

# Kenilworth Update

Produced by Crown Watch in support of and with the assistance of Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team



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## Connect2

The new cycleway bridge over the A429 Coventry Road opened on 29 September 2011.



## Come and meet Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

This is your chance to meet & chat with local officers in confidence about any Neighbourhood issues or concerns. Every Thursday at the Market in Abbey End

Most Saturdays at either Waitrose or Sainsburys (check website for date & times)



## NOT ME!

### SECURE YOUR PLATES, PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Nationally there has been a steady increase in the theft of number plates. Warwickshire Police are tackling this but you can do things to avoid your plates being stolen for them to potentially be used on a vehicle involved with crime.

- \*Park in a well lit street and use car parks accredited to the secured car park scheme
- \*Fit non-retractable screws to the number plate (*we are issuing these free at the sessions mentioned to the left of this article*)

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.

[www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com](http://www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com)

## Latest Crime News

This month we report the theft of a gas meter! – yes offenders approached the side of a home in Forge Road, Kenilworth and forced open the door of a cupboard housing the gas meter. The offenders cut the supply to the meter and then cut the meter out of the cupboard.

This is very dangerous but something we need all people to remain vigilant about given the rising cost of energy. It's likely the meter will be used for illegal abstraction of gas.

There have also been reports of vans and individuals in neighbourhoods who appeared to be loitering around and looked suspicious. These reports are useful and have potentially helped the Safer Neighbourhood Team prevent crime

Scrap metal dealers continue to tour the town looking to take away any metal items. Whilst it's not suggested this is a crime, there have been incidents where metal items within sight of the road, that have not been put out for scrap collection, have nevertheless been taken.

Keep a keen eye out for people loitering around or acting suspiciously and if you see such behaviour don't be afraid to report it to the police whilst it is taking place.





### Warwickshire Justice Centre

Police services for the southern and central area of Warwickshire are now co-ordinated and run from the new Warwickshire Justice Centre in Leamington Spa. Situated on Newbold Terrace the Centre is open from 8am to midnight everyday for police business. Kenilworth will continue to be policed locally with the continuance of alternate Saturday drop in sessions at Waitrose or Sainsburys car parks or the weekly Abbey End market.

### Are you leaving tell tale signs?

As the nights start to close in as summer draws to a close 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 them 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 there is no purchase necessary!**



Draws 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

### Your Safer Neighbourhood Team - (Abbey, St Johns & Park Hill)

#### Sergeant Dave Kettle

Dave Kettle has overall responsibility for the neighbourhood policing of Kenilworth. Sergeant Kettle liaises with local people and elected councillors, and other local organisations across the town. He works closely with PC King to ensure that the local objectives are being met and the police are responding to real and 'live' issues.

#### PC Peter King

Pete is the Beat Manager for Kenilworth. He has been a Police Officer since 1997 and is qualified to the rank of Sergeant. He has a wide and diverse policing background and is keen to use his experience to make Kenilworth a safe place to live, work and visit.

#### PCSO Craig Ricardo

Craig came to Kenilworth after working in Warwick patrolling the Packmores area of Warwick for two years. He is looking forward to engaging with shops and the public, and with the help of the retail radio link, assisting with any problems shops may have. Craig hopes through a high visible presence he can help deter anti social behaviour and protect the local community.

#### PCSO Carl Whitehouse

Carl has worked for many years with British Airways as a duty manager. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience working within inner city areas of Birmingham for 29 years with West Midlands Police. Carl transferred to Kenilworth in September 2010 welcoming a new challenge and also looking forward to working within the community.

## Kenilworth Update - Help from your Safer Neighbourhood Team

The **Current Objectives** for your **Safer Neighbourhood Team** are discussed and agreed at the **Kenilworth Community Forum**, this is public meeting held in Kenilworth on a quarterly basis. It's your opportunity to hear and see what is going on in your community and have your say on matters. Its attended by your local Councillors, at all levels, as well as representatives from other services and organisations.

### CURRENT OBJECTIVES FOR Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team

#### NUISANCE

Patrols to be provided to address concerns of nuisance at Barrow Road, Warwick Road and Talisman Square concerning cycling on pavement & pedestrian areas.

#### NUMBER PLATE THEFT

Dedicated patrols of Barrow Road & Castle Hill which are local hotspots for motor vehicle number plate theft

#### CASTLE FARM & ABBEY FIELDS

Further support to ensure reduction in anti-social behaviour at Abbey Fields and Castle Farm

#### CASTLE HILL & CASTLE ROAD SPEED

Carry out speed checks of motorists in Castle Road/Castle Hill in relation to excessive speed issues.

## Neighbourhood Watch really works!

That's the verdict from Crown Watch an established Neighbourhood Watch group in Kenilworth. Crown looks after Windy Arbour North, Tulip Tree Avenue and Whitemoor Road.

In mid September one of Crown's Co-Ordinators noticed a male generally loitering around and visiting selected properties in the neighbourhood. He contacted the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Kenilworth and within a few minutes they were on the scene looking for the individual.

Shortly afterwards a male was apprehended in Adcock Drive and removed from the town. The male was known to police and although no offences have been detected or reported this intervention may have prevented crime taking place.

PC Pete King, Beat Manager for Kenilworth Town said "It's this sort of help we need from the public, being alert to their surroundings and reporting to us immediately something that doesn't look right or looks suspicious. This intervention certainly demonstrated to the suspicious male that if you come to Kenilworth and loiter around you are likely to be spotted, reported and challenged. That's a real deterrent to anyone who may have been committing crime in our town on their mind."

#### DID YOU KNOW...

**The average age of a victim of distraction burglary is 81-years-old.**

If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it.

Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water, police.

Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider  
Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller – they may be bogus.

Telephone a neighbour/ friend nearby to come and check out the caller before opening the door to them.

The "Waterboard" no longer exists, it is an obsolete phrase used only by bogus callers.

Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank.

## Your Safer Neighbourhood Team - (Abbey, St Johns & Park Hill)



Contact your local SNT;  
Telephone: 01926 684404  
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