

Kenilworth Update

May 2013



WELCOME! to the **MAY 2013** edition of **Kenilworth Update**. We set things out so you can find things as easy as possible when you read your monthly digest of what is taking place in the town in relation to crime prevention, police performance and crime alerts. Our aim is to help you protect yourself and your property and by doing so help us make Kenilworth a great and

There are five sections for **Kenilworth Update** so you can find the information/advice easily. These will appear each month and in each section we will provide the most up to date information we can to help you.



The Sections that appear in Kenilworth Update

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Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Update

This section will provide information on the objectives you want the police to be concentrating on within the Kenilworth area. These objectives are discussed, agreed and set at the Kenilworth Community Forum, which is a public meeting all residents are encouraged to attend. The section will also provide news and updates on other activities that Kenilworth SNT are involved in together with elements on police performance.

Crime Update

This section will provide the latest news related to crime affecting Kenilworth, what it might mean to you and what you can do to lower the risk of being a victim of crime

General Update

Information about things that are considered to be useful or important for residents to be aware of.

Advice Update

Each month we will concentrate in more detail on specific issues and give advice to residents as to how they can protect themselves and their property.

Live Update

Information about how you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and the options you have to keep up to date with what is going on in and around Kenilworth with Neighbourhood Watch and your SNT



Safer Neighbourhood Team Update

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Albion Street Robbery – Offender Apprehended!

A recent robbery at the One Stop store in Albion Street, Kenilworth has led to the identification and arrest of a suspect for the crime. Excellent and prompt work by the community and the police!

Horsefair takes place – **Next Horsefair due 19 – 21 July 2013**

Concerns were expressed about the traffic situation at the recent Horsefair in Kenilworth. The weekend was busier than previous events, not least because it coincided with one of only a few good summer weather days this year. The combination of traffic to the fair and higher volumes of through traffic did lead to some congestion at busy times. Whilst such events are always reviewed afterwards to consider any improvements, it's a fact of life that sometimes a number of elements can come together and lead to an unforeseen situation. Not even our police can control the weather!

Two Castles Run – **0900hrs – 1130hrs Sunday 9 June 2013**

This year the route for this annual running event between Warwick and Kenilworth Castles changes and will use Woodcote Lane, Leek Wootton, Rouncil Lane, John O'Gaunt Road, Fishponds Road, Brookside Avenue with runners completing the race along Castle Road and into the Castle Grounds at The Brays car park.

Speeding – “Operation Perth”

The two Kenilworth Community Speedwatch groups have been playing their part in the countywide “Operation Perth” initiative targeting speeding drivers and seeking to highlight safe driving. They helped Kenilworth's SNT get ranked 3rd place across the whole county force area in terms of top contributors during Operation Perth. Many thanks to Speedwatch from the SNT and community!

Car Key Burglaries continue...

Despite stressing the importance of not leaving car keys near to the front door or even hung up nearby to it. Some burglars are simply interested in gaining access to your home for the simple aim of obtaining keys to your motor vehicle.

See **Advice Update** for help on how to protect your vehicle

DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM – PUT YOUR CAR KEYS AWAY

Burton Green & SNT take control on speed

Residents in Burton Green have formed a Community Speedwatch group and are already active. Already their work, in conjunction with Kenilworth SNT, has led to one irresponsible driver being issued a Section 59 notice. This means if he is stopped by police again his vehicle is likely to be confiscated.





Crime Update

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This month we want to focus on ourselves, that's each one of us that lives in or around Kenilworth. All manner and volume of advice is meaningless unless we each STOP and think this could be ME! We are probably all guilty of thinking crime is what happens to others, ask anyone that's been the victim of crime and they are likely to say they thought the same! They seldom think the same again though!

So let's just consider a few things that our Safer Neighbourhood Team have spotted in our town over the past month, and ask ourselves are we helping ourselves or helping criminals?

- Keys left in the ignition of a motor car on the street
- Garage doors left wide open with an "Aladdins Cave" of items on view including mountain bikes, garden and a full range of power tools. The SNT walked round the property and remain unchallenged, if they had been thieves they would have struck lucky!
- The SNT closed the garage doors where a range of items were on show just as a 'scrap van' entered the road with its loudspeaker announcing "any old scrap iron" Would they have ventured into the garage?

THINK; HELP YOURSELF – DONT MAKE CRIME EASY & BECOME A VICTIM



Advice Update

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Put Car Keys Away – Don't leave them on show

The temptation is to put your keys down once you get inside your home somewhere you can easily pick them up when you need them next. Often this means a table or shelf near the entrance to your home. Unfortunately, it's very easy and convenient for 'fishing thieves' who can easily hook the keys up through the letterbox and be away in your cherished motor before you even know your car is no longer outside. If you own a high performance car some thieves are prepared to break in to your home to get keys so don't make it easy for them.

Check your home now - Lock yourself out audit - DO IT NOW!

Most burglaries are opportunist crimes, simply the more difficult it appears and actually is for someone to enter your property the more it will deter them from trying. As we have advised before, try going outside and think you have locked yourself out of your home and have no prospect of getting the keys for hours. You might be shocked how easy it might be to get into your home as you try to think of a way of doing so.

If you find gaps or ways to get in then it means a burglar most certainly will! Now you have identified any gaps take action to close them and don't wait to get round to it because you might very well forget. Take action and take it now!



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Beware of Telephone Scam

Whilst there are several scams operating at any one time Kenilworth Neighbourhood Watch is issuing a warning this afternoon about a telephone scam. The scam has been tried on residents within Kenilworth in the last few days and we have made contact with Warwickshire Trading Standards earlier today to confirm the scam and seek their advice.

Consequently, Trading Standards have supported us in issuing this alert. Please make sure that any relatives that perhaps do not have computers, access to the internet or mobile phones are advised and warned. Please give particular thought to elderly people and/or those who live alone.

The scam is very clever, sounding and appearing to be very plausible. All residents that have a landline telephone can easily fall victim to this scam. The following is the actual course one of these scam calls took when it was made to a person.

Person receives a telephone call from a person stating it is BT. They informed the caller that they are disconnecting the line because of an unpaid bill. The caller then demands payment immediately, in the case we are quoting it was the sum of £31.00 or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date.

The caller wasn't even fazed when the person told him they were with Virgin Media (cable TV company). He said that Virgin Media have to pay BT a percentage for line rental. (This is NOT true)

The person asked the caller's name – he gave said John Peacock but his accent suggested he was from another continent, and as such unlikely to have such a name. He gave his phone number as 0800 0800 152.

By this time the caller realised that the person didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. The person asked how could he do so? The caller told the person to hang up & try phoning someone else – he would disconnect the phone to prevent this. Such a call was indeed prevented. (How this is done is explained shortly)

The person's phone was dead – no engaged tone, nothing. Then the caller phoned the person again. (he had cleared down the line from his end which would enable him to then call back). Very pleased with himself, the caller asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. The person asked the caller how the payment was to be made & he said by credit card, there & then.

The person said that he didn't know how he'd (the caller) had done it, but had absolutely no intention of paying him. The person also told him that he didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. The caller then hung up.

The person then dialled 1471 -number – it came back as 'number withheld' then they phoned the 0800 number he had given – it was not recognised. The person then telephoned the police to let them know. They were not the first! This scam has only recently started, but it is escalating.

Police advice is to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.



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The government's national counter terrorism strategy is known as **CONTEST**.

The police's approach is multi-focused and includes elements to prevent terrorist acts, measures to ensure offenders are identified and prosecuted, training and information sharing to minimise the possibility of terrorists acts taking place at all, and pro-active engagement with the community to prevent vulnerable individuals being recruited by violent extremists.

To reflect the national approach, our police address counter terrorism through the following four activity strands:

To Pursue - Aiming to pursue terrorists and their sponsors by improving our understanding of terrorist networks, tracking down terrorists, disrupting their activity and bringing them to justice.

To Protect - Protect the public by ensuring that the area increasingly becomes a harder target for terrorist activity. To do this they work with local agencies and businesses to advise them and help them develop a counter terrorist strategy.

To Prepare - The police constantly assess the potential consequences of a terrorist attack and seek to improve their resilience to cope with this and other major disruptive challenges. They work in close partnership with other agencies and regularly hold large and small scale training exercises.

To Prevent

This is a long term and vital element of **CONTEST**, focusing on building relationships with all members of the community and enhancing links with key organisations.

PREVENT work provides not only reassurance to vulnerable groups but also potentially impact upon the underlying causes of terrorism and diminish support for terrorists.

The objectives for **PREVENT** nationally and locally are to:

Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat facade from those who promote it

Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support

Work with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health) where there are risks of radicalisation which that needs to be addressed

Already in some parts of the Midlands uniformed counter terrorism officers- called Security and Partnerships Officers - are now working across key neighbourhoods to promote 'Prevent' within their areas.

Schools, colleges mosques, prisons, community centres, youth and sports clubs and women's groups are all being invited to play an active role in this project which seeks to bring the whole community together to defeat violent extremism.



Live Update

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You can keep up to date on the Internet. We have a website that is updated 24 hours a day with the latest crime alerts. You can click on the subscribe button at the website to get immediate alerts via email. There is no catch and it's free!

We are at: www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com

We are now also on Twitter. Follow us to get the latest news via tweets that will link you to our website. We also retweet any messages from Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team or other organisations where we think it appropriate or useful

Follow us (Kenilworth Update) on Twitter at: **@kenilworthwatch**

Follow Kenilworth SNT at: **@SNT_Kenilworth**

How to contact Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

You can call us on: **01926 684404**

You can email us at:
kenilworth.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

You can see us at **Abbey End Market** every Thursday between **10.30am and 11.30am**



Essential Services

Smell Gas
0800 111 999

No Electric
0800 056 8090

Water/Sewer
0800 783 4444

For general enquiries to the police and for non-emergency calls please dial

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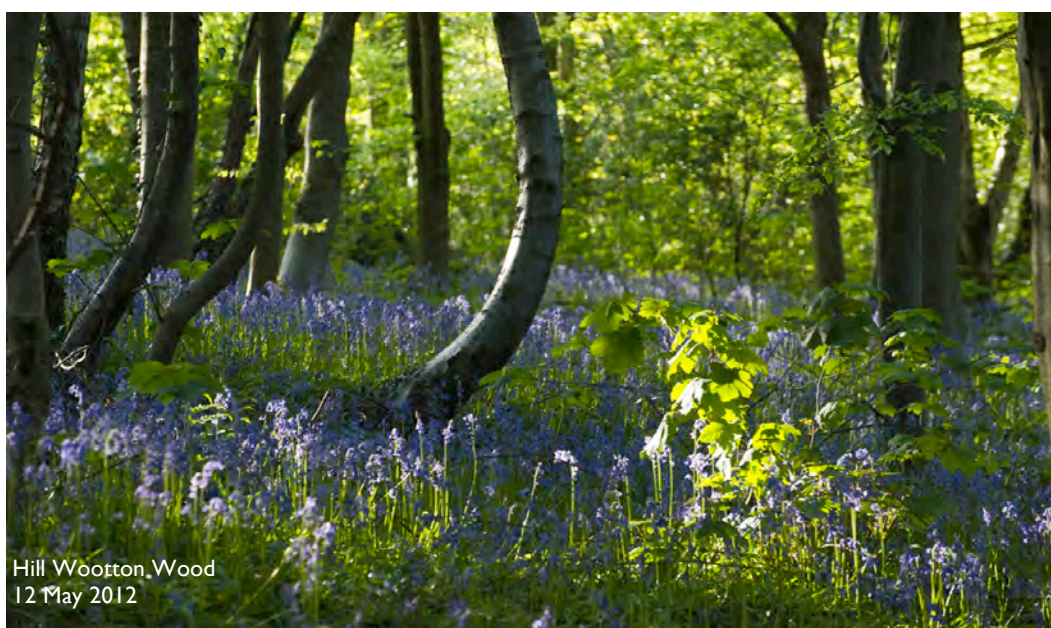
Where there is a danger to life or property or a crime is being committed please dial

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Kenilworth Update is produced by Crown Watch, one of the longest running Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Kenilworth and Warwickshire. Crown Watch serves the northern end of Windy Arbour, eastern end of Whitemoor Road and Tulip Tree Avenue. It publishes Newsletters and Crime Alerts to its Co-ordinators who circulate these to residents.

Since mid 2011 Crown Watch has been working closely with Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team to produce **Kenilworth Update**. The purpose of this is to encourage more people to set up and run their own Neighbourhood Watch schemes but also to inform people through an increasing range of channels what is going on in and around the town in terms of keeping our town safe. All of the work is done voluntarily.

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The 3 Current priorities for Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team

1. Ten Patrols to deter and check on Anti Social Behaviour at the recreational area between Ashdene Gardens, Elmdene Road and the alley between Lime Grove and Brooke Road, this is known by many as "Black Pad".
2. Ten Patrols in Burton Green, namely Red Lane, Cromwell Lane, Hodgetts Lane, and Hob Lane, in support of the force burglary initiative. Also as a response to a couple of recent burglaries thus providing reassurance.
3. Five speed/enforcement/monitoring sessions in Leyes Lane at school start and end times to prevent road traffic/pedestrian injury.