

# Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter March 2021

Covering the policing areas of Snitterfield, Wellesbourne, Kineton and Burton Dassett



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**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER 101**  
Only call 999 in an emergency when a crime  
is in progress or life is in danger.

## Incidents reported during February 2021:

### Covid-19 regulations

Checks have been made on people who are required to be in quarantine. Reports made by telephone and online of alleged breaches of regulations in commercial premises, public places and homes have been followed up. Also, refer to the incidents at Burton Dassett Country Park in this newsletter.

If you have information relating to the referenced incidents please call 101 quoting the number and date.

### Wellesbourne Area:

054-04/02 Church Street,  
Wellesbourne

Vehicle stolen from drive. Recovered later.

083-27/02 Mountford Close,  
Wellesbourne

Noises heard during the night, around 02:30. Small window smashed. No entry gained to property.

## SCAM! ALERT!

Oil was added to the radiator of a car that was being sold locally so that the dishonest purchasers could point out a fault and get a better price. A letter, correctly addressed, was delivered by post, with information of a large inheritance from a deceased Covid sufferer. Both are well known scams—beware.

## We understand there are concerns being voiced by our communities, particularly on social media, around dogs being stolen.

Inspector Allison Wiggin, force lead for Rural Crime, said: "This month, we've had two reported dog thefts and one attempted, which have involved both pet and working dogs. Enquiries are currently ongoing with those investigations.



"We've also seen a small increase in reports of suspected suspicious behaviour (relating to dogs), which may be due to increased vigilance from owners. While these reports can sometimes turn out to be innocent, we would still rather be made aware. So if you do see or hear anything you feel is suspicious, please do let us know.

"We never underestimate the devastating impact the theft of a cherished pet can be to both the owner and the animal, and while it is still a rare crime, it's sadly something we are seeing an increase in nationally.

"We are doing all we can to prevent offences and investigate those which have taken place. Please see our advice and if you do see any suspicious activity, report it to us."

### Advice:

- Ensure your dog is microchipped, your contact details are up to date and they have an ID tag.
- Have clear photos of your dog/s showing any identifiable marks, in case you need them for identification purposes.
- Do not leave your dog tied up outside a shop or unattended in a car.
- If you do let your dog off a lead, keep them close to you, always within sight and ensure they have good recall.
- Ensure your property is secure and do not leave your dog unattended in the garden.
- Vary where you walk, including the times and locations.
- Be careful what you post on social media, especially if you have puppies, and ensure your privacy settings are up-to-date.
- Consider a GPS tracker collar.
- If you are thinking of buying a dog, ensure it is from a reputable breeder or centre. If you are buying a dog online or through social media, please consider where the pet has come from and ensure that it is being purchased legally.

The [Blue Cross](https://www.bluecross.org.uk) website has a wide range of advice on how to prevent theft of dogs and steps to take if this happens.

### Snitterfield Area:

043-02/02 Heath End, Snitterfield

Theft of cash, bank cards and Le Chateau Wellies from an insecured vehicle parked in a lay-by.

186-05/02 Smiths Lane, Snitterfield

Samsung mobile telephone stolen from insecured parked vehicle.

026-11/02 Pigeon Green, Snitterfield

Forced entry to garage and two mountain bikes stolen.

### Kineton Area:

121-11/02 Lighthorne

Chain on padlocked farm gate cut and gate left open.

050-12/02 Gifford Road, Lighthorne Heath

Theft of a white Atlas Copco compressor from building site.

### Burton Dassett area:

177-17/02 Burton Dassett Country Park

Four occupants of a vehicle issued with fines for breaching Covid-19 regulations.

Respect other people and protect the natural environment

Read signs and respect the measures that local authorities and site management have put in place to help ensure social distancing.

When in the countryside, follow the Countryside Code. You should:

- take all of your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control and on a lead when you are around farm animals - read further guidance for pet owners
- leave gates as you find them and follow instructions on signs
- use footpaths and follow signs where they suggest alternative routes

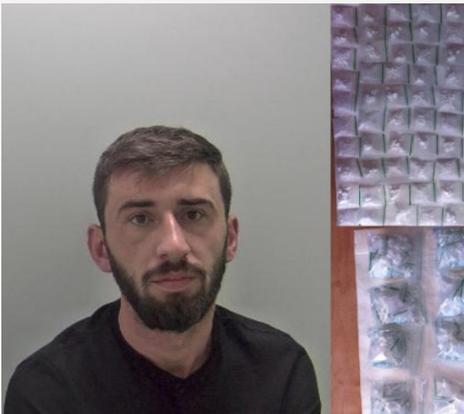
Wildlife, including nesting birds, may have moved into new areas. Land managers may have provided extra protection for wildlife. Be vigilant and comply with these protective measures so that you do not disrupt the local wildlife.



The team have been out and about patrolling today. In between patrols, a number of vehicle checks have been completed, intelligence gathered, and visits conducted with partner agencies.

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### Drug dealer jailed after cocaine found in a washing machine in Wellesbourne



A man has been jailed for four-and-a-half years for a drug offence following an investigation by Warwickshire Police Proactive CID.

On 23 July 2019 a drug warrant was executed in Walton Road, Wellesbourne. While the warrant was being executed, Shpresim Rexhaj, 29, from Coventry pulled up in his car. He tried to drive away but was prevented by officers and detained.

They seized a key from Rexhaj which they used to open the premises where they found more than £20,000 worth of cocaine in a washing machine. His fingerprints were found on the drugs.

Rexhaj was arrested and last week at Warwick Crown Court pleaded guilty to possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.

Detective Sergeant Gavin Hampton from Leamington Proactive CID said: "This is another example of how proactive policing and targeted investigations are negatively impacting on those who think they can profit from the supply of drugs.

"We are committed to making Warwickshire as hostile as possible for criminals like Rexhaj."

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*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 can help to keep crime out of your area.*

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