

Kenilworth Update

August 2013



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WELCOME! to the **August 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.



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 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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Kenilworth SNT support Speed Enforcement

Between 19-25 August there was a focus on the supporting a county wide speed enforcement campaign. The purpose of the campaign was to enforce the speed limits for all vehicles and educate motorists to drive at appropriate speeds.

The **HORSEFAIR** on the weekend of the 20th/21st July took place with little disruption to the town or traffic. The traffic management of the event by the site owner and event organiser, following suggestions by a safety advisory group formed by the land owner, the police and local council, largely ensured this success.

Burton Green Community Speed Watch actively supported the Speed Enforcement campaign during the 19-25 August period. In the previous speed awareness campaign Kenilworth SNT managed to achieve 3rd place overall in the county with the help of both the Town and Burton Green teams.

Excess speed is reported as being a contributing factor in over 25% of all fatal road traffic collisions.



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

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.

The next **Kenilworth Community Forum** will take place at Kenilworth Sports & Social Club on September 16th commencing at 7pm. The next objectives for policing will be set at this event. So come along and have your say.

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.

Kenilworth Half Marathon – takes place on Sunday 1st September 2013

between 10am and 12.30pm. Beware of runners on the roads and allow extra time for your journey. Signs and Marshalls will be in place throughout the event course.





Crime Update

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Man Arrested following Caravan Theft

Police in Warwickshire are warning caravan owners to make sure they take steps to keep their caravans secure, following a number of thefts in the county in recent weeks.

In the latest incident a caravan was stolen from an address in Malthouse Lane, Kenilworth during Wednesday 21 August.

Activation of a tracker fitted to the caravan traced it to West Drayton, a suburb of West London. A 36-year old man was arrested by The Metropolitan Police. He has since been released on bail pending further enquiries.

In recent weeks another caravan was taken from Kenilworth, one was stolen from Long Itchington and another from near Coventry. None of these vehicles have been recovered.

Anyone who has any information about the theft of the caravan from Malthouse Lane, Kenilworth on 21 August, or information about the theft of any other caravans, is asked to contact the police on 101.

Advice from Warwickshire Police on keeping your caravan safe:

- Fit a tracking device which can be activated if your vehicle is stolen.
- Use good quality wheel clamps or a security post fixed near the front of the "A" frame and the main body (or both)
- Lock the coupling head into a cover using a good-quality hitchlock
- Use locking wheelnuts
- Consider securing each corner steady by using good-quality padlocks with short shackles to prevent thieves from cutting through them.
- Register your caravan with a national caravan owners club. This will help to identify your caravan if it is stolen.
- Have a reliable caravan alarm fitted, and keep it activated, even when parked outside your home.
- If you keep your caravan on the drive outside your home park it with the towing bar towards the house (so it cannot be hitched up without turning it around). Park a vehicle in front of it to prevent it being taken away.
- If you have gates on your drive keep them closed and locked.
- Like any other important documents, keep caravan registration papers in a safe place inside the house. Never leave them in the caravan
- Always lock the caravan doors and windows and keep an accurate photograph, or the original brochure for your caravan, making a note of any distinguishable marks.

Remember you can protect your caravan and indeed all your property with **Smartwater**. See details on how to obtain this significant crime deterrent in the **Advice Update** section.



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Get Your Smartwater for a bargain price of £15

Order your **Smartwater** for the bargain price of £15, when it's 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.

Please heed our advice on 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.

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.**

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.



Advice Update

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Latest Scams

Pop Up Policeman Con

Please be aware of a scam that is occurring at the current time.

You may be using your computer and have either an image of a policeman and or a message which will state that you have accessed or downloaded unauthorised material and you must pay a fine. Please do not select or click the message. This is a scam / fraud.

Unfortunately, we have received a report that one person ended up paying a £100 pound fine, hence losing out financially.

Taxman Scam

Another bogus message is one you may get purporting to be from HMRC claiming that you have a tax rebate, the site looks quite genuine

Please visit the following website for more information <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/security/examples.htm>

The HMRC state that will never send email regarding tax rebates.

“I Can Fix Your Computer” – “Over The Phone” Racket

Many people throughout the District are being called by so called companies claiming to repair ' Slow computers or remove viruses.

Victims are asked to turn their computer on and are given verbal instructions on how to allow the caller remote access to the computer.

The caller offers to repair the computer for a fee. **“IT’S A SCAM”** The bogus caller asks for bank/credit card details to elicit an online payment.

Payment is immediate and the Scam is complete

Many people are left with their computers not working properly and private data compromised. Victims are left devastated, out of pocket and explaining to their banks why they want to cancel bank/credit cards and change bank account details.

If 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...**



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.

In next months Update

We will be providing advice for householders as the darker nights approach.



General Update

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Clarifying UK Speed Limits for cars (and car derived vans up to 2 tonnes max laden)



Applies to ALL roads in built up areas where street lights exist at regular intervals*.

or

Where 30 MPH signs exist in a built up area that is unlit.

*If the speed limit is different to 30 MPH in street lighted areas then signs MUST be in place at regular intervals giving the alternative speed limit.



Applies to roads where 40 MPH signs exist at regular intervals. The distance between street lights is now irrelevant so any 40 MPH area must have 40 MPH signs



Applies to roads where 50 MPH signs exist at regular intervals. This limit is becoming more common and is usually found on semi rural single carriageway roads.



Applies to Single carriageways and is the national speed limit for single carriageway roads unless signed otherwise.

Only Dual carriageways & Motorways are 70 MPH.



This is the de-restriction sign that appears at the end of a speed limit area. The national speed limit of 60 MPH applies to Single carriageways with 70 MPH for dual carriageways and motorways

Rules on UK Roads

You must not drive faster than the speed limit for the type of road and your type of vehicle. The speed limit is the absolute maximum and it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at this speed.

A road is only classed as a Dual Carriageway if it has a central reservation or barrier. Speed Limits for Dual Carriageways apply only to roads meeting this description.

Car speeds in a Nutshell

Built up areas



Single Carriageways



Dual Carriageways



Motorways



But always check the signs

Latest Report: Reported Road Casualties in Great Britain: Main Results 2012



Number of people **KILLED** in road accidents - **1,754**
That's an average of nearly 5 people a day.

Number of people **SERIOUSLY INJURED** in road accidents – **23,039**
That's an average of 63 people a day facing life changing injuries



Any feedback on this update?

Please let us know what you think by emailing us at;
crownwatch@me.com

Access Warwickshire Police's **Crime Prevention Information**

booklet.

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

www.kenilworthnwatch.wordpress.com
or call 01926 684404 for a printed copy



Harvest View to St Johns
Leek Wootton 25 August 2013



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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
0800 783 4444

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