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Happy New Year to all
residents in
Crown Watch



All the latest news for your
neighbourhood



Windy Arbour 18/12/10



Tulip Tree Avenue 18/12/10

New Year gets off to a bad start with a spate of burglaries

Sometime between midnight and 8.30am on 1 January 2011 offenders entered a home in **Moorlands Avenue, Kenilworth** and stole a laptop computer, a mobile phone and the key to the rear door of the house along with a vehicle from the residents car.

Between 11am and 6.30pm on 3 January 2011 offenders forced open the rear window of a home in **Park Hill, Kenilworth** and stole several

laptop computers. During the night of 3 into 4 January offenders entered a home in **Station Road, Kenilworth** after smashing a window. Once inside the house the offenders stole power tools from a cupboard.

Sometime between 2am and 2pm on 5 January offenders smashed the rear kitchen window of a home in **Hermitage Way, Kenilworth** and then entered the premises.

Nothing is believed to have been stolen.

If you have information that you believe may be connected to either of these incidents please contact Kenilworth Police on 01926 851111.

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11.5% decrease in crime for our neighbourhood
in 2010 compared to 2009*

We are working closely with Warwickshire Police and the Safer Neighbourhood Team to help improve the way you are told about crime. It is in both the police's interest and each one of us that we learn of things as quickly as possible. This enables each one of us, as householders, to take care and be extra vigilant. This increases the chance that one of us may see something like a vehicle, be able to get some details, and pass them onto the police as quickly as possible. So this newsletter sets out the new way we, being Crown Watch, are going to operate in the future. Please read on for the details.

Crown Watch leads the way
keeping you informed

2011



What we are changing and why

1. What we are doing differently

We are moving away from using two or three newsletters each year. We will run a website 24 hours instead and deliver "Crime Alerts" to each door when there is a need to do so.

2. Why we are doing this

Despite asking several times what residents think about what we do, we get little, if any response. The last newsletter asked for feedback and only 2 homes replied from a Watch with nearly 120 homes in it. The commitment, delivery and cost of newsletters by a band of volunteers is therefore not justified or affordable.

3. Why we are not ceasing altogether

The Co-ordinators did consider calling it a day but felt it was worth trying something new first to keep Crown Watch going and help protect the neighbourhood from crime.

4. Not everyone has the internet

We realise that not everyone uses the Internet, those residents to which that may apply will be unable to access our website. That's why if there is crime reported close the watch area we will deliver a "Crime Alert" so everyone is still kept informed

5. We still want feedback

Despite asking for residents to tell us what they think and or would like very few do. Feedback is always welcome via the website or via your Co-ordinator

**Kenilworth Police Safer
Neighbourhood Team can be
contacted on 01926 684404**



A summer scene looking
towards Whitemoor Road &
Park Hill, Kenilworth 2010

How we best protect our Neighbourhood from now on

The Co-ordinators of Crown Watch recognise that many residents lead busy lives. We also feel that as you have chosen to live in this area it will matter to you that things such as your neighbourhood provides a good amenity and is free from problems or issues that could negatively impact upon you. So we believe we need to strike a balance that is comfortable to most residents.

We have learnt over the years that accurate information communicated very promptly helps everyone protect themselves and their homes effectively and is also more likely to provide vital information to the police. Criminals want us not to bother, they expect this to be the case because in many neighbourhoods it's true, people don't take interest in what is going on around them or look out for their neighbours. Such places are a criminals paradise.

Now we are not suggesting, not have we ever approached things, by being "nosey parkers". What we want to do is to keep people informed about what is going on and for people to keep us informed of what they see going on if they think its unusual or suspicious. Take some basic details, without drawing attention or putting yourself in danger, and then pass it on to the police directly or via your Co-ordinator. If its something that's suspicious going on at a neighbour's property and you know they are out then don't err, call 999, ask for the police and tell them what is going on. If we do not help the police it makes it more difficult for them to help us.

Crown Watch's Website - Your 24/7 link for up to date crime/neighbourhood news

www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com

This is the website address of Crown Watch. Yes it's a long web address but its a good and free site that we can update within less than a minute of receiving information from Warwickshire Police Neighbourhood Watch team.

- To save typing this address in everytime why not click your bookmark menu and bookmark the site, that way you can get to it much more quickly.
- On the website you can subscribe to automatic email alerts. Don't worry about the word subscribe there's no catch, no payment or advertising etc, just register your email address and each time we put a new story or alert on the site it will send you an email within 60 seconds of the website being updated. This keeps you right up to date with the latest information.
- If your mobile phone also handles your email then you can get the update via your mobile. If you open the email alert message then our website will appear on your phone in its 'mobile' form.

Sunday Night Robbery in Abbey Fields

Police in Kenilworth are investigating a robbery which occurred in Abbey Fields last night, Sunday 9 January 2011 and are appealing for information from members of the public. Shortly before 19.30hrs a 48 year old man was walking through Abbey Fields towards Kenilworth and when he was near to the swimming pool was approached by four males from the swings area.

The males surrounded the man, punched him and stole his wallet containing cash and bank cards, a mobile phone and glasses. The man suffered minor facial injuries and had pain in his arm. He did not require medical attention. Police conducted a search of the area during which the glasses were recovered.

The offenders are described as aged between 14 and 16 years old. Two were white and two Asian. All were wearing hoods and had their faces covered. Officers investigating this incident would like to hear from anyone who was in Abbey Fields last night and either witnessed the incident or saw the offenders before or after it occurred.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Kenilworth police station on 01926 415000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

How to contact your local Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator

113 to 141 Whitemoor Road

Peter Snaith

96 to 84 & 143 to 149 Whitemoor Road

Fraser Pithie

1 to 31 & 2 to 20 Tulip Tree Avenue
+Tulip Tree Court

Anita Wilde

103 to 115 & 132 to 154 Windy Arbour

Steve Allen

117 to 127 & 156 to 164 Windy Arbour

Roma Armstrong

22 to 28 & 33 to 35 Tulip Tree Avenue
78 to 80 Whitemoor Road

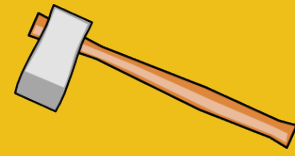
Pauline Edwards

The last X17 service to run south on Saturday 18 December as snowfall makes it impossible for buses to run along Park Hill & Knowle Hill

X17



Coping with less...



We know that public services are being cut back

1. Police Station Enquiries are moving
From February, Warwickshire Police force will be teaming up with Warwickshire County and Warwick District Council to provide front desk police services from 'Warwickshire Direct - Kenilworth' and Library at Smalley Place. The services are currently available from the front desk enquiry office at Kenilworth police station, situated next door.

2. Leamington Justice Centre
Most of our policing is directed from Leamington at the new Justice Centre. The police station in Kenilworth will still be an operational base and there will be no reduction in policing in the town as a result of these changes.

3. Local presence will continue
The Safer Neighbourhood Team for Kenilworth will continue to operate. This is the main interface between the Kenilworth community and the police.

4. How Crown Watch fits in
Its clear that if we are to be effective in continuing to protect our neighbourhood from crime we need to meet today's criminals with prompt communications.

5. What about you
Its your call as to how much you wish to embrace what we aim to provide. We also hope that some residents may wish to get more involved to ensure the long term future of Crown Watch's work.

Feedback

If you would like to get in touch with us we would be pleased to hear from you. You can

- talk to your Co-ordinator (either in person or by telephone)
- use feedback on our website
- send an email to crownwatch@me.com

50%

decrease in burglary for our neighbourhood in 2010 compared to 2009*

This increase in vehicle crime is in our area!



Where do you put your car keys in your home

Do you leave your car running to defrost it

Do you leave laptops and other valuables in the car

Do you garage the car or park it in a well lit position



114.5% increase in vehicle crime for our neighbourhood in 2010 compared to 2009*

Put your keys away safely, do not leave them near the door or visible

Don't leave your car running unattended. It's dangerous and if stolen most insurance companies won't pay

Always remove all valuables from your car even at home

If you have a garage use it, get security lighting or park where its well lit

Whitemoor Rd, Tulip Tree Ave & Windy Arbour



Warwickshire POLICE

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team for our part of Kenilworth are led by **Sgt Alan Edwards** and comprise of the following members;

PC 601 Lee Blackwell, PC 1552 Michael Morland,
PC 347 Adrian Hamlin, PC 1742 Edward Davey,
PCSO 6193 Jamie Martin-Cortez, PCSO 6081 David Barnes
and Mrs 4606 Annette Peake.

You can contact the team on **01926 684404**
In an emergency please dial 999 and ask for the POLICE



Trading Standards



Rogue Traders and Doorstep Selling Scams

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Don't be caught out - check up on all the latest consumer scams and rip-offs, and how to spot them. More info at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Spring is coming...

What about the garden shed ?

According to research by Marks & Spencer home insurance in March 2010, the average shed contains £888 worth of property making it a prime target for thieves. Yet despite this, 24 per cent of shed owners are still failing to take simple security steps – such as by putting a lock on a shed door.

Research by Virgin Insurance in June 2009 found that one in seven gardens is targeted by thieves every year and that 5,000 homeowners fall victim to theft every week. With so many valuables stored away in our outbuildings, it's absolutely vital to take all the steps we can to protect them.

Ensure shed and garage doors are solid and fit them with a closed shackle padlock.

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Teaser - The train in the centre of snow pictures is also close to Crown Watch's area. Its a Manchester bound service taken from Whitemoor Rd Railway Bridge on 18 December 2010

Doorstep callers

If in doubt keep them out!



* comparison is last three months in 2009 with the last three months in 2010