

## July 2012



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### Kenilworth welcomes the Olympic Torch



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**She's even taking a picture!**

Know who any of these three are? They were busy removing signs ahead of the Olympic Torch procession and clearly look like they have been out all night. To them it's a laugh what they are doing, ripping down information and restriction signs. To most other people it's mindless damage and a potential cause of disruption. If you know any of them give the police a call on 101.

(There's another shot on Page 2)

### Kenilworth Carnival - Saturday 7 July 2012

A day of celebrations will take place across Kenilworth when its annual carnival takes place on Saturday 7 July 2012. Residents are reminded that there will be a series of rolling road closures in various parts of the town between 1pm and 4.30pm as the Carnival Procession tours the area. To celebrate the the Carnival's 80th year there will also be a Concert in Abbey Fields on Saturday evening followed by a Fireworks Display at 10pm. We hope that everyone enjoys the celebrations and behaves responsibly remembering that the town centre and Abbey Fields are alcohol free zones. Have a great time and enjoy yourself, think about others and please leave any alcohol at home.

For all the latest news in and around Kenilworth every week please support your local newspaper. Available **every Friday** from all local newsagents.

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**WEEKLY NEWS**

Here's the second picture. Take a good look, do you recognise any of these three. Do you recall anyone you know being out until this time in the morning? If you have any information please let Warwickshire Police know by calling

**101**

### **Meet Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)**

You can meet members of Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

It's easy, they attend Kenilworth Market at Abbey End each Thursday.

And most Saturdays they are either in Waitrose or Sainsbury's car park between 10 and 11.30am



## **Crime & Community Safety Update**

### **DISTRACTION BURGLARY**

Tuesday June 26

Police investigating a report of a distraction burglary in Kenilworth are appealing for help from the public to help catch the offender.

On Tuesday June 26 an 86 year old woman bought some goods from a caller at the door who she allowed into her house. She later discovered that her purse, containing bank cards and cash, was missing.

Officers would like to hear from anyone who was approached by door to door sellers on Tuesday, or is aware of any activity involving them.

If you can help contact 101

### **POLICE PERFORMANCE**

Between 1 April 2012 and 30 June 2012

Warwickshire Police recorded a 10.5% reduction in reported crime compared to the same period last year.

It's also encouraging that in the same period the force has seen an increase in its detection rate for burglary from 8.5% to 14% and for serious violence from 33% to 50%.

Andy Parker, Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police said at the Police Authority meeting on 27 June 2012 "We are seeing the results coming through from concentrating most effort on those that cause most harm".

### **Beware of the Dippers!**

Please take care when going out and about. There have been several incidents in the town centre, particularly in cafes, coffee shops and restaurants of "dipping". This is a crime where people dip their hands into handbags that are left open or have easy access. They dip their hands in to lift the purse out. So the advice is: DONT LEAVE HANDBAGS OPEN, FOR EVEN A MINUTE. Dippers are cunning sharp and quick, stop them by keeping your purse out of sight and reach!

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### 3 Priorities for Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) were agreed by Kenilworth Community Forum on 11 June 2012

1. Public re-assurance at Leyes Lane shopping precinct. At least 10 patrols in this area particularly at busy times.
2. In support of the recent efforts to tackle graffiti in the town the SNT will continue with a minimum of 10 dedicated patrols of the alleyways around the town centre which have been subjected to graffiti menace previously.
3. Anti Social Behaviour, especially in view of the lighter nights, will be addressed by the SNT team who will provide a minimum of 15 dedicated patrols at the Anti Social Behaviour hotspots of Abbey Fields and Castle Farm.

The term "minimum" applies to the period between each Kenilworth Community Forum where progress on the Priorities is reported by the SNT and reviewed by the Forum who then reset or set new Priorities for the next period.

Please be aware that the term **minimum** is just that, wherever possible the SNT will seek to exceed the minimum levels set by the Community Forum.



PCSOs Craig Ricardo and Carl Whitehouse pictured at Jubilee House, Kenilworth where the SNT is now based. With Beat Manager PC Pete King and Sergeant Dave Kettle they can be contacted on 01926 684404 or by email: [kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)



### The role of Kenilworth's Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

*"The PCSOs are an integral and the most familiar part of Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team"*

### Kenilworth's PCSOs tell you more about the important part they play in keeping us safe

As Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) we make the most of getting out and about within the Kenilworth community and talk to local people, organisations and businesses about local issues.

There's a long list of things that we do on a day-to-day basis. However, we know our presence helps increase public confidence by reducing the potential for crime and also the fear of crime. Our key aims are to deter anti-social behaviour and improve the physical appearance of our town as well as to provide reassurance to the community.

As the main point of contact between the police and members of the public in and around Kenilworth we support the work of PC Pete King, our Beat Manager and local partners in tackling low level crime and disorder. We deliver this through high visibility policing, meeting with local businesses and community groups to understand what is going on and share ideas on the best solutions to local problems. Home office evaluation of the role of PCSOs has shown they are well-known to the community and that residents and businesses feel they have made a real impact in their area, in particular tackling youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. We think that's what many feel about us in and around Kenilworth.

Many members of the public reported finding PCSOs more accessible than police officers and that, as such, they were more likely to report issues and pass on information to them. So next time you see one of us feel free to stop and have a chat.



#### Kenilworth's Community Forum

endorses **Kenilworth Update**.

We are pleased to learn that coverage of this **Kenilworth Update** is growing and getting to more people across the community. Recently arrangements were made to ensure that all members of Kenilworth Town Council receive **Kenilworth Update** along with all those on the Kenilworth SNT email list. Do you know someone who would benefit from receiving **Kenilworth Update**? If so do tell us by dropping us a line at [crownwatch@me.com](mailto:crownwatch@me.com) or by telephoning your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404

## Holiday time is here - Don't leave your home vulnerable to opportunist burglars!

### ADVICE

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#### Going Away - take these steps and provide yourself with some reassurance whilst you are away.

- Ask a neighbour to look after things whilst you are away, perhaps putting a light or two on in the evenings, drawing the curtains and getting your post put inside etc
- Ensure your neighbour knows about any burglar alarm and how to silence it in case it malfunctions whilst you are away.
- Let your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator know you are away so they know to keep an eye out for anything suspicious.
- If you are leaving vehicles on a drive make sure that no valuables are left on show and they are secure. Also consider asking a neighbour to move them around on the drive if there is room, it makes it look as if someone is coming and going
- Make sure any luggage you have does not advertise your address when you are standing in airports, railway stations and hotels etc - it only needs one person with ill intent to gain the address and your home will get an unwelcome visitor whilst you are away.
- Be very wary of using ATMs (Cash Machines) in unfamiliar places check for any devices on the machine, cover your hand when entering your pin and have a good look round for persons loitering nearby, if in doubt DON'T use the machine. Prefer cash machines within bank premises wherever possible.

### Get Immediate Email Alerts to your Home and Phone - It's Free!

**CROWN WATCH...** provide the latest news available from Warwickshire Police concerning incidents and crime in Kenilworth.

**VISIT...** our website and enter your email details under the "Get Alert - Stay Alert" section on the front page.

**POLICE...** provide all details related to crime incidents that we publish and we pass it on as we receive it 24/7

**IT'S FREE...** your email address is not shared elsewhere and you do not get any unsolicited junk emails.

**IMMEDIATE...** It's a service designed for residents by us to give you the latest news and warnings about crime as it happens in the area.





## Summer Advice for householders

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### In the home...

- \*Keep the front door locked when you are at home.
- \*It takes less than 2 minutes for a thief to walk in, remove items of value and leave.
- \*Many thieves are opportunists and consequently tour neighbourhoods to look for a chance.
- \*Don't give them a chance by leaving them an open door or window to your home and property.
- \*Remember they can do this whilst you are in the back garden without you knowing
- \*Don't leave windows open when you go out, check before you lock up and leave

### In the garden...

Make sure that sheds and outbuildings are fitted with good locks at the top and bottom of doors if possible. Use padlock braces that close over bolts and anchor points making any attempts to force difficult if not impossible.



**THIS LOOKS HARD TO THEM...**

Avoid placing things like wheelie bins close to boundary walls and fences. They act as an easy step down for someone climbing over into your property.

**DONT MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM...**



When securing your shed or outbuilding try to avoid using screws on door



hinges. Put coach bolts through the door and fix them with nuts inside remembering to burr the ends afterwards. **PUT THEM OFF...**



You might think that such things are too stupid that no one would do them. You'd be wrong, many of us do things that are easiest at the time and because we think "it won't happen to us" **DONT LEAVE KEYS IN DOORS...**



Make sure that side and rear gates are properly and robustly secure. If you know yours needs a padlock or some work, don't put it off any longer.

**SECURE ALL ENTRY POINTS...**



If you have not already got your Smartwater pack they are still available at the bargain price of £15. Use one of the stickers on shed/garage windows to let criminals know that your tools are marked and if they get caught with or pass them on, it will place them at the scene of the theft.

**THEY SELDOM TAKE THE RISK...**



### Summer Fair at Burton Green

Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team will be in attendance at Burton Green's Summer Fair on 14 July 2012. We hope the weather improves on June and that as many people as possible come along and enjoy the fair.

### Contact Details for Kenilworth SNT:

Telephone 01926 684404

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### Burglary - Clinton Lane

Please remain alert - in the last few days (end of June) a house in Clinton Lane was entered through an insecure rear door. If you see anything suspicious call the police immediately on 999