

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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### *Incorporating the villages and communities of:*

Burton Hastings – Copston Magna – Wolvey – Wibtoft – Shilton – Barnacle – Withybrook – Willey – Monks Kirby – Ansty – Pailton – Stretton-under-Fosse – Brinklow – Combe Fields - Easenhall – Harborough Magna – Churchover – Coton Park – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton

### Your local policing team:

Inspector 1843 Karl Faulkner  
Sergeant 0948 Sarah Masters  
Police Constable 1906 Stuart Baker  
PCSO 6152 Sharon Bailie-Crabtree  
PCSO 6137 Dave Banks  
PCSO 6308 Graham Miller

### In this months' edition.....

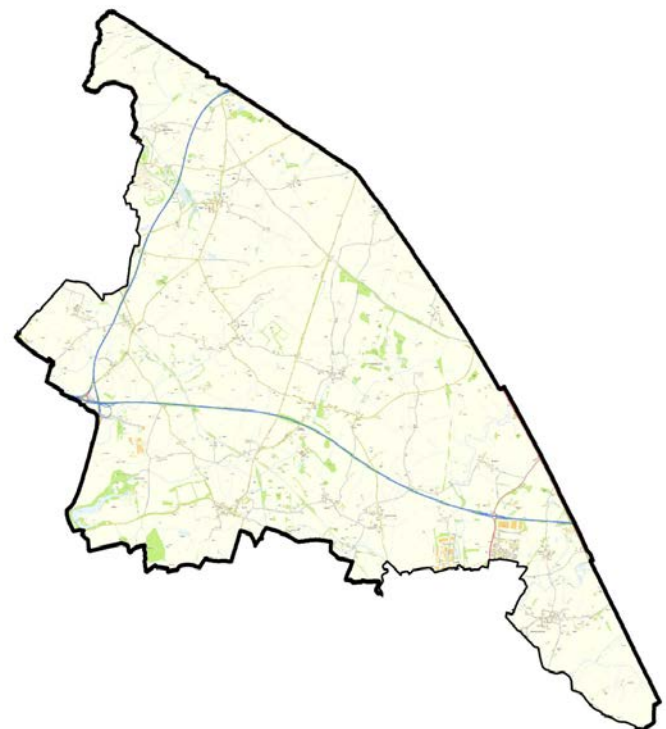
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect their locality.

Our policing area has strategic road links with the M6, A5 and M69 passing through. Local officers, with support tackle the criminals that travel those routes with a view to making communities safer from the threat of harm. The area is mostly made up of rural and village communities which bring their own unique demands.

We focus work around high risk and prolific offenders and our Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
  - Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
  - Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.



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## **Crime/Incident Overview**

This section looks at the crimes/incidents of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is an overview of certain crime/incident-types that have been reported to us over the last month:

### **Anti Social Behaviour** – 8 Incidents reported (Previous month - 10 Incidents)

Incident 399 (14/11/16) – Neighbourhood dispute in Ansty whereby words have been exchanged between occupants.

Incident 93 (25/11/16) – Verbal altercation between parents regarding parking outside a school.

Incident 261 (17/11/16) – Report of mini motorbikes riding along canal towpath in Ansty.

### **Burglary Dwelling** – 2 Incidents reported (Previous month - 1 incident reported)

Incident 396 (08/11/16) – Burglary of property in Clifton-upon-Dunsmore. Nil stolen.

Incident 215 (12/11/16) – Burglary of property in Harborough Magna. Wallet stolen from work surface in kitchen through insecure door.

### **Burglary Other (Shed/Separate Garage)** – 7 Incidents reported (Previous month - 5 incidents reported)

Incident 95 (06/11/16) – Burglary to golf club building in Bramcote. Golf equipment stolen.

Incident 359 (11/11/16) – Burglary to secure farm building in Combe Fields. Quad bike was stolen.

Incident 104 (25/11/16) – Burglary to secure radio building near to Clifton-upon-Dunsmore. Graffiti discovered inside.

### **Criminal Damage** – 3 Incidents reported (Previous month - 9 Incidents)

Incident 32 (06/11/16) – Damage to a store room door to public house, Wolvey.

Incident 91 (12/11/16) – Damage to parked motor vehicle on Broad Street, Brinklow whereby a sharp implement has been used to scratch car door panels.

### **Theft** – 12 incidents reported (Previous month - 12 Incidents)

Incident 464 (11/11/16) – Theft of child's push bike from outside address in Coton Park.

Incident 208 (14/11/16) – Theft of stock from warehouse by employee, Coton Park.

Incident 117 (23/11/16) – Theft of cherry-picker machine from warehouse, Ansty Park.

Incident 129 (29/11/16) – Theft of laptop computer by ex-employee at warehouse, Swift Valley.

### **Vehicle Crime** – 8 Incidents reported (Previous month - 18 Incidents)

Incident 156 (12/11/16) – Theft of Kia Picanto from restaurant car park, Wolvey.

Incident 374 (03/11/16) – Theft of diesel from parked agricultural vehicles in farm location, Stretton-under-Fosse.

Incident 267 (17/11/16) – Theft of power tools from secure vehicle parked in Coton Park.

### **Violence** – 3 Incidents reported. (Previous month – 0 incidents)

Incident 38 (04/11/16) – 2x males arrested from hotel after work function for assault, Brinklow.

Incident 172 (20/11/16) – Assault after road-rage incident, Coton Park.

- What your team has been up to this month!

**RRN support Brinklow Community Speed watch on patrol**

PC's Baker and Haden were delighted to visit Brinklow on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November to observe them conducting a speed check on the Coventry Road. The volunteer speed watch scheme has been in place for approximately 3 years now and provides a valuable resource to encourage drivers passing through the village to keep within the speed limit. The results are passed back to police who issue warning letters to drivers who are caught speeding. Both officers were very impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by all the volunteers. If you would be interested in joining this scheme, or would like more information about setting up a similar scheme in your village, please contact the team.



One of the volunteers from the Community speed watch scheme with PC Haden.

The team monitors the traffic on Coventry Road.





## **Rugby Rural North support Remembrance Sunday service in Ansty**

PC Baker and PCSO Sam Edmunds were honoured to attend the Remembrance Sunday service held outside the memorial in Ansty village on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The service was well attended by the local community and was a fitting tribute to our fallen hero's from current and previous conflicts.



## **Rural North and Central SNT's undertake mini ANPR operation**

Officers from the two teams participated in an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) operation during the afternoon of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The camera on A5 (Lilboune) and A428 Binley Woods were utilised and reaped some great results;

- 1x vehicle recovered from Binley Woods for no tax/MOT/insurance
- 3x vehicles recovered from A5 for a mixture of no tax/MOT offences.



## Pailton Young Farmers group visit to Rugby Police Station

PC's Baker, Stamp and PCSO Havelock were delighted to host the Pailton Young Farmers group to Rugby Police Station on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The group were given a tour of Rugby custody cells and shown a mock arrest and booking-in procedure.

They were later shown an operational police vehicle and the kit held in each vehicle.

The group were then given a firearms talk by Sergeant Dom Martin from the Operations Patrol Unit (OPU) and shown firearms kit and an operational ARV (Armed Response Vehicle).



The 'arrested' suspect is booked into custody by "Police Sergeant" Baker.



The group is given a tour of the cell block



Sgt Martin shows the group one of our firearms



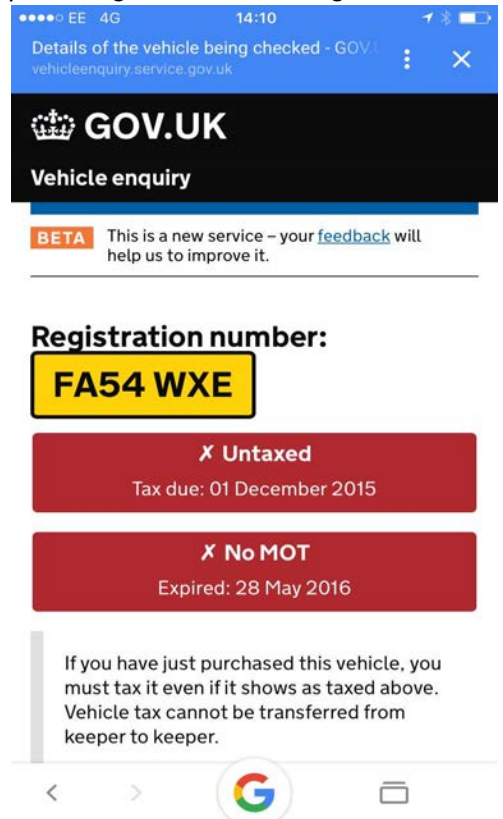
## Vehicle seizure and arrests after good work in Pailton

In response to community concerns raised about speeding motorists entering Pailton village from Lutterworth Road/Magna Park, PC Baker has been spending time patrolling this route during shift change times over at Magna Park.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, a VW Golf was noted to be travelling in excess of the 50mph speed limit towards the village. A check of the vehicle through police systems showed that the vehicle was untaxed and had an expired MOT.

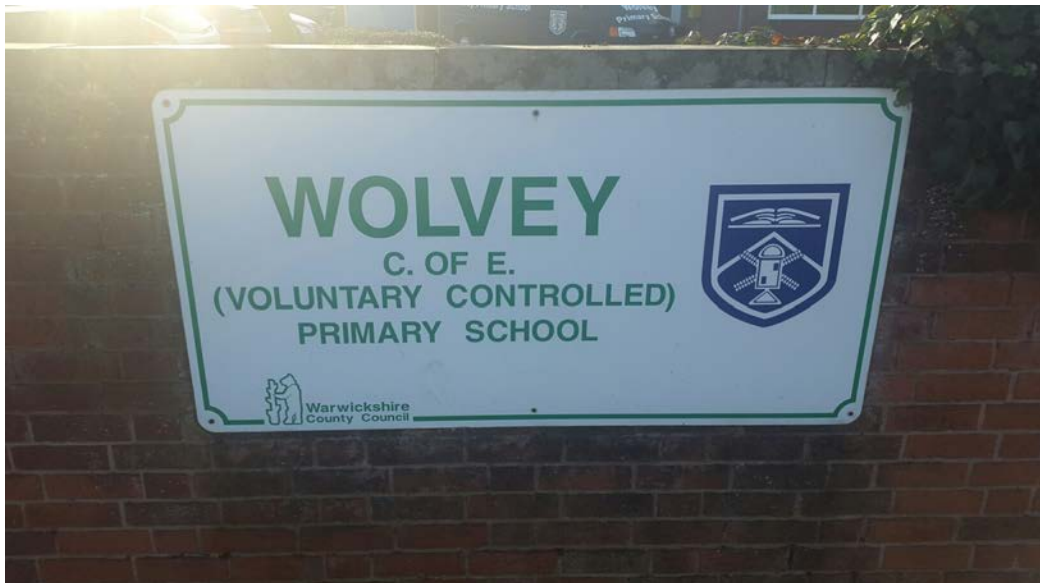
Once the vehicle was stopped in Pailton, the driver admitted to having no insurance too. His vehicle was subsequently seized by police and the driver reported to court. Patrols will continue along this route to act as a reminder to motorists that antisocial driving through our villages will not be tolerated and offenders prosecuted.

In a separate matter, 2x eastern-European males were arrested by officers on suspicion of going equipped to steal after a vigilant member of the public reported a suspicious vehicle in Pailton during the early hours of 1<sup>st</sup> December. The vehicle had no documents and search of their vehicle yielded sets of bolt croppers. Please continue to report any suspicious activity to police using 101 or 999 where appropriate.



## Police and Warwickshire County Council Team up!

PC Baker and Jane Lees, senior Road Safety Officer from Warwickshire County Council have been providing road safety talks to both children at Wolvey C of E Primary School and families from Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote. With the nights drawing in, Police, County Council and the Welfare team at the barracks have joined forces to educate and reinforce road safety advice to keep our communities safe.



# Force and local news and appeals

## Emerging phone scam

I have been contacted by an elderly couple from Pailton about a new phone scam.

In summary, the victim is contacted by someone purporting to be from "BT". They inform the victim that unfortunately, their direct debit payment for their phone hasn't gone through. They confirm the victims name/address etc and ask who they bank with. They then inform them that their bank will call them back in 15 mins to discuss.

The "Bank" then call back and try to obtain security question answers from them.

Fortunately, my contact from Pailton saw this for what it was and refused details, stating she would be contacting her bank in person the following day. No loss took place on this occasion. It may well be that with Christmas approaching; this scam may become prevalent across the borough so it is well worth keeping our ears to the ground, especially with our elderly, more vulnerable communities. Please report any similar matters to police or Action Fraud.

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## Online shopping?

**The internet is a fantastic resource for people searching for that special something for friends, family and loved ones in the run up to Christmas but it also presents opportunities for fraudsters to set up scams.**



Every year there is a spike in financial loss as a result of cyber crime around the festive period due to an increase in people shopping online.

In Warwickshire, from 1 November, 2015, until the end of February 2016, 86 reports of online shopping and auction fraud were made to Action Fraud, resulting in a total loss of £78,516.

We do not want to put people off using the internet to buy their gifts - if used safely it is an excellent resource - but we do want people to take some simple but effective steps to help protect themselves against falling victim to online crime.

On December 1, 2014, Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police launched the #Be Cyber Smart campaign to raise awareness of internet-related crime and to give people the knowledge they need to protect themselves.

The first phase focuses on online shopping; urging people to carry out a few simple safety checks before parting with their hard-earned cash.

We have joined forces with Get Safe Online to encourage people to follow their '12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas'.

### **1. Don't Transfer Money**

Always pay for items you buy online by card on a secure payment page, by cheque or by cash, in person. However desperate you are to secure an item, never transfer money into the seller's account, as you may never see the goods or your money ever again.

### **2. Check that Payment Pages are Secure**

Before you enter your card details on a payment page, make sure it is secure by checking that the address starts with 'https' (the 's' stands for 'secure') and there's a padlock or unbroken key symbol in the browser window.

### **3. Use a Credit Card**

Still talking about payments, remember that you have more chance of getting your money back in the event of problems if you pay by credit card rather than debit card. Some sellers may charge a premium, but it could well be worth the extra for your peace of mind.

### **4. Use Auction Sites Safely**

At Christmas time, many of us buy from online auction sites. Always use trusted and well-known payment methods instead of paying sellers directly. Read the site and seller's conditions. And for your personal safety if you're collecting in person, take someone with you or let people know where you're going.

### **5. Check Out Bargains With Care**

If you find or are emailed about an item that seems just too much of a bargain, it could be a scam, fake goods or it doesn't match the description. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

### **6. Use Social Networks Safely**

Social networks are a popular medium for scams - and are becoming increasingly so. If you see a post promising something free of charge, free entry to a Christmas competition with a fantastic prize or perhaps an offer that seems just too good to be true, consider very carefully before following it up.

### **7. Use Email Safely**

An email urging you to click on a link to reveal a special offer, to open an attachment containing some great news, or to "confirm details" or "reset your account", could well be a scam, even if it appears to come from a reputable source. In doubt, delete the email and don't respond to or forward it.

### **8. Look After That New Smartphone or Tablet**

If you're buying or get bought a new Smartphone or tablet, protect it by downloading a reputable internet security app, and make sure it's safeguarded with a PIN. Install parental control software on kids' mobile devices, and chat to them about how to use the internet safely.

### **9. Remember To Log Out**



When you've finished your online shopping or banking session, always log out of the website or app... it only takes a second. Sometimes, just closing the window doesn't mean you've logged out, and someone else could gain access to your account and personal details. Don't forget to check and save purchase confirmation emails.

## 10. Make Sure Wi-Fi Is Secure

At home or other premises you know, make sure the Wi-Fi is secured before doing anything confidential online. When you're out and about - in the café, the pub or a hotel for example - you can't guarantee it's secured even if you have to enter a code. When you're shopping, banking or making other online payments, it's better to connect with 3G or 4G, even if it's slower.

## 11. Beware of Scam Phone Calls

If someone posing as a retailer calls you to confirm an online purchase, it could well be a scam. The idea is that you won't remember the purchase, and call your bank. However, the fraudster stays on the line, and tricks you into revealing your financial details. If this happens, hang up, don't call back, but report it to Action Fraud.

## 12. Check Bank Statements

Check your bank and credit card accounts regularly for irregular or unauthorised transactions. If you spot any entries you don't recognise, contact your bank without delay. Make sure your bank has your up-to-date contact details so they can alert you if they spot anything unusual.

- For more information about staying safe online and the scams to look out for go to [Getsafeonline](#) and [Cyber Streetwise](#)
- If you think you have been a victim of fraud: Report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting [Action Fraud](#)
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## Drink/Drug driving campaign 2016

Warwickshire Police are supporting the national campaign to clamp down on drink/drug driving during this festive period. The operation will be in force throughout December and extra patrols will be on duty to target motorists who drive under the influence of drink or drugs.

Figures indicate that, over the past 3 years 7 people were killed and 77 seriously injured in Warwickshire following collisions where drink or drugs were recorded as a contributory factor. With festive celebrations fast approaching, drivers are reminded about the strict laws governing drink and drug driving. Only by drinking no alcohol during a night out can you be sure that you will not be over the limit.

Getting caught and being subsequently banned is just not worth it!

## Supporting Rugby Town Christmas light switch-on

Rugby Rural North SNT were pleased to support colleagues from Rugby Town Centre for the recent light switch-on festivities. The event welcomed boy band 'Union J' as the headline act. PC Baker even managed to detect someone in possession of cannabis and issued them with a street-caution for cannabis possession!

- **Community Priority results (September to November 16)**

The results for the previous community forum priorities were as follows;

**Priority 1 - To conduct at least 15 separate patrols to reduce the amount of Burglary dwellings and others in the villages of Ansty, Shilton and Wolvey.**

16 separate patrols completed.

For the period of 21/09/16 - 03/11/2016 (the priority quarter) there were:

**0 (zero) burglary dwellings  
1 burglary other**

In these villages.

*Compare this to the previous priority quarter (01/06/16 - 20/09/16):*

*7 burglary dwellings  
6 burglary other*

**Priority 2 - Reduce the amount of vehicle's contravening the weight-limit restrictions on roads in and around Newton, Coton Park and Clifton-upon-Dunsmore by targeting offending vehicles.**

8 separate static and mobile patrols carried out; 6.5 officer hours in total spent on patrol.  
3x HGV's stopped during these patrols;

1x Warburtons delivery to Tesco Express, Hollowell Way (no further action)  
1x Sky installations delivery - Vehicle showed VOSA plate of 7490kg (no further action)  
1x Vehicle parts HGV. Driver given TOR for exceeding weight restriction as VOSA plate was 18000kg

(All on Newton Manor Lane)

1x vehicle given TOR for expired MOT whilst on patrol in locality.

- **New community priorities (December 16 – February 17)**

Two new community priorities have been adopted by the team for the present quarter. They are:

**Priority One - To provide at least 15 extra patrols in and around the village at varying times to provide reassurance to residents and to deter and detect acquisitive crime incidents.**

**Priority Two - Patrols of Coton Park estate to educate and enforce illegal and inconsiderate parking offences through use of advice and TOR's.**

The team have already started to work on these priorities. They were adopted as they were the most popular by vote through our online poll. If you would like to suggest future priorities for voting, please contact us!

**Although these are currently the main SNT priorities, we will continue to monitor any issues that have been raised previously.**

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- What we have planned this month :

- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Road safety talks at Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote (Fatal 4 presentation)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Fatal 4 presentation to apprentices at MTC, Ansty park.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Carols around the Christmas tree at Coton Park
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Santa tour on Coton Park estate.

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We would like to wish all of our communities a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Stu, Sharon, Dave and Graham.



**Contact us!**

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