



## Police matters

Main contacts for Great Alne are:

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(Beat Manager)

**PCSO Tom Bagg**

**PCSO Rebecca Morris**

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[nn.police.uk](http://nn.police.uk)

Contact information for the

Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the village noticeboards

## Update on Affordable Housing at Spernal Lane

The S106 Agreement has just been finalised so planning permission should be granted soon and detailed construction drawings for the 17 homes produced. Linfoot Country Homes Ltd still aim to be on site in the autumn with an 18 month building programme.

Members of the Parish Council recently attended a Start on Site event at Spernal Lane to coincide with Rural Housing Week. The Chair, Cllr Mr Lynn Bowring gave a very heartfelt speech about the work that had been done by all parties and the community over many years to bring both affordable and local market housing to the village. The land owner was also thanked for making the land available for purchase.

## CRIME REPORT

**Please note- The Police in Alcester no longer have mobile numbers.**

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

- **Burglary dwelling x2-** Appleby Close and Spernal Lane
- **Vehicle crime x1-** Park Lane
- **Suspicious incidents x2-** School Road and Spernal Lane
- **Anti-social behaviour x1-** Fly tipping Spernal Lane

As always, please do get in touch with the local Police team if you see any suspicious activity or for crime prevention advice. Please have a look at the article below and 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.

### Right Service, First Time - Is it the Police I need?

Has an offence been committed? Is my complaint a police matter?

These are some of these questions which the Police have addressed on their website [www.warwickshire.police.uk/RSFT](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/RSFT). If it is not the responsibility of the Police then they would like to help by directing you to the right partner agency who will be able to assist you. If you are unable to find the answer to your query on their website, you can continue to look for advice by visiting [www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm](http://www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm) or alternatively if you need to speak to the Police about the matter contact them on the non-emergency number 101.

### NHS scam text message

NHS England are warning about a bogus text message claiming to be from the NHS asking people to confirm both their year of birth and email address.

The NHS does **not** collect information this way. If you receive this message, delete it straight away.

### Identity theft on Facebook

Action Fraud is warning that fraudsters need just **three** pieces of personal information to steal your identity (full name; date of birth; and home address). Even more worrying is that most of these can be found on your Facebook profile.

30% of adults with a social media account include their full name and date of birth on their profile pages – making it easier than ever for criminals to commit identity fraud. Home addresses can easily be found if locations are attached to any posts.

#### TOP TIPS

- Update your privacy settings and ensure you are not revealing too much. Guidance on this can be found on the Safer Internet Centre website
- Check to see if your location is attached to a status update before sending
- Be aware of information posted about you as well! This could also include personal information
- If you receive an unsolicited email or phone call from what appears to be your bank or building society asking for your security details, never reveal your full password, login details or account numbers

### Tips to avoid contactless card fraud:

- Never hand over your card
- Always ask for a receipt
- Check your statements
- Take your card out of actual wallet
- Can you opt-out of having a contactless card? The answer is yes- most banks do allow you to opt out

## MAUDSLAY PARK UPDATE

- Helical Bar are confident about the phase of build and sales that are now in and that progress still remains positive on site
- Show cluster now has 10 plots completed and 2 units now occupied by residents
- Later this year the apartment blocks will come online and the street scene will begin to develop
- Please note, there is an automatic electronic **defibrillator** located just inside the entrance to Marketing Suite

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.

## Volunteering in Stratford

**Warwickshire CAVA** (Community and Voluntary Action), has been awarded the contract by Warwickshire County Council as the countywide infrastructure organisation for Warwickshire providing vital support to the volunteers, groups, organisations, enterprises and charities who are working to strengthen all communities across the county.

WCAVA are committed to providing all of their services locally and accessibly so whether organisations need support recruiting and managing volunteers, developing a community group, accessing funding or strengthening their governance, they have a local office based at SDC and dedicated team there to help.

Below you can find out more about the CAVA team in Stratford, which may be of interest to you, particularly if you are interested in volunteering or you are involved in a local charity, group or organisation.

#### The Stratford on Avon District team

**Jane Holdsworth** Locality Manager: [jane.holdsworth@wcava.org.uk](mailto:jane.holdsworth@wcava.org.uk)

**Verity Thompson** Funding and Group Development Officer: [verity@wcava.org.uk](mailto:verity@wcava.org.uk)

**Liz Williams** Volunteering Coordinator: [elizabeth.williams@wcava.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.williams@wcava.org.uk)

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## National Plant Monitoring Scheme - 2017 update

This scheme is a partnership between Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI); JNCC; Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) and Plantlife and is backed by the government. The scheme will recruit and support volunteers to survey 5 plots in a kilometre square close to where they live. The plots will be surveyed twice a year. The kilometre squares to monitor have been identified by stratified random sampling. The plants have been chosen as indicators of the health of individual habitats.

### A big thank you!

The third season of the National Plant Monitoring Scheme is well underway with over 1100 volunteers up and down the country going out to visit their squares.

### More help please!

There are still lots of squares which need surveying and the live map on the NPMS website shows the squares that are available: [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk)

## Parish Champions

Streetscene (the Waste, Recycling, Street Cleansing and Ground Maintenance team at Stratford-on-Avon District Council) are looking at a new initiative and putting some feelers out for community spirited individuals to be a nominated Champion for their parish.

This person would work in partnership with the District Council on a voluntary basis to support and enhance the works that the District Council carry out.

If you are interested, please contact Anna Macdonald or Angela Lloyd at SDC on 01789 267575 or email us at [streetscenedutyofficer@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:streetscenedutyofficer@stratford-dc.gov.uk)



WRCC has run a community oil buying syndicate since October 2012. Together we've ordered nearly 3.5 million litres and saved £179,000 on behalf of members.

Now from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 there's even more of an incentive to join- with the introduction of our new **FREE** WRCC Energy membership scheme. Customers can still order monthly and the more people who join, the more savings we can negotiate as a syndicate.

**For further details please phone 01789 472619 or visit**

[www.wrccenergy.org.uk](http://www.wrccenergy.org.uk)

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