

North Works East & North Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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Vehicle Crime

Following an increase in vehicle crime, Atherstone Safer Neighbourhood Team and response officers have been patrolling the area as a high visibility presence and a deterrent to offenders.

Two men have been arrested for vehicle crime offences following an incident in Dordon.

A Ford Transit van was stolen from a local resident. The vehicle was spotted by Police in convoy with an Audi Q3 and was later found abandoned in a cu-de-sac.

Police searched a linked premise where further stolen vehicle parts were discovered.

Two were arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle and interviewed about the offence. Police enquiries are continuing.



Drink driver arrested

A member of public contacted police reporting that a black BMW was seen swerving all over the road and had hit the central reservation. Police located the vehicle and conducted a road side breath test. Due to blowing around double the alcohol limit, driver was arrested and taken to custody.

Drug use in Atherstone

Following multiple reports of drug related activity an interim closure notice was applied to an address in the Atherstone area.

Some linked offences in the town have reduced by fifty percent as police cut off three county lines operations bringing drugs into the area.

Such is the impact on the drugs network locally intelligence shows drug users have been forced to travel large distances to source illegal drugs.

The success has been put down to the interim closure notice put in place on an undisclosed premises on the outskirts of Atherstone.

PC Lloyd Walton, North Warwickshire Area Beat Manager, said the impact of the closure had been huge.

"Our work to disrupt county lines networks in the area has been significant, not only in terms of the impact on crime but also for our community. The reduction in crime is no mean feat and shows the impact of effective community policing."

The interim closure order, which has now come to an end, led to a 53 per cent of reduction in retail crime in Atherstone Town Centre over the past three months.

Not only that, by closing the premises, it has led to a 55 per cent reduction in all crime in Atherstone and surrounding areas.

But the police work is ongoing and PC Walton said that they are moving into a new 'phase' to ensure crime levels do not rise.

Other Incidents in the area

Man charged with burglary and driving offences - North Warwickshire

Lea Hiatt, aged 48 of no fixed address, was arrested on 5 February and charged with:

- Two counts of attempted burglary
- Dangerous driving
- Burglary dwelling
- Burglary other than dwelling
- Going equipped to steal
- Driving without insurance
- Driving otherwise in accordance with a license
- Receiving stolen goods.

The charges are in connection with incidents between 2018 and February 2021.

Atherstone SNT conducted high visibility patrols in recreational areas to target drug use.

Targeted patrols in North Warwickshire identified a hot spot area for drug use. Police attended and conducted stop searches and a vehicle search of youths in the area. This led to Police seizing a quantity of cannabis and issuing a cannabis caution to the involved party.

Large cannabis factory on Station Street

Police discovered a large cannabis factory in Atherstone Town Centre, arrests have been made and enquiries are on-going.

Preventing Keyless Car Thefts

There have been a number of keyless car thefts lately across the whole of the county, some of which have occurred here in our area.

There are a number of steps that car owners can take to help prevent offenders from being able to take their vehicle.

- Make sure your car is properly locked and keep keys 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, driveway parking post or a wheel clamp. This will deter many criminals.
- Fit a tracking device.
- Keep your keys in a Faraday bag to block the signal.
- Remove batteries from your spare keys.



Perpetrators of this type of crime will often drive around residential areas looking for opportunities to take their target vehicles. If you see any suspicious activity in your area, please report it to police by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

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Fines Issued for Covid Regulation Breaches

We have begun 2021 with another national lockdown and, whilst the vast majority of people are doing the right thing, we have been kept busy by those that have decided to ignore the rules.

Officers have attended a number of premises where breaches of Covid regulations have been reported by the public and have issued fines to those that are blatantly breaking the rules.

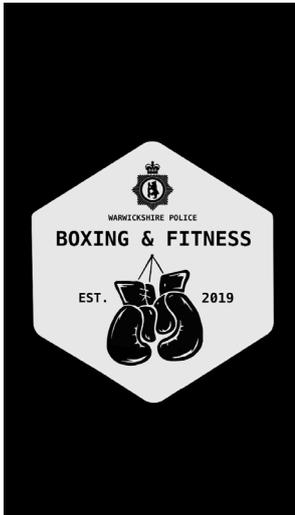
Whilst we all understand that it has been a frustrating and worrying 10 months, we must all come together to do the right thing for Warwickshire and protect the vulnerable in our communities as well as our hard-working NHS staff.



Flytipping

Fly tipping and litter costs around £650,000 a year to clear and ruins our beautiful Warwickshire countryside. Now, we have another weapon in our armory to fight the blight. New CCTV cameras have been installed at fly tipping hot spots with the warning that: 'Fly tip here and you will be caught.' Offenders could end up with a maximum fine of £50,000, up to five years in prison – and a criminal record to boot!





Boxing Club

Whilst the North Warwickshire Police Boxing and Fitness club has been closed we have upgraded the equipment ready to open the doors again. We have installed a new protective floor after a grant from the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police, we then installed 4 new boxing bags and purchased equipment after grants from the Police and Crime commissioner and local councillors Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Singh.

We watch the current COVID closely and hope to re-open as soon as it's safe to do so.

The club has been a huge success and has helped around 50 local youths in the 12 months since we opened the doors, the club has been noticed locally and nationally in both the public and private sector with lots of other Police Forces requesting information about what we do as they aim to replicate it in their own communities.

Most recently, the boxing club has featured in "Boxing News" which is one of the biggest boxing magazines in the world.

The club would not run without the help of local people and professional, if anyone would like information on the club then please email lloyd.walton@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Any local sponsorship would be welcome



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