



# Warwick Rural West Update

DECEMBER 2020



All the latest from your  
**Safer Neighbourhood Team**

All the latest about what we are doing and what is going on in and around your home and area.

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## From the Sergeant – Danielle Bristow

This month has been a busy month with the team taking part in various operations across the district. A new campaign has been launched in partnership with Warwick and Stratford District Council to raise awareness of 'county lines' serious and organised crime within South Warwickshire. County Lines is the term used to describe a criminal business model where gangs or criminal networks move drugs into local areas using a dedicated mobile phone lines to take orders. County Lines gangs often exploit children and vulnerable adults by forcing them to carry out criminal activity by threats, grooming and extortion. The gangs will also take over the home of a vulnerable person where they set up a base.

Would you know the signs? This could be changes in someone's behaviour or wellbeing i.e. making unusual purchases or transactions, socialising with unfamiliar people, having access to money they can't account for. They might be buying expensive goods they may not be able to afford or having multiple phones, tablets or SIM cards. Are you a landlord or do you share a house - Is a tenant getting more visitors? Do visitors come at unusual times of the day or night or are the curtains or blinds almost always shut?

If you have concerns you can call police on 101 or report online <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on their website <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/community-family/county-lines>

If in doubt... get in touch! Better to pass on some information than regret it when you haven't 😊



**Warwick Rural West  
Safer Neighbourhood  
Team (SNT) Update**

**How to keep up with Warwick Central Safer Neighbourhood**

We are on Twitter: [@WarwickCops](#)

We are on Facebook: [Warwick Police](#)

## Out and about with Warwick Rural West SNT

As you will see from our Crime statistics below, vehicle crime has been on the rise. This happened this time last year, this may be because of the darker nights and Christmas approaching.

### LET'S TAKE POSITIVE ACTION

- We have been working with the vehicle crime team
- We had a positive result; someone was arrested and charged
- This is happening in the Bishops Tachbrook and Heathcote area where there are lots of cars in a small area.
- Always report crime/suspicious behaviour by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency, alternatively you can report online [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)
- Always lock your car and remove valuables.
- Opportunists work trying any car on the off chance it is unlocked and insecure, they are even looking for small change, this adds up the more cars you get into.
- Remove all Christmas presents.
- We are offering vehicle crime packs on a first come basis first served basis, if you are interested in one of these packs please get in touch with us on the details below.



**Have a happy and safe Christmas**  
**From all of us on Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team.**

## Update on our Priorities

### Update on our priorities – *Beat Manager*

Speed checks conducted around the rural locations to try and combat the ongoing speeding reports in and around the villages. Be mindful of your speed in the areas where you live – we often become complacent in the radius closest to our home and speed can creep up.

Patrols around tourist attractions still going ahead to deter crime in these quieter times however this has identified vast amounts of cars parking in rural locations to go walking in our lovely countryside, please park considerately.



**Warwickshire Police  
Update**

Details about your  
**Safer Neighbourhood Team**

The Warwick Rural West SNT Area covers Barford, Beausale, Baddesley Clinton, Bishops Tachbrook, Budbrooke, Chadwick End, Hampton on the Hill, Hampton Magna, Haseley, Hatton, Hatton Park, Haseley Knob, Hill Wootton, Honiley, Norton Lindsey, Lapworth, Leek Wootton, Little Shrewley, Lawsonford, Pinley Green, Sherbourne, Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Rowington, Wasperton & Wroxall

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Welcome to the December Warwick Rural West newsletter.

With the new tier system in place we are all going through tough times, whether it's struggling with mental health or worrying about how this will affect the festive period. Diwali celebrations took place for 5 days in November and had to be conducted in a different way this year, I hope this was still enjoyable.

The team and I have been working hard this month to keep our community's safe with proactive targeted patrols around local parks to try and combat the use of cannabis. Stop searches have been conducted and drugs paraphernalia seized.

As part of Op Sceptre, a bi annual national knife crime campaign, we conducted knife sweeps of parks reassuringly with negative results, which is pleasing. A male was stopped and searched and was found to be in possession of a small hatchet style weapon so was arrested and dealt with.

Road Safety week was also this month and we have been conducting speed checks and assessing other safe speed check spots in rural surroundings. Parking has become an issue around the countryside with vehicles parking at the side of lanes to go for walks, we are monitoring this issue.

Please be assured that we are still dealing with the ASB, COVID19 related breaches and neighbourhood disputes. We continue to work with other agencies, adapting the way we do this – so mainly via email and phone, to keep you all safe.

Keep smiling, Kind Regards, PC Jo Whittaker



## Warwick Rural West

### RECENT EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE...

If you think you may have seen or heard anything suspicious or have any information about this incident then please call Warwickshire Police on 101 or alternatively you can call CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111



### Crime Stats.

Latest crime figures recorded for the month 21<sup>st</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November. Figures shown in green indicate the numbers of incidents has reduced, those shown in red record an increase from the previous reporting month. Black indicates no change.

21/10/2020	21/11/2020
<b>ASB</b>	<b>15</b>
Burglary Residential	<b>5</b>
<b>Burglary Business</b>	<b>4</b>
Criminal Damage	<b>1</b>
<b>Vehicle Crime</b>	<b>15</b>
Theft	<b>2</b>
<b>Violence</b>	<b>3</b>

## This month's CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE...

**Has your child asked for an E scooter for Christmas.....Please read, this may change your mind!!**

Buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers. However the law is clear. You can buy one but it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter in any public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place a privately owned e-scooter can be used is on private land."

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance.

Whilst some parts of the country are taking part in Government trials for e-scooter hire with a view to making them legal to use on the roads, Warwickshire is not currently part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.

Warwickshire Police have the powers to seize e-scooters and prosecute riders– please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Officers will also be using Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to issue a warning to riders of e-scooters and educate them as to the legal requirements. If a rider is under 16 years old then this advice will also be given to the parents