

# North Works West & South Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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## Dangerous Find Whilst Magnet Fishing

We are aware that there has been an increase in people magnet fishing in and around the area. In the main it may be just the odd shopping trolley or rusty bike that is found, however, on occasions, the find might be a little more interesting....and dangerous!

Your local Safer Neighbourhood team were called to a location after a member of the public called to say that they had recovered a number of grenades from a stretch of water. This usually means that someone has found what they think is a grenade and it's all quite innocent....not in this case.

19 Mills bombs or grenades were fished out of the water and put in a bag....2 of these still had the pins in!



The area was of course cordoned off and the nearby road was closed and the experts were called in. Thankfully they were all deemed safe and the ones with the pins still in place were X-rayed and found to contain no explosives or detonator. They have been taken away and will be disposed of.



Please be mindful about what you are bringing out of the water. Items might have been in there for years and could be dangerous when brought out and onto dry land

## Extra Christmas Presence

In the lead up to Christmas and in addition to our normal duties, the local teams were out on foot in Coleshill Town Centre engaging with local residents and businesses.



As Christmas got closer members of the SNTs were out on foot in Coleshill Town Centre speaking with local residents and businesses....whilst keeping their distance of course! It was good to see that everyone was adhering to Government guidelines and trying to make the best out of a bad situation.



Whilst out and about we took the opportunity to advise some people about this parking as well in order to keep the town as safe for pedestrians as we could

## Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour at Shustoke Reservoir

Members of the North Warwickshire South SNT have been working alongside partner agencies in order to tackle anti-social behaviour reported at Shustoke Reservoir.



Following an increase in reports by local residents of anti-social behaviour at Shustoke Reservoir it was decided that a multiagency approach was needed in order to reduce the amount of issues at the location.

Working alongside Severn Trent Water a number of initiatives have been put into place.

- Local officers have increased patrols in the location and with the assistance of our Special Constable they regularly attend the site, especially during the evenings to deter groups meeting up.
- The hedgerow adjacent to the main road has been thinned out to an acceptable level, allowing the car park and occupants to be seen from the road.
- CCTV has been put in place at the location allowing both agencies to retrospectively look at footage should they need to do so.
- A new barrier has been ordered and is due to be fitted in the New year.

The local team would like to pass on their thanks to Severn Trent for the work that they have done and continue to do.

All the work done will ensure that the Reservoir is a pleasant location that can be used by all

## Crowds Dispersed at Water Orton Rave

Following reports of a rave that was taking place on the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 patrol officers based at Coleshill Police Office attended Marsh Lane, Water Orton to investigate.



The report of an illegal gathering that was suspected to be a rave was reported to police by a passing member of the public. When officers arrived they were greeted by a large crowd of people. Some of the crowd immediately became abusive and aggressive and being throwing missiles at the police. The attending officers used their skills and knowledge to calm and disperse the crowd and details were taken from a large number of them. Those whose details were obtained were reported for breaching Covid guidelines and they will be notified of action taken against them in due course.



It appeared to officers that the majority of people who attended this event felt that they were entitled to do so and that they wouldn't be affected if they were to catch the virus. They showed little forethought in who they may be taking home to. If they then passed this onto elderly relatives then the enjoyment of a night out might not seem as worth it in comparison to the long term effects.

Please think of others when you consider attending events like this.

## Policing in our Communities at it's Best

It's not all about enforcing the law, dealing with crimes and traffic offences. Your police officers are humans to and often they go above and beyond when dealing with incidents.

As we have already mentioned in previous newsletters, we now have 24hr police coverage from Coleshill Police Office.

In the lead up to Christmas, PC 2190 Howells and PC 2216 Corless attended an incident involving two elderly residents in their 90s. After speaking to them they were informed their TV aerial was broken and they hadn't been able to watch TV for over a week. Clearly this wasn't acceptable and they couldn't just walk out and go to the next incident, so they decided to do something about that....



The result?....2 happy customers and a working TV 😊.

Want to see more of what your local team get up to? Follow us on:  
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## A Massive Thank You to our Neighbourhood Watch Colleagues

Our Neighbourhood Watch Colleagues in North Warwickshire have worked tirelessly during December assisting their policing colleagues in getting the crime prevention message out to those who live and work in the area.



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In this testing time of Government guidelines and restrictions it has had an effect on how we all live our lives. The policing team on the North Warwickshire West and South beat areas have a good working relationship with the local Neighbourhood Watch Teams. In the past we have enjoyed working alongside them at events such as The Shustoke and Whitacre Show and the Fillongley Show, as well as all the local carnivals.

We have been unable to do this during 2020, however, there is still a need to engage with the communities we serve.

Members of the NWNWA have been distributing crime prevention literature to local shops, cafes, businesses and service stations and have also walked miles delivering leaflets to homes within our beat area as well as getting the messages across using social media.

The Neighbourhood Watch Teams are made up of volunteers who spend their time making the areas we live safer places and we thank them for the work they do.

We will continue to work together (and maybe even not at a distance) in 2021....



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## Vehicles Seized and Collisions Attended

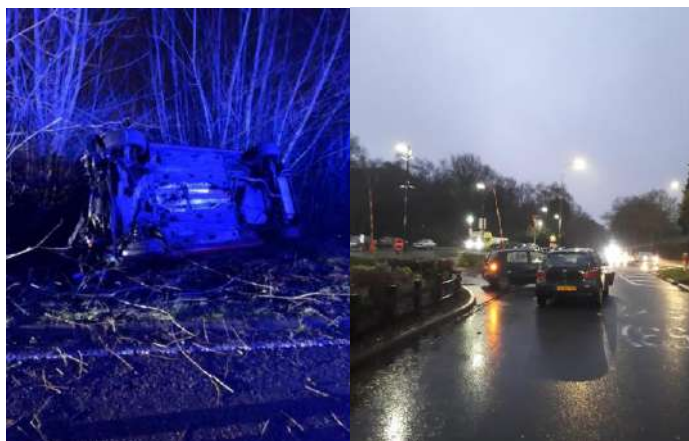
Members of your Safer Neighbourhood Team and patrol officers have been seizing vehicles in the area for different reasons.



The local team have had cause to seize vehicles parked up in residential streets showing no TAX and patrol officers have seized vehicles after being seen in suspicious circumstances. All of these vehicles have been taken off the road following information received from the public....you report it and we follow it up!!

**With the weather getting worse and the road conditions poor, we have also been dealing with a number of road traffic collisions.**

These collisions range from those that could've ended up with very serious injuries to others where a little more care and attention would've avoided a crash....



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