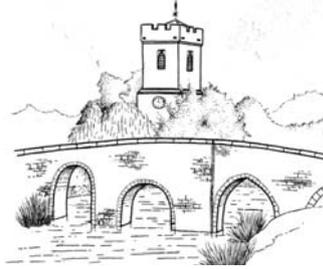


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



This crime summary is a look at the crimes of public interest that occurred on the Bidford, Great Alne and Long Marston policing area over the last 14 days. We do not as normal practice include crimes of shoplifting, bilking, domestic violence or fraud. Week ending 14th December 2007



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BURGLARY DWELLING

Between 0830 hours on 26th November and 0900 hours on 30th November 07 unknown offender/s approached a garage on Marleigh Road, Bidford. They then forced the lock on the up and over door and removed a motorbike from within.
Incident 140 of 30th November 07 refers.



BURGLARY COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDING

Between 1100 hours on 1st December and 0850 hours on 3rd December 07 unknown offender/s approached a garage block on Tower Close, Bidford and forced the up and over door. Entry was gained but nothing believed stolen. Offender/s also forced neighbouring garage doors.
Incident 328 of 3rd December 07 refers.

Between 1715 hours on 12th December and 0800 hours on 13th December 07 unknown offender/s approached premises on Bragginton Lane, Welford on Avon. They have then sawn through the padlock to a portacabin and removed a Briggs and Stratton generator.
Incident 248 of 13th December 07 refers.



AUTOCRIME



CRIMINAL DAMAGE



THEFT

Prior to 1925 hours on 3rd December 07 unknown offender/s approached a van parked on Wharrad Close, Bidford. They then smashed the window and removed a Tom Tom Sat Nav system from within.

Incident 454 of 3rd December 07 refers.

Between 0815 hours and 1710 hours on 11th December 07 unknown offender/s approached a property on Barton Road, Welford on Avon. They then gained access to a barn at the rear and removed two mowers.

Incident number 453 of 11th December 07 refers.

CREDIT CARD TELEPHONE SCAM

The Trading Standards Service has recently received a number of reports concerning the following credit card telephone scam. This is not a new scam, but one that emerges from time to time.

The scam works like this: the person calling says, “This is (name) and I’m calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern and I’m calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank) did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for £497.99 from a Marketing company based in London?”. When you say “no”, the caller continues with “Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from £297 to £497, just under the £500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?”

You say “yes”. The caller continues – “I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card (0800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. “Do you need me to read it again?”

Here’s the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works, the caller then says, “I need to verify you are in possession of your card.” He’ll ask you to “turn your card over

and look for some numbers.”. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he’ll say, “That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?” After you say, “no”, the caller then thanks you and states, “don’t hesitate to call back if you do”, and hangs up.

You actually say very little and they never ask for or tell you the card number.

What the scammers want is the 3 digit PIN number on the back of the card. They get it by using enough information about you as an individual to convince you that you are talking to a bona fide person. They then use the number to make online purchases which are charged to your credit card.

Never provide personal or financial information, or confirm same, to anyone over the phone who you don’t know or trust and in particular where you receive, rather than make the call (as you would do when purchasing goods or services over the phone). If you receive a call and think it is a genuine request, ask to phone back using a publically accessible number (for example one that appears in a telephone directory or on a trusted website), and remember real card issuers won’t need to ask you any information about your card – they already have it!

For more information regarding meetings, events, up-to-date local news and how to contact your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams, please visit our website:-

www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

The definition of anti-social behaviour in Section 1 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – “behaviour which causes or is likely to cause harrassment, alarm or distress to one or more people who are not in the same household as the perpetrator”.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) can therefore cover a wide range of activities, from those that cause minor nuisance or irritation to major incidents of harrassment, threats or actual acts of violence.

Individual incidents of ASB may be dealt with by means of Warning Letters, ABCs and ASBOs.

If you feel affected by ASB please contact Kully Takhar on 01789 260123 kully.takhar@stratford-dc.gov.uk or your local CBO/PCSO

If you have any information or have witnessed the above incidents, please can you contact Alcester Police on 01789 762207. Thank you.

All to note a Public Service Desk at Headquarters is now operational. The Public Service Desk (PSD) is designed to put Police Officers back in the control room, thus enabling a better service delivery to members of the public wishing to speak to a Police Officer on any matter which does not necessarily need Police deployment. Anybody wishing to speak to the Police about any issue that does not require a Police Officer to attend can do so via this Desk. Contacting any of the Police station telephone numbers will direct you to the switchboard where you can then ask for the Public Service Desk.

We are often asked the best way to report an incident or to make contact with a Police officer. Should a member of the public witness or be affected by a crime whereby there is a threat of injury, injury or damage or theft of property and the incident is ongoing and offenders are still at the scene, they should ring 999, classed as an emergency or an immediate response incident.

Should the incident have already occurred and is not ongoing, for example waking up and find your car has been broken into, you should ring one of the normal Police station numbers and ask to report a crime or an incident. You will be put through to the force control room or the crime desk. Please ask for an 'incident number' – you should be given one. If a crime has been committed against you, you will be given a crime reference number by the crime desk or by the officer who attends the incident. Such incidents are 'managed' and you should be given an indication of when an officer can attend.

If you wish to speak to an officer about a non-urgent matter, please use the list of contacts, which are always included in our newsletters.

Hopefully the Public Help Desk will help members of the public when they wish to speak to the Police.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A POLICE POST LOCATED IN BIDFORD LIBRARY, BRAMLEY WAY, BIDFORD

 **CRIMESTOPPERS**

If you did have information regarding the displayed incidents, but for whatever reason do not wish to contact the police directly, then you can ring 0800 555 111 and give the information to the Crimestoppers Charity. Crimestoppers will then pass the information to the Police without revealing any details of the caller. You may also receive a reward.

BIDFORD, GREAT ALNE AND LONG MARSTON COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

Below is a list of some of officers on the community Policing Team who police your communities – please feel free to contact the team direct.

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Stuart Wild Sergeant 753
Sue Neville CBO 427
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