



Stratford District Councillors Briefing

District Performance - June 2010 priority update

- There has been a reduction in the number of people across Stratford District who have suffered an injury from assault, with **3 fewer assaults victims in the last 3 months compared to the same period last year.**
- **Above 40.0% of the assaults with injury that occur within Stratford District result in an offender being brought to justice.**
- Since April there has been a reduction in the number of homes burgled across Stratford District compared to the same period last year, with **24 fewer residents having had their home broken into, a reduction of 30.0%.**
- **Since April there were 41 fewer vehicles stolen or broken into compared to the same period last year**, reducing the risk of being a victim of vehicle crime.
- The communities of Stratford District have identified a number of priorities through Community Forums, many relating to anti-social behaviour and inappropriate parking issues, and local Safer Neighbourhood police officers have delivered activities to directly address these problem areas.
- **Overall, crime has dropped by 11.1% in Stratford District in the last 3 months, with 172 fewer victims of crime** compared to the same period last year.

Results, Appeals & Good News

- **Burglary Arrests** - Two males aged 30 years and 27 years were arrested on suspicion of their involvement in a burglary at an address in Station Road, Claverdon on 8th June. The two were arrested in Coventry on the 8th June after police followed a blue Ford Transit van matching the description of a vehicle seen near to the scene of the burglary. A number of high value items of jewellery were taken in the burglary.
- **Alcohol Restriction Zone implemented in Studley village to tackle anti-social behaviour.** Signage has been erected in Studley village declaring it a Designated Public Place and confirming the area's status as an 'Alcohol Restriction Zone'. A 'Designated Public Place' gives officers the discretionary power to request persons stop drinking alcohol and the power to seize alcohol.
- **Burglar due in court.** A Thirty-three year old of no fixed address from the Stratford area has been charged with burglary other than dwelling with intent to steal, threatening and disorderly conduct and being found in enclosed premises for unlawful purposes. He was charged after answering police bail on 17 June. He has been released on condition bail and is due to appear at Stratford Magistrates Court on 25 June.
- **Changes planned at Alcester police station.** Warwickshire Police is changing the way it delivers front desk services in Alcester later this year. The force is teaming up with Stratford District Council and on August 2 the services currently available from the front desk at Alcester police station will relocate to Globe House, in Priory Road. The move follows a successful pilot scheme in Warwick, where front desk services have been relocated to Shire Hall alongside Warwickshire Direct where members of the public can now access a wider range of services under one roof. Services currently available at Globe House include bill payments and enquiries about all district council services. The office is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, closed Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays. The police station in Alcester will still be an operational base and there will be no reduction in T policing in the town as a result of these changes.
- **Robbery outside Little Chef, Alcester.** Incident 452 of 16 June. Police are appealing for witnesses to a violent robbery that occurred outside the Little Chef in Oversley Green, near the A46 Alcester at around 10.40pm on Wednesday 16 June. A man grabbed a woman from behind and attempted to steal her handbag as she was locking up the store. During the struggle the woman suffered bruises to her neck, face and grazing to her arm. The woman's ipod was stolen during the robbery. A second man is believed to have been waiting nearby. The first offender is believed to be Asian. He is described as around 6'1" tall and his eyes were covered. The two men may have left the area on foot or got into a vehicle. Officers are appealing for any witnesses who were in the area at the time or regularly pass the Little Chef at around this time and noticed any activity that might be linked to the robbery. If you have any information, please contact Police Staff Investigator Len Dickinson in Leamington CID on 01926 415000 ext 4172, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Control Room update

As part of the Customer Contact Department, the Control Room remains focused on protecting people through good communication and response.

The below figures show a rise in the number of 999 and general calls answered in May 2010, within NPIA targets.

- **The percentage of 999 calls answered within 10 seconds rose to 90.4% in May 2010, compared to 86.9 in May 2009.**
- **The percentage of non-999 of calls answered within 30 seconds rose to 85.9% in May 10, compared to 83.5% in May 2009.**

If a Councillor would like to visit the Control Room, please contact
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 who will be able to arrange a visit at a mutually convenient time/day.

(Please note these staff members work shifts so there may be a few day or more before an e-mail response).



National Crimestoppers reaches 100,000 ARRESTS

Anonymous information passed to crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers has led to 100,000 criminals being arrested and charged following the arrest of a man this week by Durham police for burglary. This milestone was reached 22 years after the charity was formed in 1988. *Of note is 21 people are currently being arrested and charged every day - 887 people being charged with murder/attempted murder since 1988 - Over £189 million of drugs being seized and the recovery of over £112 million of goods.*

The Warwickshire Crimestoppers Board continues to seek opportunities to maximise the public's awareness of the Crimestoppers number and it's important role in fighting crime.

**For more localised news from the Safer Neighbourhood Team website
 Click on your team [link](#) below:**

Alcester North SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an
Alcester South SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/as
Shipston SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/ship
Southam SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/sou
Stratford Town SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/st
Wellesbourne SNT	www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/well

Roads Policing – Results, Appeals & Good News

- **Community Speed watch launch.** On 2nd July 2010 we will be launching a county wide scheme to offer community speed watch to all our communities. This follows the successful trial schemes in Nuneaton and Kenilworth and has been made possible thanks to funding from the community payback scheme. 8 new laser devices together with associated equipment are now available through local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Communities wishing to explore CSW are encouraged to raise this issue via their local community forum.
- **Quick response to complaint of speeding and dangerous driving.** On 10th June a member of the public contacted the force following concerns of a speeding and dangerous driver using the A423 in South Warwickshire. This information was passed to the Operational Task Force at Greys Mallory. Four days later an unmarked police motorcycle patrolled the route and spotted the vehicle driving dangerously. The vehicle was stopped and the driver is now awaiting prosecution.
- **Stratford District burglars arrested.** On 8th June 2010 following a report of a series of burglaries in South Warwickshire, Operational Task Force vehicles pursued suspect vehicle along A46 and into Coventry. It was stopped and two suspects arrested – the stolen jewelry was recovered.
- **Carriage of Dangerous Goods.** Every day vehicles travel through our county carrying dangerous goods, e.g. hazardous chemicals, gas, petrol etc. Regular operations are conducted with our partners including a recent one in June. 18 commercial vehicles were checked by Police, Customs and VOSA. A range of offences were detected with one vehicle being prohibited at the road side. A number of cautions were also given for traffic offences. This type of multi-agency enforcement is important to ensure commercial operators use their vehicles in a safe and legal way, increasing the protection from harm to our communities in Warwickshire.
- **Bike Safe Scheme.** Each year the Operational Task force Bike Safe scheme offer one day advanced courses for riders of motorcycles. The following e-mail was recently received:*Hi, I attended the Gaydon bikesafe event in May. I had a great day out, thanks. The reason for writing, though, was an experience I had yesterday whileriding. Because I took one of the police assessment rides at Bikesafe, I find that now I move around the road more, in order to increase visibility around bends and obstacles. This is what saved me from a nasty accident yesterday when I was able to see well in advance a car driver cross into my lane while talking on his mobile phone. Prior to the bikesafe event, I would most likely have been on the 'racing line' and would have lost vital time in spotting the hazard. So, thanks very much for running the bikesafe events.*
- **Proactive targeting of overweight vehicles.** Another role undertaken by the OTF is to target and enforce legislation concerning overweight vehicles used on our roads. Recently a proactive operation targeting vehicles using Wellesbourne market was undertaken. 36 vehicles were stopped, 16 prohibited and a host of additional offences detected, helping to protect our communities from harm.



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Other sources of information (Click on the links below)

Warwickshire Police ONLINE NEWS

<http://onlinenews.warwickshire.police.uk/home>

Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood website

<http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/>

Warwickshire Police Road Safety Campaign

<http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/currentIssues/roadsafety>

Warwickshire Police website

<http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

Warwickshire Police Authority website

<http://www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk/>

Warwickshire Crimestoppers

<http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/howcani/Crimestoppers/crimeappeals>

Warwickshire County Council website Community Safety pages

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/links/295>

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