

Introduction-

Firstly please accept my apologies for not being able to be present at this meeting, unfortunately another operational commitment on this date has made this impossible and due to Annual Leave there are no other members of staff free to attend. Both I and the beat manager are disappointed in this as we are looking forward to meeting you all.

Two new members of staff have joined the safer neighbourhood team for Alcester. Myself Sergeant David Ebbs who has taken responsibility for community policing across the Alcester and Shipston on Stour areas.

Also joining us is PC Caz Wright who is now the beat manager for Alcester North. Both of us have knowledge of the area having policed here for many years as response officers. We both look forward to working with you all to make a real difference in the area over the coming months and years.

Please excuse the brevity of this report. Today marks only Caz and my self's second working week in post and as you can imagine we are busy acquainting ourselves with all of the issues at hand.

Crime patterns-

A report is generated monthly detailing crime statistics across Stratford District. Volume and violent crime remains low in the Alcester North area.

Concerns were raised at the Arden JPC in relation to metal thefts in the Tanworth Area. This has been researched and on present information this appears to be an isolated incident.

Vehicle crime continues to be a concern and residents are urged to follow the crime prevention advice recently issued as part of our weekly newsletter, which has been added to the bottom of this report for reference.

Earlswood Lakes-

I have spoken with the District council and the PSPO approval hearing is scheduled for 19/04/2021. Subject to the order's approval the printing of fixed penalty notices is being facilitated. Signage relating to the order will be placed in the area with enforcement planned from 01/05/2021. Further updates on this will be forthcoming from the district council.

I note concerns have been raised regarding the safety and security of the lakes during the proposed works. Keir construction have confirmed to the Canal and River Trust that they will be conducting security patrols each day until midnight.

In the immediacy we have put out a tasking for force wide resources, such as roads Policing units and response units to be in the area when able and will look to utilise the fantastic support we receive from Special constables in this regard as well.

Work has been initiated with partners to try and provide option on long term solutions to the issue of Antisocial behaviour to the community but this is in its infancy and we will provide further updates when able.

Catalytic converter theft protection advice –

Did you know a thief can steal a catalytic converter in a matter of minutes? Most vehicles have catalytic converters, which can be stolen for the value of the precious metals or illegally re-sold. We've seen a recent spate in catalytic converter thefts across the county. Thieves tend to target hybrid cars – including models such as the Toyota Prius, Honda Jazz and Lexus – as the value of their converter is higher and they can be accessed more easily with a jack. The simplest way to prevent catalytic converter theft is to put your vehicle in a garage or secured area if you have one. Alarms, lighting and CCTV can also help to deter thieves.

Other ways to protect your vehicle include:

- buying and fitting a protection device specifically to cover the catalytic converter
- installing motion-activated lighting if you park your vehicle on a driveway, but if this isn't possible, park it in a well-lit, busy area
- using your vehicle's alarm or installing a Thatcham approved alarm, which should activate if the vehicle is tilted or lifted. Alarms that can alert you via mobile devices are extremely useful.
- ensuring your dashcam is set to detect movement
- looking out for anyone 'working' or acting suspiciously under vehicles (particularly in busy car parks)

In addition, if you are going to be visiting somewhere for a long period of time (e.g. a supermarket), we would advise you to park so it is difficult for thieves to lift your vehicle. Marking kits can also be purchased which assist police investigations as converters can be tracked back to the vehicle they came from if located. Please call 101 to report any incident and always dial 999 if you see a crime in action

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