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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Burglars hit Kenilworth early in 2012

At some point between 9pm on 3 and 8am on 4 January 2012 offenders climbed over the rear wall of a house in **Tappinger Close**, Kenilworth and into the garden. The offenders damaged the top bricks of the wall and then forced the lock off a shed in the garden. Once inside the shed, the offenders stole a cordless drill along with around 30 miniature cars.

Between midnight and 7.30am on 3 January 2012, offenders entered a home in **Stoneleigh Road**, possibly through a catflap, and stole the keys to a Mazda vehicle. The keys were then used to steal the vehicle from the garage.

Between 27 and 31 December offenders used a screwdriver to remove a panel on the sliding door of a van parked in **Denton Close**. Once inside the van the offenders stole a Honda 2.7 generator and a drill. During the night of 3 into 4 January 2012 offenders smashed a front window of a Volvo, also parked in **Denton Close**, and stole a sports bag containing sports kit.

Now is the time for each member of the community to keep a really keen lookout for one another. Anything that looks suspicious usually is and it's that sort of event that needs reporting immediately. We encourage everyone to be extra vigilant and help avoid someone's home being burgled and ransacked.

For up to date and the very latest on crime and incidents in Kenilworth subscribe to automatic 24/7 email alerts that link you direct to Kenilworth's Crown Watch's Neighbourhood Watch website.  
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**The new number to contact  
POLICE for non emergencies**

# 101

The new non emergency number is now in use for you to contact your police service.  
Call 101 for;  

- reporting a crime that has happened
- providing information about a crime
- asking for information or advice

**The number for  
Emergencies remains**

# 999

Dial this number where there is danger to life or property or a crime is being committed



## ROBBERY - LEYES LANE

3 January 2012

### Did you see anything?

The New Year got off to an unwelcome start in Leyes Lane with a Robbery taking place at the recently opened Dominos Pizza in broad daylight. Did you see or notice anything? Police are appealing for witnesses to the robbery which took place at Dominos Pizza on Leyes Lane, Kenilworth on Tuesday 3 January. A man entered the rear of the premises at shortly after 10.30am on Tuesday morning and confronted a member of staff. The assailant threatened the member of staff with an unknown weapon and forced him to the floor before dragging him into an office. Thankfully he was uninjured, although badly shaken by the experience.

The man stole an unknown quantity of money from the premises, which he put in to a number of white plastic bags with "Dominos Pizza" written on them in blue. The man is described as being approximately 5feet 8inches tall, of stocky build and was wearing a long sleeved light grey top, light blue denim trousers and brown shoes.

The man left the premises by the rear door and made off along Leyes Lane. Police would like to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious in the locality of Dominos Pizza in Leyes Lane, prior to 10.30am on Tuesday morning, or anyone who saw anyone matching the description of the male as he left the premises carrying the white plastic bags with blue writing on them.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Constable Imram Ghouri in the Leamington Local Investigation Team on 01926 415000 x 4066 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 where the information can be given anonymously.

We carried this article in last months Crown SNT news, warning Kenilworth residents to take steps to protect their property and in particular their motor vehicles.

As you will have read on the front page, already in the first few days of 2012 criminals have targeted vehicles in Kenilworth, smashing windows and forcing doors to gain property left in unattended vehicles on private drives.

#### What have you left in your car tonight?

... it's likely it will be gone by the morning !

Too many people still leave valuable items in their cars.

Theives are always looking for easy pickings and tell tale signs are all they need to encourage them to smash a car window or force a lock.

And... don't think it won't happen on your drive very often that's exactly where thefts from unattended vehicles take place.



#### How to avoid the experience

- Never leave anything on view
- Take audio and Sat Nav equipment with you
- Remove Sat Nav cradles and wipe tell tale marks from the screen
- Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels & locking wheel nuts
- Park in well lit areas and/or secure car parks

#### Going to the sales to get that bargain this month?

Warwickshire Police are reminding people to be extra careful and cautious during the sales period to make sure that they are "PICKPOCKET AWARE"

- Spend a few moments to make sure that your money and belongings are safely stowed away.
- Only take a sum of money to cover what you are likely to spend
- Make sure your £ notes are carefully in a secure place i.e. purse, handbag BEFORE you move away from a cashpoint or counter in a Bank or Post Office
- Make sure that your handbag is never left open
- Be aware of those around you
- Put your purse well down inside your handbag. Keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket, preferably one with a zip or button fastening

We hope you get that bargain you might be looking for, just make sure by following these steps someone else doesn't get a bargain from you -

**your money!**

## Using Automatic Transaction Machines (ATM's) - Cash Dispensers outside Banks, Shops etc

Police are warning members of the public to be extra aware when withdrawing money from automatic cash points following concern that skimming devices had been placed over two machines in the Rugby area during Monday 19 December. Sharp eyed customers noticed a change to the appearance of the devices and alerted members of staff, although the devices had already been removed by the time the checks on the machines were made.

Although the majority of automatic cash dispensers are perfectly safe to use members of the public should be aware that card skimmers use a variety of techniques to collect information about people's bank cards:—

- Fraudsters who "shoulder surf" – they stand close by you in order to see what your cash card PIN number is.
- People who offer to "help" when there is a problem with the machine (the device placed there by them) and suggest you re-enter your PIN number while they watch.
- On the machine itself fraudsters can place a false front which prevents your cash from being dispensed, the thief then collects it when you walk away from the machine.
- A skimming device is placed over the slot where you place your card, which reads the data on your card, and then retains it.
- A tiny pinhole camera fitted ab co
- Avoid using a cashpoint if there is anyone hanging around the machine
- Check to make sure there are no suspicious devices attached, or if any part of the machine looks different.
- Always shield your PIN number with your hand when typing it in.
- If your card get jammed or retained report it immediately to your bank. Do not leave the cash point.

Be aware of your surroundings and make sure others in the queue cannot see over your shoulder as you enter your PIN.

- Never reveal your PIN number to anyone.
- Do not keep your PIN number in your purse or wallet with your bank card.
- Be cautious of strangers offering to help you, or distracting you while you are at the cashpoint
- Regularly check your account to make sure no unexplained withdrawals have taken place.



With criminal activity taking place in Kenilworth as reported in this months Newsletter please take note of the advice contained in the article to the right which we published in previous Newsletters towards the end of 2011.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CURTAINS OPEN WITH YOUR LIGHTS ON AND DISPLAY YOUR BELONGINGS TO PRYING EYES**

It's well known that vehicles and individuals tour neighbourhoods to see what may be available before committing crime, why make it easy for them and make yourself a

### Darker Nights Are you leaving tell tale signs?



As the clocks have been put back the nights have really closed and early evenings present a new set of issues when it comes to protecting yourself from crime. Once you turn on the lights in your home remember to draw your curtains or blinds.

It is surprising how many people leave curtains and blinds open and advertise their belongings by illuminating them to the street outside. Think why do shops light up their windows at night? = to show off the goods they have for sale.

**For the criminal no purchase is necessary!**

Draw blinds and curtains when you put the lights on

If you are out in the evening make sure to leave some lights on

If you are going away arrange with a neighbour to draw the curtains

Fit security lights that come on when your home is approached

Make sure outbuildings and garages are locked before dark



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