



# Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Non-emergency number 101

In an emergency always call 999

Please note: all incidents must be reported through official channels and not directly to the officers.

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

For non-emergencies, report online at [warwickshire.police.uk](http://warwickshire.police.uk) or call 101.

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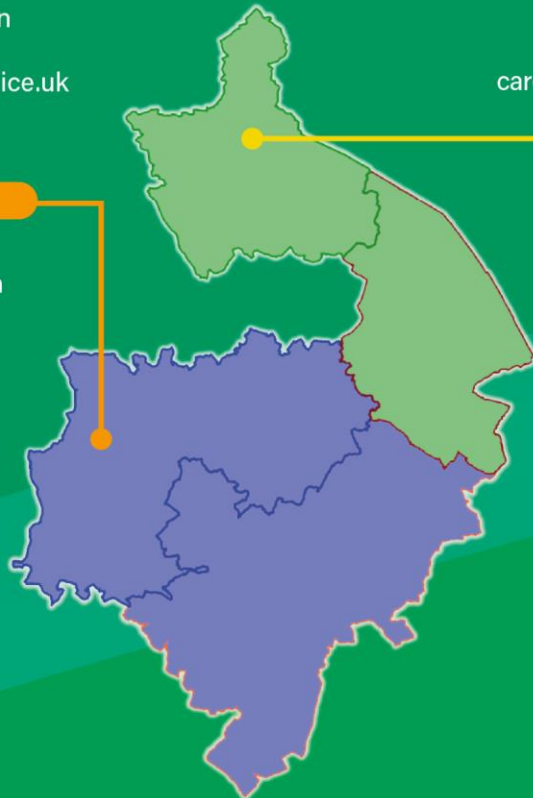
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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Happy New Year

The last 12 months has been amazing for the team, with lots of great stories to tell and positive results.

Moving forward into 2023, we hope to share even more of our anecdotal tales, while keeping the pressure on those that commit crimes against our rural communities.

We're looking forward to any and all challenges 2023 might throw at us, with a renewed vigour and a few new faces set to join the team.

Our biggest thanks as always goes to you, without our community contacting us, either directly or via the usual Police contact numbers, we wouldn't get half the results we do. Your help is genuinely invaluable and makes a huge difference, so from us to you, thank you

In the spirit of new beginnings, some of you might be seeing our Facebook post for the first time in a while. This might be because you've previously been banned or blocked from the page. We have decided to "un-block" everyone! Please take a moment to read our pinned post about what's acceptable and what isn't when commenting on Facebook stories, We run a family friendly page, so please remember that.

Here's to a great 2023

**VEHICLE/TOOLS**

Recovered in less than 2 hours!!

This Ford Transit was stolen from a carpark in Binley Woods while the owner was otherwise engaged a short distance away.

The owner was able to advise us that the vehicle was fitted with a third part tracker, and that it was tracking to a location near Ryton on Dunsmore.

With this invaluable information, officers from the RCT attended a location well known to us.

The vehicle was located and recovered straight back to the owner, within 2 hours of it being stolen.

Unfortunately, no offenders were present at the time we recovered the vehicle



**"Bark"ing up the wrong tree!!**

Officers from the RCT stopped these "Tree Fellas" in Stratford Upon Avon ,to make sure the trailer was all in order and to pass on some security advice. Following a noticeable increase in trailer thefts across the county.

The vin number on the trailer was checked and confirmed to be all in order.

However, officers were a little "stumped" to discover the driver insurance left "mulch" to be desired. The driver hadn't informed his insurance company that he used the vehicle for business purposes.

The driver had mistakenly allowed a 3rd party to arrange his insurance, without checking it was the correct level of cover. The driver was reported for the offence at the roadside and the vehicle seized.



Stolen van recovered.

Officers from the RCT have located and recovered another stolen van from the Ryton on Dunsmore area.

After conducting our usual targeted patrols the van was located abandoned in an unusual location.

Officers checked for the true identity of the vehicle, with it being confirmed as stolen from the West Midlands area some days prior.

Enquiries are ongoing with different investigation opportunities being utilised.

Our team will continue to go where stolen items have previously been recovered and continue to be found.



## Fly Tipping

It's a rubbish job at times!!

This afternoon a lovely member of the public contacted us via Facebook after they'd witnessed some Fly-tipping near Wolston. The eagle eyed member of the public had managed to obtain a cracking photo of a multi coloured Ford Transit Tipper, the driver was blatantly offloading a load of rubbish into a farmers field gateway.

With the photo in hand officers attended the registered keepers address in Coventry.

The vehicle was located near the property so under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 we have recovered the vehicle as both evidence of the offence, whilst also preventing further offences.

The Registered keeper of the vehicle was spoken to but has suggested a friend was driving. We're taking that with a pinch of salt at this stage!

Our enquiries will continue tomorrow with a few more doors to go and knock.

If you were the driver of this vehicle and you'd like to come and see us, before we come and see you (probably at 3am), then please send us a message.

We'll keep you updated on the progress of this one.



"It's not like I've killed anyone!!"

A 58 year old male from Solihull was arrested last night by RCT officers for driving while over the drink drive limit.

Officers were out patrolling the rural areas around [Shipston on Stour](#), following a recent trend of concerning incidents.

During our patrols, we stopped and spoke with a number of drivers for a multitude of reasons. All of these checks resulted in positive engagements, except for one.

Officers spotted this [Land Rover](#) Defender driving along the Banbury Road near Stratford well in excess of the speed limit. Concerned it might be a recently stolen vehicle we caught up with the car and stopped it for a chat.

It's never a good sign when the driver pretty much falls out of the vehicle, before proceeding to remonstrate with officers about how much of a "jobs worth" we all are, and how he hadn't "killed anyone".

Unsurprisingly, the male failed a roadside breath test and was subsequently arrested and taken to Nuneaton Police station.

The male spent the night in one of our luxurious cells, before being charged for drink driving this morning.





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### How NOT to react to blue lights!!

Now we understand that people make mistakes. I mean one time (not so long ago) our sergeant wrongly seized a car, only to make one of his subordinates return the car to the owner (cakes are still very much owed for that Sergeant!).

However, if you're driving into a town that just so happens to have a police car clearly visible at the end of the road, it's probably best to slow down!

Now imagine the scene if you will. Two cops sat in the picturesque town of [Shipston on Stour](#), taking a moment to enjoy a warm coffee on a cold night. Nothing much occurring after having spent the better part of 3 days patrolling the area following several rather concerning incidents.

When out of nowhere, a Burt Reynolds impersonator came cannonballing by.

After spitting coffee everywhere and throwing the donuts in the back seat, it was time to bring the noise and fire up the big blue beacon and siren 🚓🚓🚓.

Now usually at this point one of two things happens:-

1- The faint sound of a whimper can be heard from the car in front and brake lights come on.

Or

2- No whimper and no brake lights

In this case the little 1 Litre VW Polo driver decided to go with option 2, he then ducked into a nearby housing estate and dumping his car before running away.

Shortly after we arrive, secure the vehicle and start making checks as to whom the vehicle belonged to.

Coincidentally it turn out the vehicle belonged to a younger gentleman who had only very recently passed his driving test.

A visit was made to the registered keepers home, where we spoke to an equally concerned parent.

The driver eventually surfaced with his tail very much between his legs. It was clear the driver had panicked and made a catastrophic error of judgment.

It will be an expensive lesson for the driver, who will now have a significant bill to pay before reclaim his car, as well as other consequences for his actions.

Moral of the story, slow down and stop....simple really!!



Our Rural Crime Team Newsletter only provides a snapshot of some of the work we are involved with. If you want to keep up to date with our arrests, property recovery / seizures, crime prevention efforts and be alerted to crime trends across Warwickshire then make use of the following options.



Currently with over 11,000 followers our Facebook Page is the main output for our working week.

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