



Police matters

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Contact information for the
Alcester South Safer
Neighbourhood Team is on the
village noticeboards

Venture House

Venture House Business Centre, just off the Birmingham Road in Stratford on Avon provides 2,500 square feet of business space over two floors offering hot desking, co-working space, serviced offices, reception meet and greet, broadband, Wifi, business support, photocopying, onsite parking, cycle shed, indoor and outdoor chill out zones, refreshment facilities, meeting space and small conferencing facilities.

The centre particularly welcomes home based business in rural areas who may often feel isolated or distracted, in accessing a flexible friendly informal working environment.

For more information please visit www.venturehoustratford.co.uk or call 01789 207500

CRIME REPORT

The Police attended the March Parish Council meeting and once again reported that there have been relatively few incidents in the village within the last few months.:

Incidents which occurred in Great Alne for the period January- March 2017:

- **Burglary- 26/01/2017-** Sernal Lane, Great Alne (local pub)
- **Suspicious incidents-**
 - **10/01/2017-** Off-road motorbikes using footpath from Kinwarton Fields to Coughton Fields Lane. Motorbike later seized (under Section 59) from a youth in Alcester following further reports, and the number of incidents in the local area have subsequently reduced
 - **19/01/2017-** Coughton Fields Lane- Vehicle acting suspiciously, occupants paying attention to vehicle on drive way

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. You can also report a crime to Warwickshire Police via their online services. Additional contact details are on the left of this page.

Using mobile phones when driving - new law

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device whilst driving, or riding a motorcycle. The rules are the same whether you are stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. It is also illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device when supervising a learner driver or rider. You must stay in full control of your vehicle at all times. The police can stop you if they think you are not in control or because you are distracted. This also includes using devices such as a sat nav or car radio.

When can you use a phone in your vehicle? If you are the driver, you can only use your phone in a vehicle if you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and its unsafe or impractical to stop. Or if you are safely parked.

Penalties for using your phone whilst driving- Potentially 6 penalty points on your licence and a fine of £200. Your case could also go to court and you could be disqualified from driving or riding and get a maximum fine of £1,000. Drivers of buses or goods vehicles could get a maximum fine of £2,500.

Scrap metal merchants

Scrap metal dealers operating in the Stratford on Avon district now have to be licensed and display a green permit on the dashboard of their collecting vehicle. If you see scrap metal merchants driving around your area and they do not have the required permit, please notify the Police on 101 as soon as possible, preferably with the registration number of the vehicle.

Computers- Ransomware - are you at risk?

'Ransomware' is a malicious form of software that is designed to block access to a computer's files until a certain amount of money - the 'ransom' - is paid by the owner of that computer.

Ransomware has claimed such victims as NHS trusts, universities, and local councils - and nearly 80% of organisations breached have had 'high-value data' held to ransom. Many have named this phenomenon the 'number one threat to information security'. One should never be complacent, and the rule of thumb should be never to open attachments sent by anybody that you do not know. Even if the attachment is from someone you do know - did you request the attachment? Does the sender's e-mail read strangely? Is there something odd about their writing style or register? If you are left in any doubt - do not open it.

MAUDSLAY PARK UPDATE

- Progress is still really strong on site
- Follow link to photos taken by drone in February 2017 <https://we.tl/bp5MC9sp3U>
- The first 3 cottages will have been completed by the end of March and the first resident was scheduled to move in on 1 April!
- Apartment blocks are coming along nicely and the clubhouse is now up to first floor level and progressing well
- Affordable extra care- WCC have been unable to find a suitable provider, SDC have accepted a commuted sum of £5.085million for offsite affordable provision
- Mr David Twist has been appointed onsite Village Manager (01789 488901)

If you have any concerns about Maudslay Park please contact either the Clerk or Cllr Mrs Louise Bennett who is the nominated portfolio holder on the Parish Council for this development.

Parish Assembly

Great Alne Parish Council invites you to join us for the Parish Assembly on Saturday 20 May 2017 between 10.30am- 12.30pm at Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall. There will be an opportunity during the morning for local clubs/organisations to showcase their activities to both new residents and those more familiar with village activities.

The Police will be attending and offering Property Marking as part of the current crime prevention strategy- so please bring along anything you would like to have marked.

The Chair of the Parish Council will also be giving his Annual Report.

The Parish Council hopes you will be able to join us for what promises to be an interesting morning!

Buses

Just a quick reminder of the following bus services in Great Alne:

- X19 operated mainly by Stagecoach with some peak journeys by Diamond Bus - 7 days a week including Bank Holidays
- Flexibus 212 operated by A & M Group - One journey a day on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Flexibus 512 operated by A & M Group - One journey a day on Mondays
- The UBUS community transport service can be used for a wide range of individual travel needs in the district, 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). The service operates from 9.30am-2.30pm Monday-Friday. Requires registration, please telephone 01789 264491

Stratford Ambulance Association

Stratford Ambulance Association are currently looking for volunteers who are willing to either be trained in First Aid to help cover local events, or help the Association raise much needed funds for equipment and supplies. Everyone is welcome, and no prior experience is required. Stratford Ambulance Association is also able to provide first aid training courses to local organisations.

For more information please email contact@stratfordambulanceassociation.org.uk Or visit www.stratfordambulanceassociation.co.uk

Reduced price caddy bin liners for residents of Warwickshire

Food waste placed in the grey wheeled bin costs Council tax payers more than £2 million a year in disposal costs. Recycling food waste by placing it in the green wheeled bin costs significantly less and creates a soil conditioner that is used on local land.

A survey carried out by WCC found that using compostable caddy liners makes recycling food waste cleaner and easier and residents using liners are more likely to recycle more of their food waste. In response to this, WCC is working in partnership with Biobag Ltd to offer residents of Warwickshire compostable caddy liners for a discounted price of £7.95 for 150 liners including postage and packaging. The liners are made of corn starch and can also be used in home compost bins. Compostable caddy liners are available to buy online at www.biobag-uk.com/warks

Update on Affordable Housing at Sernal Lane

The planning application for 17 new homes at Sernal Lane went to Planning Committee on 22 February 2017 and was successful. Once the amended Section 106 Agreement has been finalised, planning permission will be granted and detailed construction drawings will be produced. Linfoot Country Homes Ltd aim to be onsite in late summer 2017.