended that you regularly cut vegetation back.
- Take care to position these lights so that light pollution doesn't annoy your neighbours.
- Internal lighting - Use an automatic plugin time switch to operate a lamp or light at pre-set times when you're away.
- Energy saving LED bulbs are best as they do not use as much electricity, last longer than conventional bulbs and do not generate heat, reducing fire risk.
- In blocks of flats, automatic low energy lights that detect movement are recommended for corridors, stairwells and communal areas such as car parks and cycle stores.

