

Warwickshire Police

Rugby Rural South... .. Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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(Beat Areas – N75R & N75P)

N75R - Dunchurch –Princethorpe – Stretton on Dunsmore - Marton - Bourton –
Frankton – Draycote – Thurlaston

N75P - Willoughby - Grandborough – Flecknoe – Woolscott – Nethercote -
Wolfhampcote – Nethercote - Kites Hardwick – Leamington Hastings – Broadwell –
Birdingbury – Calcutt

Crime Overview

This section looks at the crimes of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is a brief summary of some of the incidents that have been reported to us over the last month:

Burglary dwelling:

Inc 145 -07.06.2016 – On Tuesday 07.06.2016 between 11:00 – 12.30 unknown offender/s have gained entry to a secure property in Bourton on Dunsmore by smashing a glass panel.

Inc 166- 07.06.2016 – On Tuesday 07.06.2016 between 10:00-13:00 unknown offender/s have gained entry to a secure property on Coventry Road, Cawston by smashing a patio door.

Inc 70- 17.06.2016 – On Thursday 16.06.2016 - Friday 17.06.2016 unknown offender/s have gained entry to an empty property in Dunchurch.

Burglary Other:

Inc 147-17.06.2016 – On Friday 17.06.2016 around 01:00 unknown offender/s have broken into an office of a car wash in Princethorpe, various items have been stolen.

Criminal damage:

Inc 119- 09.06.2016- On Thursday 09.06.2016 unknown offender/s have caused a damage to a poly tunnel at allotments in Dunchurch.

Inc 09- 20.06.2016- On Monday 20.06.2016 around 00:30 unknown offender/s have used a stolen tractor to cause damage around a farm on Frankton Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore.

Inc 18-20.06.2016 – On Monday 20.06.2016 unknown offender/s have caused damage and have stolen various items from caravans on Frankton Lane, Stretton under Fosse.

Theft:

Inc 355 - 03.06.2016 - On Friday 03.06.2016 unknown offender in a red Ford made off without paying from a Petrol station in Dunchurch.

Inc 178- 09.06.2016 – Unknown offender/s in a silver Ford made off without paying from a Thurlaston petrol station.

Inc 46-20.06.2016 – Unknown offender/s have stolen a quad bike from a farm in Broadwell.

Inc 449-24.06.2016 - On Thursday 23.06.2016 - Friday 24.06.2016 – Unknown offender/s have stolen a caravan from a farm in Lawford Heath.

Vehicle crime:

Inc 140-02.06.2016 – On Thursday 02.06.2016 unknown offender/s have stolen a white van from Fosse Way , Princethrope.

Inc 49-07.06.2016 - On Tuesday 07.06 .2016 between 00:00 – 01:00 unknown offender has gained entry to a secure vehicle at Dun Cow Dunchurch various items have been stolen.

Inc 329- 07.06.2016 - On Monday 06.06.2016 - Tuesday 07.06.2016 between 22:00 and 07:00 unknown offender have gained entry to a secure vehicle parked on Southam Street, Dunchurch, various items have been stolen.

Inc 323-13.06.2016 – On Monday 13.06.2016 between 17:00-18:00 unknown offender/s have gained entry to a secure vehicle parked in Draycote Water Country Park, by smashing a rear window, a handbag has been stolen.

Inc 139-17.06.2016 – On Friday 17.06.2016 unknown offender/s have stolen a vehicle from Freeboard Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore.

Inc 480-23.06.2016- On Thursday 23.06.2016 – Unknown offender/s have smashed a rear window of a vehicle parked at Draycote Water Hotel various items stolen.

Fraud:

Inc 248-17.06.2016 - This incident involve Rogue Traders where they have approached a property in Dunchurch and started carrying out work whilst requesting money up front. After receiving the money work has never been completed.

PRIORITIES

1. Speed checks on Fosseway in Stretton on Dunsmore

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

Community Forum

This will be held on 14th July 2016 at The Rainsbrook Conference Centre, Kilsby Lane, Rugby, starting at 6pm.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Visit to a Dunchurch and Stretton Fete



On Saturday 18.06.2016 PCSO 6140 SEAL and PCSO 6255 BASZCZAK attended the Dunchurch and Stretton Fetes where they engaged with residents.

Speed and Drink driving check in Stretton on Dunsmore



On Sunday 26.06.2016 Rugby Safer Neighbour Team have conducted speed and drink driving checks on Fosse Way, Stretton on Dunsmore where: 9 drivers have been breathalysed, 125 vehicles went through the speed trap, 7 verbal warnings and 2 tickets have been issued for excess speed.

Stolen van from Inc 140- 02.06.2016 has been found in Lancaster and a person has been arrested in connection with theft from Princethrope.

Seizure for no Insurance



On Monday 13.06.2016 on A45 Stretton On Dunsmore a vehicle was seized for no insurance and driving without licence.

Rural Mounted Volunteers



Last August Warwickshire Police launched a new initiative involving horse owners called 'Rural Mounted Volunteers'. The thinking behind this innovative scheme was to sign up local horse owners, so that whilst we're out hacking around the countryside and along the bridleways, we can keep an eye on what's happening in our communities and report anything out of the ordinary back to the police.

Our training started in the first half of 2015 at the equine department of Moreton Morrell College, where we had to pass the British Horse Society's roads safety test to make sure that we knew how to keep ourselves and other road users safe. This was shortly followed by IT training and specialist countryside crime training. After completing all the required sections, we were officially launched in August.

Whilst we don't have the same responsibilities as the police, we work closely with the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Whilst out on patrol we're looking for anything out of the ordinary, be it suspicious vehicles or people or signs of rural crimes such as poaching or fly tipping. The added advantage of using horses is that we tend to be off the beaten track a lot, along the bridleways and lanes where there may not be a lot of footfall and traffic and, being high up on a horse, we're able to see things that other people may be unable to see. To put it simply, we're a kind of Neighbourhood Watch on horseback, helping to support crime prevention. We have

our official yellow high-visibility uniform with the Rural Mounted Volunteers' logo, so we're easily identifiable.

One of the key concerns I've encountered whilst out on patrol is the matter of road safety. On the whole our roads are very safe and, it must be said, the majority of road users drive safely and appropriately. However, to keep all everyone safe, I've put together some information and tips regarding some of the issues I've recently come upon:

- When passing horses and cyclists, please pass wide and slow. Horses can spook at anything, and if something's the other side of a hedge that they don't like or there's something on the verge that frightens them, they can suddenly go from one side of a road to the other at 45mph!
- If there's oncoming traffic when you encounter riders or cyclists, remain a good distance behind and let the oncoming vehicle pass before overtaking.
- Never overtake horses or cyclists on a corner. It's incredible the amount of times I see this and I've nearly witnessed several accidents when there's been something coming the other way, particularly on narrow country lanes.
- Cyclists, when you're coming up behind a horse, please shout 'bike' so that the rider is aware of your presence. Horses can see behind them, but because bikes are so quiet these days, the rider may not realise that you're there.
- If you're doing cycling time trials, please slow down and pass wide and slow. You may lose a couple of seconds but it will keep both you and the horse and rider safe.

I'm thoroughly enjoying my role as a volunteer. As a lover of the rural countryside, it's great to feel that I'm doing something worthwhile for the community whilst I'm out and about hacking. If you happen to come across myself and my horse, Murphy, whilst we're out, please feel free to come and say hello 😊

Lynda Carey – Rural Mounted Volunteers

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Theft from farms and outbuildings

Around your farm yard, in your barns and outbuildings there is valuable equipment that will appeal to thieves - e.g. power tools, quad bikes, machinery and diesel. Isolated buildings, machinery and livestock present the greatest risk.

Tips to consider

Farm Buildings

- Make sure valuable equipment is stored in a secure building behind a strong locked door, or use a metal cage and keep it locked when unattended.
- When not in use, lock doors to outbuildings at all times. If equipment is in a barn or rick yard secure it with gates, an alarm or security beams.
- Use locks that comply with the British Standards, good quality locking bars and high security padlocks.
- Windows can be an open invitation to thieves - protect them with metal bars or grilles.
- Improve security for your diesel & fertiliser (*see fact sheets on Fuel Theft and Security of Fertilisers*).

Farmhouses

Farmhouses are often in isolated locations and can be vulnerable to crime if not properly secured.

- Make sure that doors are kept locked - even when you are on the premises.
- Fit locks to all ground floor windows.
- Make sure doors and windows are well maintained and in a good state of repair.
- Fit mortice deadlocks that comply with the British Standards to all external doors and reinforce with locking bolts.
- Investing in timers that turn lights on and off inside the house if you go out at night and consider installing security lighting outside.
- Consider fitting an alarm.

Perimeter

- A secure perimeter around your fields and out buildings will help deter thieves from targeting livestock, vehicles and implements.
- Check fences and hedges to identify weak spots that could provide unauthorised access to criminals or vehicles and secure where necessary.
- Consider restricting access at your entrance to prevent unwelcome vehicles entering. Consider a gate alarm or barrier system.
- Ensure gates are secured at both ends. Reverse or cap hinges and use good quality chains and padlocks.
- Install security lighting around yards, outbuildings and isolated locations.
- Consider installing perimeter alarms, where practical.
- If you have gateways or access points that are not in regular use place a barrier such as a tree trunk or concrete block across the entrance.

Machinery and Tools

- Machinery and tools are very valuable to thieves so try and secure your

property.

- Lock or immobilise vehicles and equipment when not in use. Remove keys from cars, tractors and other vehicles left unattended.
- Avoid leaving machinery in isolated locations or fields - particularly near roads - where they can be removed without attracting attention.
- Visibly mark your machinery and tools - this not only acts as a deterrent to thieves but also helps the police reunite stolen property to the rightful owners if it is recovered. Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at www.immobilise.com
- Keep tools locked away when you are not using them. As well as being a target for thieves they can also be used to access your secured property.
- For machinery and vehicles such as tractors and quad bikes consider having these items fitted with a tracking device or tagging system.
- Items such as quad bikes, sit on lawn mowers, rotivators etc are very desirable to thieves. Consider shackling them together or chain to a hitch secured to the ground or strong fabric of a building making them difficult to remove.
- Visibly mark all equipment.

Meetings and Events

Below is a list of the upcoming meetings and events involving Rugby Rural South SNT:

Community Forum for the Rugby Rural South area, will be held on the 14th July between 6.00 and 8.00 pm.

The venue is the Rainsbrook Conference Centre, Kilsby Lane, Rugby.

Come along and meet members from your local Safer-neighbourhood team. Local issues will be discussed and the community priorities will be set for the next 3 months.

So far organisations who have agreed to attend are the Environment Agency, National Flood Forum and Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Resilience Team. Officers from WCC and RBC will also be speaking.

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