

North Works West & South Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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Operation Dessert School Parking

March saw children return to school after a long time at home and it was good to see smiling faces as they saw their friends and teachers for the first time in a while.

The re-opening of the schools did however, bring back the age old problem of inconsiderate and illegal parking around our schools.

At the end of last year your local safer Neighbourhood Team ran a competition in conjunction with Road Safety Week for children to design a poster highlighting these issues (the winning entries can be seen in this newsletter). It would appear that although the children listened to the messages being given, some parents haven't!



It's unfortunate that some drivers still feel that they can park where they like, causing a danger to other road users and pedestrians. As part of Operation Dessert the owners of these vehicles will be getting a fine delivered in the post. Please park sensibly and safely and think of others.



Your local safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to patrol around the schools at the relevant times to try and educate those persistent bad parkers and keep everyone else safe

Test Purchase Operation

In addition to our regular patrol, community engagement and dealing with incidents that are called in your local team also get involved in other activities behind the scenes in an attempt to reduce things like anti-social behaviour by cutting off supplies of alcohol as well as other substances.

One evening in March The North Warwickshire West and South SNT Officers conducted a test purchasing operation at Coleshill, Ansley Village, New Arley and Kingsbury.

A young volunteer was asked to attempt to purchase Alcohol and Nitrous Oxide, we are glad to report that all the stores passed and the age challenging procedures were correctly followed.



If you have any information about relevant to this operation please inform your local SNT by calling 101 or report online on the Warwickshire Police website.

We will continue to work in partnership with Trading Standards to protect children. We will plan to do more test purchasing operations in the future.

Great Find by our Neighbours

Great work from West Midlands Police, our neighbouring force, as during one evening in March, officers from the Chelmsley Wood Neighbourhood team conducted a warrant at a Garage in Chelmsley Wood.

During the search a number of Quad bikes, Go carts and bike parts were located and seized as part of a week-long clamp down on various criminal activities and community concerns in the North of Solihull and surrounding areas.



These off road bikes often come over the border onto Warwickshire and cause anti-social behaviour in your community. They cause damage to park land and open spaces, endanger the public and those that ride them and cause a noise nuisance!



We and are neighbouring forces are able to take this robust action with the help of you, our community. Your information is vital to us being able to build intelligence to act upon. Please keep it coming on 101 or by reporting online on the Warwickshire Police website.

Foot Patrols in Coleshill

We still have Patrol officers working from the Coleshill Office 24 hours a day and when they are able to and have the time to do so they like to get out and about on foot around the town



Officers from E shift took the opportunity to complete some foot patrols. They were happy to speak to shoppers, kept an eye out for anything suspicious and also monitored parking in the town. Parking is a priority to the local residents so it's a priority to us. We will take photographs and issue tickets whenever we witness an offence....even when we walk up to the local shop to grab a much needed sandwich

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Fines for Breaches of Covid Regulations

The roadmap for Britain's way out of lockdown has been revealed and, whilst we understand that this news has given people a glimpse of some sort of normality returning, we are still being kept busy by those that are already choosing 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.

We acknowledge that it has been a frustrating and worrying 12 months, however, 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.



Community Engagement

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team are looking forward to getting back to some form of 'normality' and will hopefully be out and about in the villages with the Police Community van in the near future!



We have missed being out and about and doing what we enjoy....meeting you! Once restrictions allow us to then we will be advertising where we are going to be so that you can come and see us, speak to us and ask whatever questions that you have had in your head for the last 12 months!!

We will do our best to get around as many locations as we can, offering crime prevention advice and just having a nice chat!

Schools Road Safety Competition Winners

As part of Road Safety Week in November 2020, we challenged pupils at schools in our beat areas to design a poster around the topics of parking near schools and road safety. The North Warwickshire West and South Safer Neighbourhood Teams had the very hard task of picking a winner from each of the participating schools and an overall winner.

Our winner from Bournebrook Church of England Primary School was **Stanley** who designed a brilliantly colourful poster with lots of rainbows! Stanley won an arts and crafts bundle so he'll be well equipped for the next competition! A big well done to Stanley and all of the other children from Bournebrook who entered.

Water Orton Primary School's was **Josie** designed not only 1, but 3 brilliant posters, making it very difficult for us to choose a winner! Josie won a family pass for an exciting day at the Aqua Park, kindly donated by Cliff Lakes in Kingsbury. We are sure she will enjoy all the inflatables there (maybe when it gets a little warmer!)

Elliot from year 6 at Hurley Primary School designed a fantastic and informative poster! Elliot won an activity pass, kindly donated by NPF Bassetts Pole Adventure Park and we are sure she will enjoy going when restrictions are lifted.

Our winner from Wood End Primary School, and our overall winner was **Maisie**. Her brilliant design will be turned in to posters to be displayed in all of the schools in the area. We loved Maisie's poster as it was bright and noticeable whilst getting the message across. Maisie won a fantastic prize of a 55" TV, kindly donated by Sainsbury's. Maisie normally walks to and from school but we think she might need a lift to get her prize home!



Thank you to all of the children from all of the schools that participated. We loved seeing all of the wonderful designs and it was great to see that the children had really taken the road safety message on board. All those who took part in the competition all received smaller prizes from the Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Team.



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