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Recent Crime in Kenilworth

Over the past few months there have been a number of burglaries and similar crimes across Kenilworth. One burglary has taken place within our Watch area, Whitemoor Road. On a more positive front, the advice we have relentlessly given about the need for vigilance and to report suspicious things has been proven to be right with offenders spotted by a resident who reported them enabling the police to catch them red handed inside a victims property.

**What measures
have you got in
place that can help
deter crime being
committed against
your home and
property?**

This event demonstrates how much the community and police can gain by working together and understanding one another. At Crown Watch we see our contribution as enabling our community to understand what is going on around them, alert them to any risks and crucially working with the police to help prevent crime so we avoid anyone in our watch area becoming a victim of crime.

Can we stop all crime, well the answer is no. Do we think crime is inevitable? Well if we do think that then it is almost certain that crime will be inevitable.

Are there things we can do to make crime much less likely, absolutely YES! There are lots of things that we each can do as householders and collectively to put criminals off. In this latest edition of Crown Watch News we set out some of these things to help you consider if you are protecting your home, vehicles, property and family.

In this Newsletter we also tell you what we are doing to improve things on behalf of our neighbourhood because nothing succeeds by standing still.

How to keep up to the minute.

Crown Watch runs its own website providing up to the minute news related to our neighbourhood. The website is also linked to Twitter and enables anyone to receive automatic email alerts to their email accounts and smartphones. There is no charge for the service and it provided by your Crown Watch team who are all volunteers.

Sign up now at: kenilworth.wordpress.com

We are on Twitter: @kenilworthwatch

See the map of Crown Watch's Area on the rear of this Newsletter.

It details the properties for each Co-Ordinator. Please contact your Co-Ordinator if you wish to discuss any issues related to Neighbourhood Watch.

Thanks Pauline & Sue

We would like express our thanks to Pauline Edwards who has been one of our Co-Ordinators and has chaired Crown Watch for a number of years. Pauline has now retired and we all wish her the very best for a well earned rest from all the tremendous public service she has given.

We welcome back Sue Bowden as a new Co-Ordinator to fill the vacancy created by Pauline's retirement. Sue is a long standing resident of Whitemoor Road and is a previous Co-Ordinator from the early days of Crown Watch and we thank her for stepping up to the role.

Thought about a Burglar Alarm?

With the latest burglary reported being in nearby Keeling Road, just off Leyes Lane, it's perhaps an opportune moment to consider just how much protection we have in place at home. Over the years Crown Watch has provided tips on how you can protect your property. From leaving a light on when you are out through to marking your property with Smartwater.

One area we have not mentioned has been burglar alarms and there is a reason for this. Over the past few years there has been a growing perception that burglar alarms are ignored when they go off. Certainly, those alarms that sound and continue in the middle of the night as the householder has made no arrangements for a local key holder to resolve such issues can be very annoying.

Alarm companies have responded to the needs of the householder in 2015. Now you can have an alarm professionally fitted from as little as £99 and that's a monitored alarm! How it works is the alarm company receive an alarm from your property and immediately call you and/or your nominated 2nd, 3rd and 4th number to alert you that alarm has been triggered. They do offer a similar service where they call the police but this costs more.

One alarm company, ADT, state that 93% of UK burglars interviewed said they would be put off committing a burglary by an ADT monitored alarm. That figure indicates a whopping deterrent factor from having a burglar alarm fitted. Consequently, we will circulate some burglar alarm information to all householders within the next few weeks. So when it appears through your doors you will know who has popped it through your letterbox.

Meeting sought with Warwickshire Police

Crown Watch are seeking a meeting with senior officers at Warwickshire Police. Despite making several written representations over the past couple of years to the Chief Constable the crime alert and notification system remains, at times, erratic.

The need to receive crime alerts (reports of burglaries/thefts etc) on a timely and prompt basis is central to the success of any Neighbourhood Watch scheme. On a couple of occasions we have found ourselves circulating details of crimes that took place four weeks ago and this discredits and undermines the whole purpose of trying to help ourselves and indeed help the police.

More recently we have also received feedback from residents that when they try to get through to Warwickshire Police on their 101 number to report suspicious activity they cannot do so, at least not without waiting on the line for several minutes. One resident tried three times, was left waiting to get through and in the end he gave up! We do not feel this is good enough and therefore we are now seeking a face to face meeting with a senior officer.

We understand the financial pressure that the police are under but believe this places a greater need on them to make sure they embrace help and co-operation wherever it is offered from. We support the police but we need to be supported by them if the fight against crime and indeed the success we all desire in preventing crime is to succeed. We will keep you advised of the outcome of any discussions.

And if you think crime is not a problem in this area...

Take a minute or two to read through the insert that sets out all the live alerts we have sent out via our website, automatic email and twitter since we delivered the last newsletter you received. This listing demonstrates two things. That crime does take place in Kenilworth and by signing up to our automatic email you can receive the alerts immediately they are issued.

Don't fall for the Bank Card Scam!...

Police have been receiving calls within the last few days from residents reporting that they have received a phone call from a caller stating they are from Hammersmith Police saying that an offender had removed a large amount of cash from their credit card provider or bank and they needed to check bank details and the pin numbers.

Please just put the phone down and under no circumstances give out your bank details or pin number. Make sure the caller has cleared the line by checking you have a dialling tone and then call Warwickshire Police on 101. Your bank or the Police never ask for your pin number so NEVER give it out to anyone.

Crime Alert Record - January/May 2015

February 2015

On Monday 23 February at approximately 20:50hrs a vehicle and garage was entered in **Borrowell Lane, Kenilworth**. Tools were stolen.

On Wednesday 25 February overnight entry was made to two outbuildings on a farm on the **Birmingham Road, Kenilworth**. Bolt cutters were used on the perimeter gates and locks to sheds. A machine welder and small set of ladders were taken.

Further, on Wednesday 25 February in the early evening. Entry was gained into two outbuildings on a farm off **Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth**. A cooking stove and assorted tools were stolen. Information has also been given to the police suggesting that a silver Saab was seen parked in a drive way near the location of the incident.

Crown Watch advised landowners and all residents with outbuildings to check they are secure and adequately protected from criminal attack. Equipment kept in such outbuildings needs to be out of site if possible and also locked/immobilise in addition.

March 2015

Crackley Hill, Kenilworth

At approx 15.00hrs on Tuesday 17/03/2015 a break in took place on a house on Crackley Hill, Kenilworth. The offender/s came in via the front door by smashing a small glass pane in the door to gain access. It seems that the offenders were disturbed when the house owner returned using the rear door at approx 15.30. The offender/s must have made their exit via the front leading onto Coventry Road.

Cromwell Lane, Burton Green

At approximately 16.00 hrs Wednesday 18 March, a burglary took place at a residence in Cromwell Lane, Burton Green. Two males were seen going into a side gate to the property and were also seen leaving minutes later.

On Thursday 26th March, offenders made their way into the rear of a property in **Brookside Ave, Kenilworth**. They used a tool to force open a double glazed window. Once inside the offenders made an untidy search of the property and took some gold jewellery leaving via a patio door that had a key left in it.

Crackley Lane, Kenilworth – Two Thefts from motor vehicle one on Sunday 22 March 2015 - offenders have approached a vehicle that had been parked up securely at location and have smashed the front nearside window, reached in and grabbed a handbag that had been left in the passenger footwell. A second on Tuesday 24 March 2015 a Volvo V70 motor car, was parked in a layby. Offenders attempted to force the front nearside door lock but were unsuccessful. They then smashed the rear neaside window and reached in stealing property left on the rear seat.

Town Centre, Kenilworth – A person was in a town centre charity shop. She made a purchase then placed her purse back into her handbag. She then went to a nearby cafe at which point she realised her purse had been stolen. She cannot recall if the handbag was unzipped when she noticed the purse missing.

On the 27 March 2015 on **Mayfield Drive** and on 30 March 2015 at **Chatsworth Grove** there were thefts of catalytic converters from two vehicles. This involved person/s using tools to access the exhaust systems under the vehicles on private drives. Residents are advised to be vigilant

April 2015

On 1 April 2015 in **Arbour Close** a burglary took place between 18.20hrs and 22.00hrs. Person/s gained entry via a rear gate and entered a property through a downstairs window. Items of jewellery and money were taken and offenders left in an unknown direction.

Arbour Close, Kenilworth

Between 6.20pm and 10pm on 7 April 2015, offenders broke into a home in Arbour Close, Kenilworth, via a rear groundfloor window. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a quantity of cash and items of jewellery.

Lulworth Park, Kenilworth

Between midday on 2pm and 6pm on 3 April 2015, offenders attempted to break in to a home in Lulworth Park, Kenilworth. Damage was caused to a rear window but the offenders are not believed to have entered the house and nothing was stolen.

Whitemoor Road, Kenilworth

Between 2 and 4 April, offenders entered a home in Whitemoor Road, Kenilworth through a rear kitchen window. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with several items.

Leyes Lane, Kenilworth

At some point before 4pm on 4 April, offenders kicked in the rear door of a home in Leyes Lane, Kenilworth and entered the house. Once inside, the offenders stole all of the kitchen knives before making off.

Thornby Avenue, Kenilworth

Between 7pm on 2 April and 8.30pm on 6 April, offenders broke into a home in Thornby Avenue, Kenilworth, after forcing the lock on the French doors. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search before making off with a cashbox containing cash, a jewellery box and its contents, along with a diamond necklace and diamond earrings.

Lulworth Park, Kenilworth

During the night of 14/15 April 2015, offenders smashed the rear patio door of a home in **Lulworth Park, Kenilworth** in an attempt to get in to the house. The offenders caused damage but failed to get in and nothing was stolen. This was Incident 73 of 15 April 2015 Incident 248 of 15 April 2015.

Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth

At some point before 4.20pm on 15 April 2015, offenders forced open the door to an integral garage. Once inside the garage, the offenders then opened the internal door in to the house and entered the property. The offenders carried out a search but nothing is believed to have been stolen.

Between 10am and 12.50pm on 17 April, offenders smashed a kitchen window at a home in **Woodcote Avenue, Kenilworth** and climbed through in to the house. Once inside, the offenders carried out an untidy search before making off with many items of jewellery.

Between 12noon and 2.30pm on 17 April, offenders attempted to break in to a home in **Park Hill, Kenilworth**. The offenders entered the porch through an insecure door and then smashed the front door glass. The offenders failed to get in to the house and nothing was stolen.

At around 5pm on 19 April, a witness in **Siddeley Avenue** saw a youth enter a neighbouring home in Siddeley Avenue, Kenilworth and called police. **Officers arrived to find the offenders still inside the house and he was arrested!**

At some point during last night, 28 into 29 April 2015, an offender entered a home in **Windy Arbour, Kenilworth** and then entered an upstairs bedroom. It was unclear if anything was stolen.

Between 8.30pm on 23 and 12.24am on 24 April 2015, offenders smashed the patio windows of a home in **Leamington Road, Kenilworth** and entered the premises. Once inside, the offenders stole an iPad, a large purse, a quantity of insulin and other items.

May 2015

At some point before 5pm on 1 May 2015, offenders broke a pane of glass in the door of a home in **Crackley Hill, Kenilworth** and entered the premises. Once inside, the offenders carried out an untidy search before making off with electronic equipment and items of jewellery.

Between 1 and 2am on 3 May, offenders stole a push bike which was chained to a lamp post outside a home in **Lulworth Park, Kenilworth**.

Just after 1.30pm on Thursday 7 May 2015, the resident of a home in **Keeling Road, Kenilworth** returned to the house to find that it had been broken in to. The resident heard a crash from the rear of the house and realised that the offenders had still been inside. It is not clear what was stolen but the offenders quickly made off. This was the day of the General Election and the address is close to one of the Polling Stations being used for the election, at Kenilworth School, Leyes Lane.