

Kenilworth Update

July 2013

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WELCOME! to the **July 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 safe place to live and enjoy.

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.



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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 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 (SNT) Update

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Man charged with One Stop Robbery

Police have charged a man in connection with a robbery that occurred at the One Stop convenience store in Albion Street, Kenilworth at just before 6pm on Saturday 11 May 2013.

A suspect of no fixed address was arrested on 16 May 2013 and charged with Robbery and Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

He appeared at Coventry Magistrates Court the next day where he was remanded in custody to appear again at a later date that is yet to be confirmed.

Kenilworth Suspect Burglar Charged

A suspect has been charged with a total of **15 burglary offences** including two burglaries in Reeve Drive, Kenilworth on 26 June and two further burglaries in Lower End and Avon Terrace, Bubbenhall on 30 June. The other charges concern burglary related offences from the Coventry area.

He has been bailed to attend magistrates in Leamington on 23 July.

PARKING – THINK PEDESTRIAN

The most effective way for parking problems to be resolved is for drivers to THINK before they park.

If you are visiting the **Greenway at Burton Green** you need to consider where you are leaving your vehicle so as not to restrict the width of the carriageway for passing vehicles or block drives.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Kate Huston and the team of Kenilworth Special Constables continue to work in excess of their minimum hours. The extra hours they are doing amounts to 2 extra uniformed officers on patrol in the town.



Kenilworth's SNT - Left to right:
PCSO Carl Whitehouse, PC Pete King (Beat Manager) & PCSO

Kenilworth SNT On the Ball...

Kenilworth SNT have issued 107 Anti Social Behaviour letters since May 2011. This compares with 143 letters issued by the other 7 SNT teams on Warwick District. It's clear that Kenilworth's SNT remains active in effectively managing problems in the early stages and thus stopping them growing and turning into more serious crime.

July Horsefair approaches



Avoid Thickthorn Area 20/21st July



The next **HORSEFAIR** near the A46/A452 Thickthorn Island is due on 21 July, the weekend of the 20th/21st July will therefore be busy and some congestion maybe experienced on the A452/A46. Police advise motorists to avoid the area and seek an alternative route if at all possible.

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Update

Kenilworth July 2013 continued....



Kenilworth Community Forum Objectives for Policing were set on Monday 1st July 2013

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".

Five speed enforcement monitoring sessions in Beehive Hill and Red Lane each.

Ten high visibility patrols in Park Hill area. This covers area from Farmer Ward Road to Dencer Drive, up to and including Villiers Road and the Knights Meadow estate.

The past month's other Arrests in brief...

A male engaging in sexual activity of in the presence of children in Kenilworth has been arrested and charged with outraging public decency.

Kenilworth SNT executed search warrants leading to an arrest associated with Class A and B drugs. A quantity of drugs were also seized.

Crown Watch help Bullimore Grove



Following some recent events, Crown Watch with the SNT, has helped raise awareness of how an active Neighbourhood Watch can really help to deter crime and keep residents informed.

Local Bullimore Grove resident John Dixon kindly circulated a specially produced Newsletter for residents providing key information. Crown Watch produced this using it's 25 years of experience of operating a Watch scheme.



Crime Prevention Resources

We are pleased to highlight that **Town & Country Furniture** at Abbey End continue to provide an area where Kenilworth residents can obtain crime prevention resources and advice.

Burglary Watch

The SNT have just placed several signs out around the town as part of Burglary Watch. The signs notify would be criminals that the area is subject to greater police attention combined with heightened Neighbourhood Watch vigilance.



One of the Burglary Watch signs



Crime Update

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Mobility Scooters Stolen

Please be aware that during the night of 2 into 3 July 2013 offenders entered a business premises called "Scoota Mart" in The Square, Kenilworth and stole two motorised mobility scooters. The Versa Lite scooter is unique to Scoota Mart. Please call 101 if you have any information about this crime.

Conservatory used as a means of entry and another "Car Key Burglary"

During the night of 25 into 26 of June offenders entered the conservatory at a home in Reeve Drive, Kenilworth but nothing was stolen and no entry was gained to the rest of the house.

During the same night, offenders entered another home in Reeve Drive through a rear door and stole a handbag and a set of car keys. The keys were then used to steal a Ford vehicle from the driveway.

Stop Press – Suspect for these and other offences arrested and charged

Summer Crime Warning from Beat Manager PC Pete King & Sergeant Dave Kettle of Warwick District Rural Safer Neighbourhood Teams

The two police officers with responsibility for Kenilworth have issued a warning to residents about the need to protect ourselves from crime and heed police advice.

Beat Manager for Kenilworth, PC Pete King said "Kenilworth's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is doing all it can by working with all sections of the community to help prevent crime. Over the past few weeks, whilst on patrol members of SNT have noticed insecure premises, garage doors left open with property on view and valuable items such as sat nav devices left on show in vehicles. We need people to respond to our advice and avoid helping criminals making them the next victim of crime."

Sergeant Kettle added "The message around keeping properties secure in the summer months is a perennial one, however this year it is more pertinent than ever. Recent burglaries in Kenilworth and surrounding villages clearly show that currently there are burglars solely targeting houses which are not left secure - be it through unlocked doors and patios or open ground floor windows. Whilst concerted efforts are being made to identify and arrest these offenders it is far preferable to not become a victim in the first place. The advice is simple but worth repeating, please make sure your property is secure when going out, no matter how short the period, or when retiring to bed."

It you leave it on show – away it will go...

Leaving valuables on show in motor vehicles is just asking for trouble. Whether it is in public car park, outside your home in the street or even on your drive. Each of these type of locations has seen such thefts take place in Kenilworth. We know that criminals continue to visit the area to look for the next opportunity. A Sat Nav, a laptop computer, Ipad or even mobile phone. **Leave it on show and away it will go...**



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At last it seems real summer weather is with us as temperatures soar up to the high 20's and even 30 degrees. Hot days and very warm nights bring a different set of issues for householders, not least how to keep cool both in the daytime and through the night.

It's obvious that folk will open windows to aid ventilation and it really is a case of common sense when it comes to balancing security with comfort. What we would advise is to have a last look round before going to bed in the evening. Check doors and windows at ground level are secured.

What concerns us more at the moment are the actions of some residents who either don't think or care about their behaviour when it comes to protecting their property.

Again this month our Safer Neighbourhood Team have spotted a number of examples of "Help Yourself" invites to criminals. We each need to ask 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 remained 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

Car Key Burglaries

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

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.

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 or by speaking to the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684404. 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.



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WHEN to call the police...

Crown Watch's advice on when to call the police and when not to call them but take note of events that you have noticed.

1. When you can see a crime actually being committed or when you can see someone being hurt or threatened - CALL the Police on 999
2. When you see a suspicious vehicle

Keep an eye on the vehicle and its occupants but do so without putting yourself at risk. If you can take a note of the vehicle registration number with the date and time you saw it. If the vehicle drives in, around and out then unless there is something clearly amiss there is no need to call the police at that time.

3. Scrap Metal Collectors

There is no doubt that some of these are unscrupulous but whilst they may annoy residents they are not committing any offence touring around. A visit to the Grove by these does not need to be reported to the police but keep garage doors closed - DO NOT advertise what you possess.

4. Providing information

Most things that you notice each day usually turn out to be innocent. If there is a real suspicious element to them you will usually sense it. So most things that you see and maybe concerned about are best logged and passed onto your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or the Safer Neighbourhood Team. **If you are in any doubt then call the police on 101 and talk it through with them.**

How you can make a difference and deter crime at your home...

The Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team is doing all it can to help prevent and detect crime and would like to reassure you that house burglary in Warwickshire continues to fall. In 2012 there was a decrease of 9.3% compared to 2011, which means there were 153 fewer victims of burglary.

Of course, most people want to know what they can do in order to reduce the risk of them being a victim of burglary so to this end, I would encourage you to give consideration to the following:

1. Either sign up to our Community Alert scheme or use the Kenilworth Watch 'Get Alert - Stay Alert' system. Either scheme gives you automatic updates and news on crime & crime prevention for Kenilworth
2. Fit a good quality house alarm and good quality locks to doors and windows.
3. Fit suitable security lighting and leave a light in a timer at home.
4. Remove all valuables from your car.
5. Property mark your valuables.
6. Consider defensive planting such as Sea Buckthorn or Common Hawthorn hedge

Additionally, studies have shown that the most powerful deterrent for any criminal is the thought that they might get caught so I would encourage you to give careful consideration to the benefits of property marking such as Smartwater.

Recent burglaries in Kenilworth and surrounding villages clearly show there are burglars solely targeting homes left insecure. To this end, please make sure that your property is left secure when you go out and also keep front, patio and back doors closed when you are elsewhere in the house or garden. This is of particular importance during mild and hot weather when there is greater temptation to leave doors open.

Finally, Warwickshire Police has produced a Crime Prevention Booklet which is available at our local surgeries or can be viewed on www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com It is certainly worth taking the time to read this booklet.

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.

Kenilworth Update is compiled by Fraser Pithie on behalf of Crown Watch.



General Update

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Some of the findings arising from Part Lighting schemes.

With Warwickshire operating a part lighting scheme Update thought it would try to see what other areas are experiencing who have been operating part lighting for longer than Warwickshire. The findings suggest that fear of crime maybe heightened but ACTUAL crime falls when the lights are put out.

Street lights don't reduce crime, only fear of crime.

Several academic studies have been published on the correlation between street lighting and crime. None of the studies make a direct correlation between increased street lighting and reduced crime. In fact some of the research indicates just the opposite, noting that the introduction of street lighting actually increased the occurrence of crime as perpetrators could monitor their actions without the use of flashlights or other lighting tools which could highlight the individuals' presence.

Bristol sees 20% crime reduction after turning off streetlights

A local Councillor said "In fact, in some areas, there has been a reduction of 20 per cent. "I understand from the police that burglars don't like it when it's dark. They like to be able to see their escape route and they like to 'case' premises before they strike. They would attract too much attention if they were using torches."

Lights off reduces car break-ins

Residents worry that cuts to late-night lighting will encourage crime. But illumination can deter criminality as well as increase it. "Burglars need light," says Kate Painter, a criminologist. Cars parked under street lights are more often broken into, since thieves can spot valuables left inside. And darker streets encourage noisy revellers to disperse quickly, thinks Mark Burrows, a lighting expert. Academics at Cambridge University found that dimming lights in Cornwall by 25% had no effect on crime; police in Bristol, Watford and Essex all report fewer offences in some areas where lighting is reduced.

How you can get your Smartwater

The easiest way to obtain Smartwater is 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. We prefer payment to be by cheque made out to "Warwickshire Police"

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.



Crown Watch operates in Windy Arbour, Whitemoor Road and Tulip Tree Avenue. For the last 18 months it has been providing Neighbourhood Watch news and updates for the whole of Kenilworth online at its website. Each month the Watch publishes **Kenilworth Update** which contains all the latest news and advice about crime and what is taking place in and around Kenilworth.



Any feedback on this update?

Please let us know what you think by emailing us at:
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Access Warwickshire Police's
Crime Prevention Information
booklet.

You can access the really up to date and comprehensive guide at
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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 12 midday



Essential Services

Smell Gas

0800 111 999

No Electric

**0800 056
8090**

Water/Sewer

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

101

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

999