



Kenilworth Ford
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Spate of Burglaries across the town

On the night of the 10th April there were a series of burglaries across Kenilworth. A number of homes were entered and property stolen. Items taken ranged from cash, satellite navigation systems, cameras through to larger items such as mountain bikes.

It appears that the approach taken by offenders involved in committing these offences was for them to force entry through rear doors and windows. The break ins also included untidy searches being made of some homes concerned.

These events demonstrate that the use of security lights, household alarms, property marking such as Smartwater and general security of windows and doors cannot be emphasised enough.



This is why it's crucial that we promote Neighbourhood Watch and increase its coverage.



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KENILWORTH
WEEKLY NEWS



Travelling safely to and from School

- If possible travel with a friend or group of friends
- Stay alert – Keep an eye on everything that is happening around you.
- Avoid wearing earphones or chatting on your mobile phone, as this will distract you from your surroundings and you may not see or hear trouble approaching.
- If travelling by bus sit near the driver where possible and in view of CCTV
- Keep both hands free and don't weigh yourself down with lots of heavy bags – you need to be able to move easily.
- Trust your instincts – If you have a 'funny feeling' about someone or something, don't ignore it, act on it straight away.
- Take the route you know best and stick to busy, well-lit streets avoiding short cuts.
- Avoid danger spots like subways, deserted parks and badly-lit areas.
- Walk in the middle of the pavement, facing oncoming traffic. This will avoid any cars driving up alongside you as you walk.
- Think about your route home. Where would be a safe place to go if something went wrong? Safe places might be busy places like shops or garages, friends' houses or a police station.
- Have your keys ready so you can get into your home quickly.

Meeting in May at Burton Green

A residents meeting has been arranged in Burton Green for Wednesday 9 May 2012 at 10.30am at Burton Green Village Hall. PC Pete King will be there from Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team. We encourage residents to go along and discuss things that matter to them and their community.

Kids - Protect your belongings

Mobile Phones

Thousands of mobile phones are stolen every month and many victims are children and teenagers. Here are a few simple tips on how to keep your mobile safe.

- Don't carry your phone where it can be easily seen - like dangling from your belt or out of your pocket
- Don't leave your phone unattended - like in your bag or in a car
- Switch your phone off when in school. Even better don't take it at all unless you really need to
- Use your PIN number to lock your phone when you are not using it. And keep your PIN number secret!
- If your phone is stolen contact your phone company immediately and get it blocked. Some Smartphones allow you to do this from your own PC.

Personal Belongings

Make sure you keep your personal belongings with you at all times. Don't leave them unattended or on show in cars or on public transport. Watch for people around you and if you don't need to take something valuable with you when you go out then DON'T !

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

Kenilworth School Learning Ambassadors

Congratulations to a group of Year 9 and Year 11 students from Kenilworth School who were chosen to represent their school as learning ambassadors during a recent business breakfast meeting held at the Leyes Lane school. In front of an audience of business leaders, school governors, councillors and the police the group explained that their focus was on pride in themselves, their school and within their community of. It was refreshing to hear how passionate and appreciative these young people are about the community of which they are proud.



Steam Locomotive 70013 'Oliver Cromwell' travels over the A46 on 13 April 2012 under its own power en-route to London where it was due to haul a charter train.

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 or by telephoning your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404



3 Priorities for Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) were agreed by Kenilworth Community Forum on 19 March 2012

1. Following two road traffic collisions and complaints from members of the public the SNT will now provide a minimum of 10 dedicated patrols of Beehive Hill near to the nursery. These patrols will tackle things like dangerously parked vehicles in the morning and afternoon.
2. In support of the recent efforts to tackle graffiti in the town the SNT will provide 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.

Kenilworth Update is produced by Crown Watch, one of Kenilworth's longest running Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating in Windy Arbour, Tulip Tree Avenue and Whitemoor Road areas. Crown Watch publishes this Update to help support Kenilworth and all those that live in the community. Please pass on your copy or forward the email with it attached to your friends and neighbours. To receive Kenilworth Update every month email kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk and ask to be put on the SNT email list.

Alternatively, you can view the Updates at our website www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com



Sunset over Leek Wootton
12 April 2012

Holidays planned?

Planning to go away soon or just spend some time in the garden?

See our advice on pages 4 & 5 designed to help you relax and be reassured you and your home are safe

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.

DONT GET FOOLED Beware of letter Scam

06-04-12

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PROPOSAL

Hello,
I am Dr. Josef Wani, a medical Consultant in Spain. My late patient who died intestate left a confidential document with me regarding her cash deposit valued at \$26.4M US Dollars. I have made several efforts searching for her relative without success.

This fund will be reverted to the Spanish Government based on their ESCHEATS LAW if the fund is not claimed. I don't want to see this happen because the deceased was not a citizen of Spain and I have all the documents required to claim this fund in my possession.

I decided to contact you because your surname matched her as a next of kin and this will make it possible for us to claim the money if we work together.

I must inform you that there is no risk involved in this business. You can understand that I have my integrity, profession and family to protect and so I cannot involve in something that will ruin them. I am the only living person with this information. All you will need to do is apply as the beneficiary to the estate and we will present the documents in my possession. You will take 40% of the money and 60% will be mine.

If you are interested, send me email or fax and leave your contact details or call me on my UK mobile telephone number. Please note that the confidentiality is of utmost importance in this business. I strongly appeal to you that this information remains between us whether you are going to participate or not.

Thanks

Yours truly,
Dr. Josef Wani

Warwickshire Police are warning residents about a letter scam that is operating in the area. We have reproduced a copy of the letter that some local people have received. Some residents have been fooled and have made contact with the author and have been immediately asked for money. This is a SCAM and you are strongly advised to ignore any such letters if you receive them.



The Square
17 April 2012

Contact Details for Kenilworth SNT:

Telephone 01926 684404

email; kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



Spring & Summer Advice for householders

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In the home...

Keep the front door locked when you are the home. With warmer weather we tend to wander outside the rear and side of our homes much more and often stay outside for a considerable time. If you don't keep your front door locked it can take less than 2 minutes for a thief to walk in, remove items of value and leave whilst you are still outside your home completely unaware. Many thieves are opportunists and consequently tour neighbourhoods to look for a chance. They know that they only need 2 minutes so don't give them a chance by leaving them an open door to your home and property.

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.

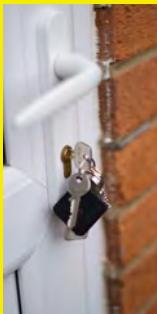


DONT MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM...

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...

COME ON CONTACT US! - Over 30 Smartwater orders delivered to Kenilworth Residents!

We have delivered over 30 orders for Smartwater to Kenilworth residents for Smartwater kits since February but there are still thousands of homes in Kenilworth that currently do not deter crime. We would like to see many more residents consider Smartwater and purchase a kit for their home. Simply, the more homes we can get covered by Smartwater the more **UNATTRACTIVE Kenilworth** becomes as a destination for criminals, particularly burglars and offenders who commit opportunist acts of theft.

Have **YOU** ordered your Smartwater kit for the bargain price of £15, usually more than £50. Through Neighbourhood Watch you can obtain this product which is recommended by Warwickshire Police and Home Office. Help us deter crime and protect your property at the same time, order your Smartwater NOW!

You can get your Smartwater by;

- contacting Crown Watch at crownwatch@me.com
- telephoning the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404.
- Cheques to be made payable to "Warwickshire Police"

Don't put it off or think crime can't happen to you, if we all do this small thing it will help make a big difference to our town and place it off the visiting list of potential criminals.



HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR TOWN...

GET YOUR SMARTWATER NOW

Meet Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

You can meet members of Kenilworth's 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

Lookout for Pickpockets - *how to foil them*

Crowded public places like shopping areas and busy pubs can attract pickpockets because they can steal personal items without you even knowing about it. Don't give them the opportunity.

Take care of your money and personal possessions using the following advice:

- Use a handbag that can be closed properly - zipped up preferably - so that it is more difficult for someone to open it and reach in.
- If you use a handbag with a strap, wear it across your body and not just over one shoulder so it is more secure.
- You can use a purse lanyard which attaches your phone or purse/wallet to your bag or clothes.
- If you do keep your purse in a shopping bag, put your purse at the bottom and not near the top, and use a shopping bag that can be closed if possible.
- Be as secure with your mobile phone or ipod as you would your purse or wallet and ensure it is put away safely if you use it in the street.
- Men should keep their wallet in a front pocket rather than in their back pocket, making it harder for a thief to slip their hand in unnoticed.

Mobile Phones and Driving

SOME SOBERING FACTS

71% of people surveyed for the Department for Transport feel that the law on using mobile phones whilst driving is not properly enforced.

Drivers who use a mobile phone, whether hand held or hands free:

- *are less aware of what's happening on the road around them*
- *fail to see road signs*
- *fail to maintain proper lane position and steady speed*
- *are more likely to 'tailgate' the vehicle in front*
- *react more slowly and take longer to brake*
- *are more likely to enter unsafe gaps in traffic*
- *feel more stressed and frustrated*

Research indicates that drivers are also **4** times more likely to crash, injuring or killing themselves and/or other people.

DON'T THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU
DON'T DIAL AND DRIVE!



STOP PRESS - Abbey Fields Robber Arrested and Charged

Local police recently arrested a young male responsible for a robbery that occurred on Saturday 17th March 2012 in Abbey Fields, Kenilworth. The male, following his arrest, was subsequently interviewed and has now been charged to appear before court.