



Police matters

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(Beat Manager)

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Contact information for the Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the village noticeboards or see:

www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/2269/Alcester-South

Useful information

The BBC has launched a guide which contains much useful information about protecting yourself from scams. Please google BBCiWonder Protect yourself from scams and click through to the website.

If you think you may have already compromised the safety of your bank details and/or have lost money due to fraudulent misuse of your cards, you should immediately contact your bank, and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

CRIME REPORT

The Great Alne area is now covered by three Police Community Support Officers - Rebecca Morris, James Squire and Tom Bagg and together with Police Constable Richard Lambert they all operate from Alcester Police Station. Police Constable Pete Essex has recently retired.

The Police were unable to attend recent Parish Council meetings but once again report that there have been relatively few incidents in the village within the last few months. Sheds and garages have been targeted recently. Power tools and a petrol mower have been stolen from sheds and a bike stolen from a garage. There have been several attempted burglaries as well as a theft of a wheelie bin. Remember to make your premises as secure as possible. The Parish Council recently issued some Property Marking pens to residents who attended the July Parish Council meeting. You can write your postcode on valuable items so that they can be identified if stolen. If you would like one of the pens then contact the Clerk who will try and arrange to obtain some more from the Police.

As always, please do get in touch with the local Police team if you see any suspicious activity or for crime prevention advice. Please use 999 for an emergency or 101 for non-emergency calls. Additional contact details are on the left of this page.

Police warning following scam phone calls in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Police are urging people to be vigilant following a series of scam phone calls made to Warwickshire residents.

Several people from the Stratford area and rural villages have reported being called. On each occasion the scammers purported to be from the Police in London, that they were the Fraud Squad and had arrested a male in an Apple store with stolen credit cards.

Scammers typically target elderly people, and have on a couple of occasions asked the victims to withdraw money from the bank and hand it over to a courier who had been sent to their address.

Fortunately the majority of the victims have realised this is a scam and have not given their bank details or withdrawn money.

Police are issuing the following advice:

- Do not give out any personal details over the phone.
- The banks and police will never ask you for your PIN or for money
- If you receive a call like this, please hang up immediately and call 101 from a different phone. If there is a crime in progress, please call 999.
- Please share this message with any elderly friends and relatives.

Copycat websites

Most official documents, including passports, driving licenses, ESTAs, EHIC health cards and even fishing licences can be applied for or renewed on-line. Ensure you use the official website, to protect your personal data and so that you are not charged more for the document or licence than necessary. Copycat websites try to look like official websites but charge a premium to handle the application or renewal, often with no tangible benefit to the customer. Copycat websites pay advertising fees so that their website is positioned at the top of any Google search. **If a website is marked 'Ad' or 'Advertisement', it won't be the official website.** If you are applying for any official document or licence, begin your search on the UK Government's own website www.gov.uk

MAUDSLAY PARK UPDATE

- Fletcher Homes have completed and fitted out the show homes and they are now completely furnished
- Fletcher Homes have also put down all the foundation slabs for the first phase of the building programme
- Seddons the main contractor have made a good start on the site, with a well-managed site and all works currently on target
- Building work is west to east across the site
- There is currently a discussion between Helical Bar, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council as to whether the affordable extra care provision will be built on-site
- The Sales Suite should be re-launched in early October. Details will be provided in the coming months

The Parish Council continue to have regular update meetings on site and Mr Will Parry from Helical Bar will be speaking at the September Parish Council meeting. If you have any concerns about Maudslay Park you are welcome to address them to either the Clerk or Cllr Mrs Louise Bennett who is the nominated portfolio holder on the Parish Council for this development.

Buses

In May there was further concern over the No 26 bus service through Great Alne. Upon investigation, the Parish Council understands that there are no plans to cut any more services for the foreseeable future.

The current provision is the main Stagecoach/Diamond No 26 service between Stratford and Redditch backed up by the Flexibus 212 service to Stratford upon Avon and the Flexibus 512 service to Redditch.

There is also the U-Bus - a unique community transport scheme designed for residents living within the Stratford-on-Avon District. The scheme is for you if you have a general need for local transport and:

- Cannot access public transport because of mobility problems or other issues or
- Live in an isolated location with no, or infrequent, levels of public transport

The UBUS service can be used for a wide range of individual travel needs, such as visiting friends, attending social groups, leisure activities, lifelong learning and, of course, shopping. Please note it cannot be used to attend medical appointments (please use the volunteer drivers scheme operated through VASA).

UBUS vehicles are fitted with low-floor steps or tail lifts to ensure access for everyone. The service operates from **9.30am to 2.30pm** Monday to Friday. It is FREE to register with UBUS (see telephone number below) irrespective of age and status.

Journeys for residents living in Great Alne now cost:

Single Journey: £2.70 / Return Journey: £5.40

However, if you travel on **'Magic Monday'** you pay only one way on a return journey.

You can book a UBUS journey by calling the booking team on **01789 264491** between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday - have your Membership Number and journey details ready when you call. You can book a journey up to 7 days in advance or a minimum of a day before travel.

Update on Affordable Housing at Sernal Lane

As far as the Parish Council is aware the planning application has not yet been submitted for this development. There have been some delays with surveys and accommodating Warwickshire County Highways criteria.

Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy

At a meeting held on 11 July 2016 Stratford-on-Avon District Council resolved to adopt the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy (SDCS).

The SDCS sets out a spatial vision for the District and establishes the strategic context for development decisions in the period up to 2031. It replaces the saved policies of the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan Review 1996-2011. Copies of the Submission Core Strategy with the Main Modifications, the Policies Map as proposed to be modified, the Inspector's Report, the Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement and this Statement of Adoption are available for inspection free of charge at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX (Monday to Friday during normal office hours), at all public libraries across the District during normal opening hours and may be viewed on the Council's website at: www.stratford-dc.gov.uk/corestrategy