News Bulletin

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Week :- 27th January 2012.

Court Update.

In last weeks newsletter we reported a burglary during daylight hours on Thursday 19th January, the burglar being disturbed at an address in Marlborough Avenue, Winsford.

A 23 year old local male was arrested on suspicion of the burglary and subsequently charged with the offence. He was kept in police custody overnight being put before South Cheshire Magistrates Court on Friday 20th January. The male was remanded in custody to appear before the courts at a future date.

Witness Appeal.

Investigation into Fire in Winsford.

A campervan was destroyed and three other cars sustained damage following an incident in Winsford.

Damage was also caused to the windows of a nearby house and fencing when the fire took hold of a VW campervan parked on a small car park on Siddorn Street at around 11.10pm on Wednesday 25th January.

A people carrier, VW Golf and a Mercedes car parked nearby also sustained minor damage.

House to house enquiries and forensic examination of the scene is underway as Police and fire investigators have determined that the cause of the fire is suspicious.

Anyone with any information or anyone who may have seen anyone behaving suspiciously in the area at the time should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting incident 1069 of 25 January or alternatively information can be left anonymously with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Theft from Motor Vehicle.

Tools were stolen from the rear of a works van parked in Tarvin Way, Winsford. The theft occurred during the evening of Monday 23rd into the morning of 24th January.

Anti-Social Behaviour Targeted.

In recent weeks there has been an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour in Winsford town centre, in particular during the evening period around the entrance to Asda. Officers on patrol on Saturday evening 21st January issued Section 27 Notices directing a number of males to leave the locality for 24hrs.

If the direction is not adhered to then those issued with a notice are liable to arrest.

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Community News.

Shoppers Be On Your Guard.

We are warning the public to be on their guard following a report of a sophisticated 'distraction' type theft targeting supermarket shoppers.

The most recent victim was a 65 year old woman shopping in Sainsburys on Venables Road, Northwich. Whilst entering her PIN into the chip and pin device at the checkout, a man was seen to watch the process. Once outside, a female accomplice distracted the victim by asking for directions, stealing the womans purse and emptying her account of cash.

This incident follows a spate of similar incidents reported last summer, and despite a lull in this type of crime in recent months, we are keen to remind the public to be vigilant and to protect themselves against this particular type of offence. Of concern is the fact that these thieves appear to target older shoppers. Similarly, it is important for people to always check their bank statements for any inaccuracies or discrepancies, as credit card fraud may not be immediately apparent to the victim.

Security advice

1. Do not leave your handbag hung over the shopping trolley or unattended at any time. Make sure your bag has a secure zip fastening and for added security, secure your purse inside a zipped pocket inside the bag to help protect against thieves reaching inside your bag or purse to search for valuables.

2. If you are approached by a stranger in unusual circumstances in or around a supermarket, do not engage with them, particularly if they ask for directions or change. Be firm with them, walk away, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

3. When using a chip & pin device or ATM, always shield your number with your hand. Avoid using cash machines that appear to have been tampered with, or where groups of people are hanging around.

New Non-Emergency Number 101

The 101 new non-emergency number went live on 23rd November 2011 and provides the public with a memorable number to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response such as:

- if their car has been stolen;
- if their property has been damaged or vandalised;
- where they suspect drug use or dealing;
- if they want to report a minor traffic collision;
- if they want to provide information about crime

The introduction of '101′ is part of a national programme to make it easier for members of the public to contact police in a non-emergency, where an immediate police response is not required. From the 23rd November '101′ will replace the force's current non-emergency number 0845 458 0000

Calls to the 101 non-emergency number will cost 15 pence for the entire call, no matter how long the call or what time of day it is. This applies to both land lines and mobile phones.

Regards

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