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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



Sunrise over Chesford 14 January 2012

Walk in Thefts hit Kenilworth

Warwickshire Police are appealing for witnesses after brazen thieves walked in through the unlocked front door of a home in Butler Close, Kenilworth and stole the car keys whilst the family was watching TV in another room. After stealing the keys, the thieves stole a grey Audi A3 saloon off the driveway outside.

The burglary occurred sometime between 6.15pm and 9.30pm on Saturday 14 January. Officers checked with neighbours to see if anyone had seen or heard the burglary and are continuing to appeal for any witnesses to please come forward.

This event highlights the need to keep doors secured even when you are in your home. Notwithstanding the loss of a vehicle, which is bad enough, criminals being able to walk into homes provides opportunities for a whole range of different crimes. So please make sure your home is secure whether you are at home or out and about.

How to Protect your Home



Crown Watch and Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team have combined to provide a REAL way for householders to protect their home and property. We are offering Smartwater at a discounted price to any householder in Kenilworth who wants to take up this offer which provides a real deterrent to opportunist criminals. Read the articles within this newsletter to find out more about Smartwater and why both the Police and Home Office endorse its use as a deterrent for property crime.



Keep one step ahead... be the first to know the latest, its free and easy!

Crown Watch provide the latest news available from Warwickshire Police concerning crime in Kenilworth. By subscribing to the automatic alerts you get as much warning as possible about what is going on and what steps you might need to take by an immediate email, this enables smartphone owners to access the news too.



Leyes Lane Robbery - Picture Released - Can you help...?

Warwickshire Police have released a CCTV image of the robber at Dominos Pizza. In last months Newsletter you will recall we detailed this shocking daytime crime that took place in Leyes Lane on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

The offender entered the rear of the building shortly after 10.30am. He was described as being approximately 5'8" tall, of stocky build and was wearing a long sleeved light grey top, light blue denim trousers and brown shoes.

If you think you recognise this person or have any information about this crime please contact Warwickshire Police on 101. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 551111.



Can you afford not to deter a Burglar ?

"I am not interested in this neighbourhood watch stuff, we won't get burgled in Kenilworth"

"It's not worth spending money on crime prevention"

"It's all too complicated for me and I haven't got the time"

"I'm too busy to be bothered with something that's very unlikely to happen"

"There's not many thefts in Kenilworth"

SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that is simply dabbed onto the uneven surfaces of your valuables. It can be used to code all sorts of items such as jewellery, ornaments, electrical items and even your motor vehicle. Each bottle contains a unique chemical 'code' which is registered to you – conclusively proving ownership. It cannot be easily seen by the naked eye and is almost impossible to remove. The liquid glows under ultraviolet light making it easy for the Police to detect.

The Police use it in undercover operations to catch and convict criminals. Criminals know about SmartWater and fear its power to forensically link them with the scene of a crime. So, by coding your valuables and displaying the SmartWater deterrent signs, you are sending out a powerful warning to any thieves and burglars operating in your area.

In 2009 at Galley Common in Nuneaton, Warwickshire the use of Smartwater led to a 82% reduction in Domestic Burglary. At Crown Watch we are working with Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team and together we are offering individual Smartwater kits at the price of £15.

Once you have Smartwater, one bottle will provide more than enough resource for you to invisibly mark all your property. You also get the Smartwater stickers for the window (as above) and research shows that puts criminals off. Criminals know that if they are caught with your smartwatered marked property it links them to the scene of the crime, either by theft or by handling stolen goods. They would rather try someones home who doesn't see the worth of protecting their property. So, we are asking you to help yourself and your neighbours by turning the area into a Smartwater zone, that would really put criminals off 'having a day in Kenilworth'.

How you can get your Smartwater

You can obtain Smartwater from Crown Watch direct by emailing your contact details to; crownwatch@me.com. We will contact you and arrange to get your Smartwater to you. If you don't have access to email then call the Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404 and leave your details, we will get back to you. If neither of these methods work for you then call at one of the regular Saturday morning surgeries which alternate between Waitrose and Sainsburys supermarket car parks between 10am and 12 midday.



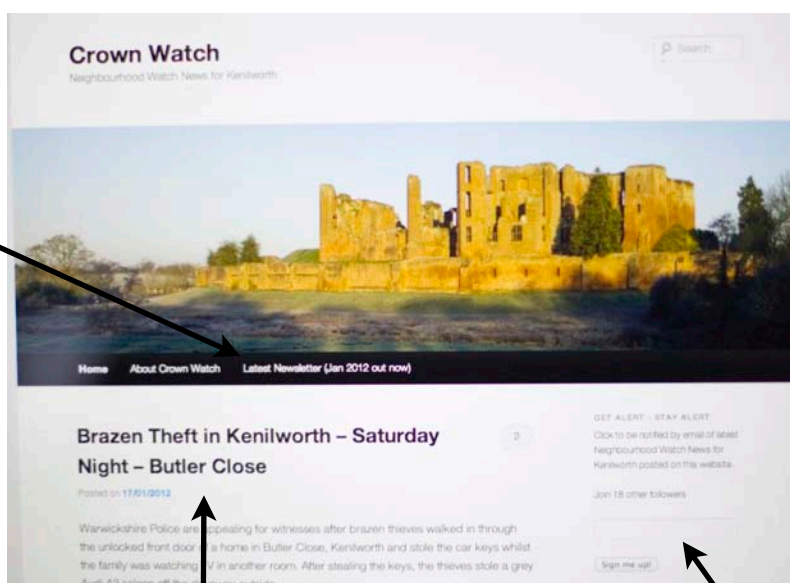
How to access Crown Watch website & Automatic email Alerts

www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com

Link to latest Newsletter is shown here. Just simply click it to be taken to the full colour version of the latest Kenilworth Update newsletter.

Each time Crown Watch receives a crime alert from Warwickshire Police we aim to place it on the website within an hour.

This provides up to date information to householders and helps the Police obtain timely information from any witnesses.



The latest crime news is always at the beginning of the website. Previous news follows below.

Put your email address in this box and then click the 'Sign me up' button directly below. You have now put your automatic email alerts in place!

Our Website is operational

24hrs

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I am not interested in Neighbourhood Watch.
I cannot be bothered with the email alerts.
I am not putting locks on the outside buildings, no one can get round the back of our home.
I am not checking my home to see if I have taken all the steps I need to protect it from criminals
I don't think things like Smartwater are worth it, if I get burgled I will just deal with it.
Crime will happen - you can't do anything to stop it.

PC Pete King

PC Pete King is the Beat Manager for Kenilworth. Pete works with the community and manages the Safer Neighbourhood Team. He can be contacted on 01926 684404

I will leave stuff in my car if I want. In fact I have never given it a thought. Anyway, no one will break into my car.

Who would want my car number plate. The likelihood of it must be millions to one. Why bother about such trivia.

I can't see the worth of marking my property. I'll get it back on insurance anyway. But who's going to burgle me anyway?

I am too busy to keep informed about what is going on where I live. I enjoy my home, who could spoil that?

Contact Details for Kenilworth SNT:

Telephone 01926 684404

email; kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Neighbourhood

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Come onto our property and into our home and help yourself

Wake

Junior Neighbourhood Watch - Burton Green shows the way...



At the time of publishing this Update (30 Jan 2012) a pilot Junior Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been running in Burton Green. The pilot has been ran by Beat Manager Pete King in conjunction with Burton Green Junior & Infants School and forms part of an educational module that compliments the existing school curriculum. It's aimed at Year 6 pupils whereby they are introduced to the concept of Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood Policing and Community Safety. It involves a series of fun workshops, fun activities and group discussions all of which are led by Pete King. The pilot has been warmly received by Marcus Bridger, the Headteacher at Burton Green. Pete King told Update "I intend to roll the project out amongst all schools within the community of Kenilworth over the coming year and therefore build up greater trust and confidence, stronger relationships whilst bridging the gap between young people and the Police by removing the stigma that they often associate with us."

Haven't got time to clear that windscreen?

What's the worst that could happen...?



Frankly, and simply it can kill.

It's simple really, without clearing your windscreen you cannot see where you are going. There are a whole range of outcomes that could be very serious. From damaging your own car and injuring yourself through to colliding with other vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists.

Its an offence too...

Failing to clear a windscreen before driving a vehicle is an offence too. And don't think for one second that Police do not pursue this offence, they do.

The offence is known as Drive without proper full view. It attracts 3 penalty points on your driving licence, up to a £1000 fine and you can, should the court so decide, be disqualified from driving.

Don't avoid one offence and commit another...

Leaving a car 'ticking over' unattended is an offence under the 'Road Traffic Act'. Its termed, 'quitting', and can see owners landed with an on-the-spot fine for not being in control of a running vehicle.

Considering the value of the automobiles left unlocked and unattended on driveways across the county, it's not surprising that there is an attraction to commit crime by some. Every year, unattended cars are stolen from driveways, leaving unsuspecting victims facing a tricky situation.

Not only have they lost their car, they could have also invalidated their insurance.

PC Pete King, Warwickshire Police Beat Manager for Kenilworth said "As the weather gets colder, some motorists become careless and leave keys in their ignitions as their vehicles defrost, and go back into their homes. This is a perfect opportunity for a thief and even if you leave your vehicle for only a few moments you may end up losing more than just the ice on your windows".

By neglecting to attend an unlocked and running vehicle, insurance companies could reject a claim as 'reasonable care' has not been taken by the owner. The worst-case scenario is that the car has been stolen, not recovered and insurance has been invalidated leaving the owner with no way of recovering the loss. Given the potential financial implications, it makes sense to defrost your windscreen without leaving the vehicle running and unattended.

How to approach the issue properly...

Firstly, all drivers should clear off frost from the windscreen and side view windows before they drive off. Beat Manager Pete King said: "At this time of year the low temperatures and icy weather can cause very poor driving conditions.

However, there's a lot that drivers can do to make their journey as safe as possible. One of the most important things to do is to make sure you have a completely clear windscreen and side windows before you drive off.

If your view is in any way obscured, be it because it's misted up or it's covered in ice or snow, then you put yourself and others in serious danger.

You should clear the entirety of the windscreen, not just a small section the driver sees out of, as well as the side and rear windows. Drivers should scrape away any frost, ice or snow and use the air conditioning or heating to keep the glass mist free." he added.

Let us know what you think...

It's your community

What is important to you? Have you ever told any organisation or service what you expect from it? How can we provide a better service to you? Or do you want to tell us that you are simply not bothered?

Volunteering for all

We are not asking you to get involved or do anything but we would like to receive feedback on whether you value all the stuff we are doing to keep you informed through operating a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, a website and 24hr automatic alerts. It is helpful to you or do you not use it.

Tell us

You can make your comments by emailing crownwatch@me.com or by speaking to the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404 or at one the SNT surgeries that are held on Saturday mornings alternating between Sainsburys and Waitrose car parks.

Thanks

for taking the time and trouble to let us know what you think.

