North Warks West & South Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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Cannabis Grows Found & Destroyed

Thanks to members of the public supplying us with information regarding suspected cannabis grows, we have been able to detect and destroy a number of them in our area.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood team and members of our Special Constabulary have gained entry into properties in Water Orton, Coleshill and Arley during the last month, following intelligence given to us by local residents.



Inside the properties, officers discovered cannabis plants and electrical equipment used to grow the plants. The plants have been seized and destroyed and all growing equipment rendered useless.
In doing so, we have cost the criminals thousands of pounds and disrupted criminal activity in the area.
A prime example of what we can achieve when our communities share information with us!



Off-Road Bike Patrols

Following reports of off-road bikers causing a nuisance in the North of the county, our own off-road bike patrols have been out in Ansley, Hurley and Arley.



Following complaints of off-road bikes being ridden on the football pitch in Arley, officers have attended and, despite most of the riders making a sharp exit, one of the bikes was stopped and seized. That's one less bike causing an issue in the area.



Our bike patrols have also been in action in other areas where off-road bikes have been causing problems and will continue to do so.

Extra Patrols in Wishaw and Middleton

Following a recent rise in burglaries of out-buildings in the Wishaw and Middleton areas, officers from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team, and Response officers based at Coleshill, have been conducting targeted patrols in the area.



Following a rise in burglaries in the villages of Wishaw and Middleton it was decided that extra patrols were needed in the area to detect any criminal activity and to deter those responsible from carrying out any further offences.

Working alongside response officers based at Coleshill, your Safer Neighbourhood Team have put together a plan to tackle the problem:

- Local officers have increased patrols in the villages and, with the assistance of our Special Constables they regularly attend the area, especially during the hours of darkness which is when we know the risk of burglaries increases.
- We have requested that the streetlights are not switched off overnight so that offenders are not so easily able to use the cover of darkness to commit these crimes.
- We are liaising with Parish Councils to raise awareness of the problem and to tackle any further concerns of local residents.

We understand that a sudden rise in crime in such a small area is concerning to local residents but hope that our reaction to the problem provides reassurance to the community.

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.



Kizzy, the Life Saving Dog!

Meet Kizzy, the life saving dog! When Kizzy's owner became ill, she raised the alarm and made sure to let the neighbour's know to get help.



Kizzy's 98 year old owner had let Kizzy out in to the garden but, whilst she was out there, had fallen and was unable to call for help.

Kizzy knew that something wasn't right and started to bark, which soon got the neighbour's attention. The neighbours called the police and response officers forced entry to the property to help Kizzy's owner.

Kizzy's owner was taken to hospital by ambulance and is doing well. Kizzy has definitely earned herself a treat or two!

Staying Safe in the Snow

The end of January has seen our first snow of the year, giving our communities a good excuse to get outside and enjoy some good fresh air.



It was fantastic seeing so many people out enjoying the snow and children taking a break from their home-schooling to get outside for some much-needed fun! It was just what we all needed with everything that's going on at the moment.

However, the snow brought with it some difficulties for our road users.

We were out in Coleshill helping with vehicles that had become stranded and our response officers dealt with numerous collisions caused by the inclement weather.

As we are still within the throws of winter and more snow is expected as the weeks go on, please only drive if absolutely necessary, plan your journey in advance and make sure that your car is cleared of snow and ice before you make your trip.

Tackling Traffic Offences

Members of your Safer Neighbourhood Team and patrol officers have been seizing vehicles and reporting those responsible for traffic offences in the area.



SNT officers came across this Ford KA in Wishaw. It had previously failed to stop for police and its tax had expired in July 2020. The vehicle was recovered.

The driver of this Mercedes Sprinter van was spotted driving whilst on his mobile phone by patrol officers in Coleshill. Once stopped, the van was also found to have defective windscreen wipers and number plates and so the driver was reported for all offences.





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