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It's back!

The Women's Tour returns on 9th June

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Warwickshire launch of Stage 3 of The Women's Tour 2017

Women's contribution to sport was highlighted at the Warwickshire launch of The Women's Tour at the University of Warwick in February. Many of the region's top sportswomen attended the event including north talk cover stars Ciara Horne and Hayley Noel.

Also present at the launch were the Wasps Women's Netball Team and local stars of:

- Hockey** - Atherstone Ladies' Lucy Etteridge
- Netball** - Atherstone Ladies' Lucy Foster
- Athletics** - Nuneaton Harriers' Eleanor Greenfield
- Rugby** - Rugby Lionesses' Gemma Weddell
- Gaelic football** - Warwickshire Gaelic Athletic Footballer of the Year, Mairi Mulvenna
- Boxing** - Morgan Ansell, Warwick, Midlands, England 14-16 champion

'ThisGirlCan' is a national campaign to inspire more women to get involved in sport -

www.thisgirlcan.co.uk ; www.facebook.com/ThisGirlCanUK ;
www.twitter.com/ThisGirlCanUK #ThisGirlCan



Ciara Horne from Kenilworth. Double European Team Pursuit Champion, World Championship Medallist on track and road and Rio 2016 Olympian. Ciara is part of the Cervelo Bigla Team taking part in this year's Women's Tour. Behind Ciara is Hayley Noel, Warwickshire Golf & Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sports.



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Top women cyclists

return to race in North Warwickshire

North Warwickshire steps back into the sporting spotlight on Friday 9th June, when Atherstone once again plays host to the start of the Warwickshire 'stage' of The Women's Tour.

The international women's cycle race first came to Warwickshire in 2016, when thousands of people lined the streets of Atherstone to cheer the riders on their way. The town's historic Market Square will be the focus of attention in 2017, as the riders sign in for the Warwickshire stage of the race and receive their souvenir 'Charlie Bear' from local school-children.

The 17 top teams of professional women's cyclists include the world's number one team Boels Dolmans, Wiggle High 5 and the two British teams, Drops Cycling and Team WNT Pro Cycling. Well known competitor Lizzie Deignan (formerly Armitstead) must have counted Charlie Bear as her lucky mascot last year, as she eventually went on to win the 2016 Women's Tour!

From the Market Square, the cyclists will take the same route as 2016 along North Street, back along Long Street before leaving the town via Coleshill Road heading for Arley, Fillongley and Meriden. They continue the Warwickshire stage through the heart of the University of Warwick via Gibbett Hill Road, Kenilworth, negotiating some steep inclines at Edge Hill and Burton Dassett before finishing in Royal Leamington Spa around 2.15pm.



"We are absolutely thrilled to be taking the Women's Tour back to Atherstone in 2017 after the success of last year's stage. It was the first time the race had ever visited Warwickshire and we received such a great reception from the thousands of spectators that turned out. We're hoping to build on that again this year and know it will be a fantastic occasion on Friday 9th June, attracting cycling fans from far and wide!"

Mick Bennett, Women's Tour Race Director

Warwickshire is Stage 3 of 5. The cyclists start their first race in Northamptonshire on Wednesday 7th June, before completing the second Stage in Staffordshire including the city of Stoke on Trent. After Warwickshire, the teams move onto Chesterfield and Derbyshire before the final Stage in London on Sunday 11th June.

Judging by the thousands of spectators who lined the route in 2016, the Women's Tour will bring a welcome economic boost to Atherstone and other places along the route. It will also raise the profile of women's participation in sport, adding to North Warwickshire role models such as hurdler Megan Beesley from Polesworth.

The start time in Atherstone has yet to be confirmed, so keep an eye on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk/wt2017 for details. It will be continually updated with local information about events leading up to 9th June, road closures, alternative parking and routes. If you follow the Borough Council on Facebook or Twitter, you'll automatically receive the latest news!

For more general information about The Women's Tour, see

www.womenstour.co.uk
Facebook www.facebook.com/thewomenstour
Twitter www.twitter.com/thewomenstour
Instagram www.instagram.com/thetourcycling
Youtube www.youtube.com/thetourcycling

Meet Jodi and Martin

two of our Personal Trainers



Jodi Kirkham works at Arley and Polesworth Sports Centres, Atherstone Leisure Complex and Coleshill Leisure Centre:

"From an early age, I've always had a passion for sports and fitness. This passion is something that I can share with my clients and help motivate them to achieve their goals. I have a strong belief that health and fitness should not take over your life but become a balanced part of it."

Martin Ward is based mainly at Coleshill Leisure Centre:

"I have 26 years' experience in the sports and leisure industry. Fitness is my passion – I love getting out on the roads for a run achieving new personal bests and keeping myself fit and healthy. With my positive attitude and enthusiasm, you will soon reach your optimum fitness levels."



Josh's job with leisure

A young student from Coventry's Hereward College is the first to be employed by the Borough Council's Leisure team. 21 year old Josh Grant lives in Coventry with his mum, dad and three brothers and attended the college, which supports young people with disabilities.

Along with other students at Hereward, he enjoyed some work experience at Atherstone Leisure Complex under the wing of Manager, Claire Lodge and decided he wanted to apply for a job with Leisure. Josh now works as receptionist at Arley Sports Centre and is also the supervisor for the Queen Elizabeth sports hall and pitch in Atherstone.

Josh said:

"I was very satisfied to be given the job of receptionist at Arley Sports Centre - the staff were all very welcoming and made me feel comfortable. The thing I enjoy about working at Queen Elizabeth is the level of responsibility



I have, i.e locking up and supervising the centre. I also enjoy communicating with the customers at both QE and Arley."

Sports mad Josh enjoys swimming and going to the gym in his free time. His career goals are to become a gym instructor first and eventually carve out a career as a personal trainer.

QE Sports Hall available to hire

A brand new facility at The Queen Elizabeth Academy (TQEA) in Atherstone is available for sports groups to hire. The QE Sports Hall is jointly run by the school and the Borough Council and has four courts available to hire on week nights from 6pm for football, basketball or badminton and other suitable activities. There are also astroturf pitches on the QE site.

To enquire about hiring the hall, contact Atherstone Leisure Complex on 01827 719321 (ext 5).



Make sure you get the best leisure offers

Leisure centres will be using social media and email to advertise 'flash sales' throughout the year. Simply update your membership details at reception and put a tick in the 'internal advertising' box and you'll be added to the mailing lists. Your details won't be passed on to anyone else.

Remember to like your local centres on  Facebook and follow them on  Twitter.



Friday night is Movie Night!

Look out for details of our Movie Nights at Atherstone's Memorial Hall on the last Friday of the month. Coming up ...

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Rogue One – a Star Wars Story

Doctor Strange – starring Benedict Cumberbatch

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North Walks - walking groups

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Mancetter

Every Tuesday - 10am - St Peter's Church, Mancetter

Dordon

Every Tuesday - 10am - St Leonard's Church, Dordon

Kingsbury

Every Wednesday - 11am - Kingsbury Methodist Church

Coleshill

Every Thursday - 10am - The Visitor Centre in The Old Market Hall (First Thursday of each month & then various locations the rest of the month)

Middleton

Every Wednesday - 1pm - check locations with Steph.

Atherstone

Every Thursday - 1:15pm - Atherstone Leisure Complex

Old Arley

Every Thursday - 1pm - The Methodist Church, Old Arley

Hartshill

Every Thursday - 1:30pm - Hartshill Community Centre

Austrey

Every Friday - 10am - The Baptist Church, Austrey

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Planning appeals underway

February and March saw the Borough Council facing two major planning appeals. The first, lasting two days, was against the Council's decision to refuse the planning application to build a 40,000 bird chicken broiler in Mancetter. Residents and local representatives were able to voice their concerns to an independent Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State, whilst solicitors representing the Council and the applicant also gave evidence. As north talk went to print, the Council was awaiting the Inspector's final decision.

The Daw Mill inquiry began on Tuesday 21st February and was expected to last at least two weeks. This was a detailed look at the impact of Harworth Estate's planning application to redevelop the former Daw Mill Colliery in Arley. The Council had previously refused their application to construct an employment site, because of the impact on the Green Belt, ecology and noise from the proposed development.

Steve Maxey, Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council said:

"Many people may be unaware of the huge amount of work which the Council must devote to a planning appeal or inquiry – and the additional costs.

We've had five such appeals since September and we've put up the very best defence of our position possible. I'm grateful for the considerable help from Councillors, Parish Councils and members of the public in these appeals."

Keep an eye on the local news and the Council's website to read about the outcome of the Mancetter Chicken Broiler and the Daw Mill inquiry.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



North Warwickshire residents will be putting their X in the box to vote for their County Councillors on Thursday 4th May. (Warwickshire County Council is responsible for services like schools, highways, trading standards, social care and country parks – see more at www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

There are referenda on the Austrey and Coleshill Neighbourhood Plans on the same day and a possible by election at Coleshill Town Council.

You must be registered to be able to cast your vote in any elections (and this is completely separate to registering for Council Tax with the Borough Council, which sends out the bills!)

If you've recently moved or think you're not registered, apply at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote - it's quick and easy and all you need is your National Insurance number, date of birth and your address. The deadline for registering to vote is Thursday 13th April.

Once you've registered, there are a number of ways to vote:

In person – your polling card, which will be delivered to you soon, gives you the name of your polling station

By post – deadline for applications is 5pm Tuesday 18th April.

By proxy (where someone you trust votes on your behalf) – deadline 5pm Tuesday 25th April.

You don't have to have your polling card to vote but you will need to check where your polling station is - ring the Borough Council on 01827 715341 to find out.

More information is at www.yourvotematters.co.uk or ring 0800 3 280 280.

Fight against flytipping

Keeping an eye on the Grot Spots

The Borough Council has been working with Warwickshire Rural Watch, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue, the Environment Agency, the Police and Parish and Town Councils on this blight on our countryside. New mobile CCTV cameras are now in action keeping an eye on the various Grot Spots across the Borough. **Flytippers beware! You will be caught and you will be prosecuted.**

It's that time of year again ... Spring cleaning, DIY and decorating, garden clearance – and the perennial problem of how to get rid of all your rubbish.

A word of warning, though.

If you're looking for someone to clear your clutter, beware of people making cheap offers on social media. Always make sure they have a 'Waste Carriers' Licence' from the Environment Agency.

You can check online at

www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information or ask them to provide the evidence.

Sadly, some people have found out to their cost, that dodgy dealers have dumped their rubbish in our beautiful North Warwickshire countryside. This is flytipping and it's illegal. If the rubbish can be traced back to you, you could

be facing a court case, a hefty fine and a criminal record to boot. It's your responsibility and it's known as the 'Householder Duty of Care.'

So it pays to double check – otherwise you could be counting the cost.

"Clearing flytipped rubbish and litter costs the Council Tax payers of North Warwickshire around £650,000 a year – an amount which could be better spent elsewhere."

Steve Maxey, Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council.

You can help by reporting flytipping at www.northwarks.gov.uk/flytipping

If the rubbish has gone but you think you know who dumped it, go to www.northwarks.gov.uk/flytippingsuspect

A few 'tips!'

- You can also take your rubbish to the 'tip' at Lower House Farm – and there's a very active Age UK Reuse Shop there too
- Book a bulky waste collection at www.northwarks.gov.uk/bulky The Borough Council team will collect six large items for £23.
- Dispose of old or unwanted tyres through your local tyre retailer.

Businesses can also contact the Borough Council for the trade waste collection service – a local service at low cost.



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Council wins national award for its excellence in collecting money

The Borough Council's Revenues and Housing Teams celebrated winning Public Sector Collections Team of the Year at the Collections and Customer Service Awards held in Manchester.

The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of those within collections and customer service. They are open to banks, utility companies, the advice sector, Government Departments and local government. North Warwickshire Borough Council was the only local authority to be shortlisted in the 12 categories and faced stiff competition from the Cabinet Office and Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs (HMRC.)

The Council scooped the award, based on its achievements in 2016. These included achieving excellent collection rates in Council Tax, housing rent and Business Rates, which are amongst the



best in the country. The Council was also praised for its co-operation with over 30 agencies including the CAB to tackle debt and money matters and the

development of the Atherstone Food Hub, volunteering and IT courses at the North Warwickshire hubs.

Your Hubs



Atherstone Hub
Arley Hub

St Mary's Church
Arley & St Michael's Church
and Community Centre

Baddesley Hub
Coleshill Hub

Baddesley Village Hall
Coleshill Town Hall

Dordon Hub
Hartshill Hub

Dordon Village Hall
Hartshill Community Centre

Visit your local Hub to use a range of free services including getting online, free WIFI and free use of laptops and tablets. You can also use the free Hub phone to contact services such as the Borough Council, Severn Trent and Age UK.

Visit your local Information Point for access to free WIFI and IT facilities at: Age UK/CAB Atherstone, Birchmoor Mission Hall, Coleshill Library, Derek Avenue – Dordon, Mancetter Memorial Hall, Polesworth Library, Water Orton Library, White Hart tea rooms and Wood End Village Hall.

For more information, go to www.northwarks.gov.uk/hubs or email hubs@northwarks.gov.uk

Volunteers are always needed at the Hubs - contact Bill McCann if you can help – billmccann@northwarks.gov.uk or ring 01827 719220.



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If you can't do it at home, why not call into your local Hub and sign up to go paperless? You can now manage your bill securely online for free by signing up to electronic billing for Council Tax or Business Rates. When a bill is ready for you to view online on the website, you'll receive an email with a link to your new bill. All you need is an email address and your reference number, which is on your bill or statement. You can also choose to view your bills, statements or account details online but still receive paper copies in the post.

Just go to www.northwarks.gov.uk/accountsonline

Food Hub goes from strength to strength

BRANCAB (Bedworth, Rugby and Nuneaton Citizens Advice Bureaux) took over the running of the Atherstone Food Hub (formerly Food Bank) in October of last year under the newly adopted "Ediblelinks" brand. The Hub has rapidly expanded since first opening its doors. It now not only supports individuals in need but also community groups, mainly in North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth.



ediblelinks
connecting people
and communities

New partner, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has donated a van so the project can boost its twice weekly food collections from online supermarket, Ocado, based at Birch Coppice Business Park. The Healthy Living Network is also on board - this runs cooking projects teaching people to stay healthy and prepare nutritious meals on a budget.

Food Hub

Set up in 2013 by the Council and almost exclusively supported by Ocado.

In 2016, the Hub issued **1,573** food parcels helping **2,302** adults and **4,075** children and provided support to 74 community and 'not for profit' groups as well as 2 school breakfast clubs.



On Christmas Eve, a team of volunteers **distributed food parcels that supported over 300 families** on low incomes nominated by partner organisations.



+ IN THE 8 DAYS BEFORE

Supplied 2.5 tonnes of food for community projects in Coventry and Warwickshire helping 1000's of people have a better festive period.

The Hub has exciting plans to expand its operation in the coming months as part of its unique partnership with Ocado that will see it help ever more people across the Borough and beyond. Help - such as food or cleaning products - is always available to any 'not for profit' groups. To apply, contact Bill McCann on 01827 719220 for more information. In addition, the project always needs volunteers, whether it's helping with the collection and sorting of supplies, driving, admin work or developing the website.

Whether looking for something to do in a few spare hours in your retirement or looking for experience to help you back into work, volunteering at the Hub is very rewarding. **If interested in joining the "Ediblelinks" team, please contact Lynn Rowley on 01827 718322.**

Guideposts Hubs in North Warwickshire

Guideposts Carer Support service are in a Hub near you in North Warwickshire. If you are a carer - looking after anyone 18 years and over without payment - call in and speak to one of their Carer Support Workers. They can help with applying for benefits such as Attendance Allowance, Blue Badge forms and PIP, offer emotional support and provide emergency cards. For more information or to book an appointment call 02476 385888.

Coleshill Town Hall	1st & 3rd Mondays of the month	10am - 12pm
Polesworth Library	2nd Tuesday of the month	10am - 12pm
St Mary's Church, Atherstone	4th Tuesday of the month	10am - 12pm
Hartshill Community Centre	4th Tuesday of the month	12pm - 2pm
Polesworth Library	4th Tuesday of the month	10am - 12pm
St Michael's Community Hall, New Arley	1st Wednesday of the month	9.30am - 11.30am
Learning Disability Hub, Atherstone	2nd Wednesday of the month	1pm - 3pm
Baddesley Village Hall	3rd Wednesday of the month	11.30am - 1.30pm
Learning Disability Hub, Atherstone	4th Wednesday of the month	1pm - 3pm
Dordon Village Hall	3rd Thursday of the month	10.30am - 12.30pm
One Stop Shop, Council offices, Atherstone	Every Friday	1pm - 3pm

Journeys into employment

North Warwickshire works! The Borough Council and the Job Centre

The Council's Customer Service Team shares their work space with the Job Centre. This means the Council has benefitted from the work placement and work experience schemes offered via the Job Centre.

Since November 2015, Customer Services has worked with seven placements and offered jobs to five local young people from various backgrounds. They have joined the team, bringing new skills and enthusiasm to the workplace. One has now taken on a new role in another department, demonstrating that there's also a chance to move into other roles within the Council. It is a great example of working in partnership and creating opportunities for local people.



Left to right Natalie Walton, Daniel Armstrong, Michael Albrighton, Paige Lagram, Daniel New and (seated) Matthew Scarsbrook

'Prospects'

Warwickshire County Council has commissioned Prospects to offer independent information, advice and guidance to young people aged 16-19 who are 'Not in Education, Employment or Training.' (NEET)

They can help with:

- Discussions on careers.
- Information on training courses and apprenticeships.
- CV preparation.
- Job applications and job searches.

Drop in venues in North Warwickshire are at:

- Borough Council offices, Tuesday 2pm - 4pm.
- Coleshill Hub, The Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill, B46 3BG. Wednesday 2pm - 4pm. Contact for both is Carl Drewery on 07702 862 000.

Sally from Atherstone, is one of the people helped through Prospects. She had been educated at a Pupil Referral Unit, as she'd had several issues with mainstream education and had left without any qualifications. Prospects gave her alternatives to school and college and found her a short course to help with literacy and numeracy to improve her job 'prospects.' A few days later, Sally had an interview and was successful in getting her first job.

Talent Match Coventry and Warwickshire

Sam became involved with Talent Match about a year ago, when he had already been unemployed for over three years. Talent Match supports young people aged 18-24 who have not been in work for a period of time. Each young person who joins the programme is assigned a personal mentor, who helps them on their journey to employment.

Sam lacked confidence and motivation but did have qualifications, including Level 2 maths and English. He said he had been on lots of courses since leaving school but "was probably unemployable." Sam described having a peer mentor as like having a parent - someone to give him a "kick up the bum"!

He has now been in full-time work for over six months and is still in contact with his Peer Mentor. The continuing support has been helpful as it feels like someone is keeping an eye on him in a positive way. Sam doesn't think he will be in the current job long term but is saving up, plans to take a holiday and then look around for something else.

A final word from Sam: "I'm feeling a lot happier about life in general. I now know what I want to do and how to get to where I want to be."

Contact Talent Match on 07703 715162 or send a text. Like and follow on Facebook at [talentmatchcovandwarks](https://www.facebook.com/talentmatchcovandwarks). You can also email: talentmatch@wcava.org.uk



Coleshill school team visits Sertec

A team of staff from The Coleshill School were invited to visit the Sertec Group Head Office in Coleshill. They wanted to develop a careers and employability strategy for young people at The Coleshill School and in the wider local community. They met with Judith Bagley, Group Learning and Development Manager and Steve Moore, Group Human Resources Director.

Sertec has 10 sites across Europe and supply components to some of the world's leading automotive manufacturers, including Jaguar Land Rover. The company has grown rapidly over the last few years and now employs over 2,500 people with a turnover of £250 million.

The aim of the visit was to see how The Coleshill School and Sertec could become business partners and support each other, particularly with apprenticeships for students. One of the current apprentices at Sertec, Sean Rhodes, gave a presentation about his experiences, starting from when he completed his GCSEs to the current day. He is now working towards an NVQ in Engineering, studying at Birmingham Metropolitan College for a foundation degree. Sertec has an outstanding apprenticeship programme and they really invest in their staff.

Mr Smith-Childs, Headteacher, commented: "As business partners, we will now be looking to work closely on apprenticeship opportunities for our students, starting as early as next summer. There are lots of other opportunities as well, such as: our students being able to gain work experience within the engineering industry, Sertec supporting our practice interviews for Year 11 and Sixth Form, and presentations from Sertec at future career events that we will host."

The North Warwickshire Community Partnership plans to hold an apprenticeship event in the near future for schools and businesses.



Support for Schools

jobcentreplus

Jobcentre Plus (JCP) Support for Schools is a government funded initiative launched in January 2016. It aims to inspire young people, teachers and parents to think about the world of work and informs them of the huge range of opportunities now available. It also supports students in their transition from school to work, training or further study and offers access to the Jobcentre Plus network of employers and expert advice on the local labour market and employer expectations.

This support is focused particularly on young people at risk of becoming NEET or otherwise disadvantaged in the labour market, for example those with a health or disability issue.

JCP School Advisers can provide support to schools and young people (school years 8 to 13) covering areas such as:

- **Routes into apprenticeships and traineeships:** advice on opportunities and how to make applications.
- **Work experience:** Jobcentre Plus has a large and well-established network of employers. School Advisers can support schools by finding work experience opportunities. They also provide advice and support for schools wanting to hold careers events, jobs fairs, employer days or visits to work places.
- **Local labour market knowledge:** School Advisers can provide information on which employers are recruiting; the skills that employers value and modules on CV writing, interview skills, on-line presence, career pathways etc.

The Warwickshire School adviser is Akhil Chawla,
email Akhil.Chawla@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or call Akhil 07502014438

Accelerate... into employment

CDA is running a project across Warwickshire part funded by the Big Lottery and the European Social Fund. It offers support to anyone who is currently unemployed, including travel expenses, to attend the sessions so you're not out of pocket!

The project works with 25 other organisations helping to remove the barriers that people face when trying to get employment. The organisations can support people who have learning needs, disabilities, a visual impairment, prison leavers, lone parents and people over 50. This enables these client groups to gain qualifications, learn IT and look for a job.

CDA will provide confidence building, IT skills, interview techniques, telephone techniques, application support, job search support and much more. There will be access to work experience placements, debt help, housing support, childcare support to name just a few.



Call the CDA Team on Tel: 02476 346209 or email: marie@cheers-cda.co.uk



PROGRESS



Progress is part of 'Building Better Opportunities' – a programme funded by the European Social Fund. It aims to develop the confidence and skills of young people (aged 15-19, and up to 24 for care leavers or those with disabilities) helping them to progress into education or employment. The programme offers coaching, support and training, delivered by leading youth charities and partners. Progress Coaches – experienced youth work professionals – build trust with participants and encourage them to set goals, inspire a positive work attitude and help them towards employment for up to 12 months. The programme can support young people of school age (aged 15+ and identified by a school or statutory agency as being at risk of NEET) and those who are not in education, employment or training.

For more information, email progress@groundwork.org.uk or call 0121 237 5882



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Don't forget to report it...

Facebook and Twitter are great ways of keeping in touch – but if you've witnessed a crime or been a victim, don't just post to a forum. Remember to report the incident to the Police straight away – if they don't know about it, they can't do anything.

Ring 101 or 999 if it's an emergency.



Warning!



If you own a van and keep valuable tools and equipment in it, here are some tips from Warwickshire Police to increase security:

- Park your vehicle in a secure area. If you park on a driveway, think about installing motion activated lighting and CCTV.
- Make sure you remove all valuable items from the van overnight.
- Use signs stating 'No valuables are stored overnight' and fit vehicle security equipment in the van.
- Forensic security marking kits are available to mark property and parts on your vehicle.
- Report any suspicious activity nearby – call 101 (or 999 if you see a crime happening.)

You can also report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on

0800 555 111

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

See also www.warwickshire.police.uk



Leisure centres register with the 'Safe Place Scheme.'

Atherstone and Coleshill leisure centres are now registered with Warwickshire County Council's 'Safe Place Scheme.' This helps vulnerable people deal with any incident that happens to them whilst they are out and about. It means they can go to any business, shop or community centre displaying the 'Safe Place' sticker, if they are feeling scared, vulnerable or have been victims of hate crime. Staff at the 'Safe Places' will look after them and contact a friend, family or the emergency services, depending on the circumstances. Individual members of the scheme will carry a card with specific contact details.



For more information, go to www.safeplaces.org.uk



Warwickshire Rural Watch provides a wealth of crime prevention advice at www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk
Here's an extract from their fact sheets...

Protect your home and beat the burglar

- Lock all door and windows when you leave home and fit window locks
- Don't leave your door keys by the front door or by the letterbox – thieves know where to look!
- Keep lights on and use an auto-timer – if you're away for any length of time, make sure you cancel any deliveries
- Mark your belongings – that way they are harder to sell on and can be traced
- Locked gates, fencing, walls, trellis, security lighting and burglar alarms are all deterrents

Secure your shed!

- Lock away ladders and spades as thieves often use these to break into a home
- Install an alarm and padlocks
- Note details and take photos of tools, lawnmowers, bikes etc – keep them secure
- Use signs to let potential thieves know you have security marked your property and are a member of a Watch Scheme



The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership has highlighted the following areas as their priorities for 2017/18

- violent crime
- anti social behaviour
- road safety
- crime in rural areas

Areas of concern are:

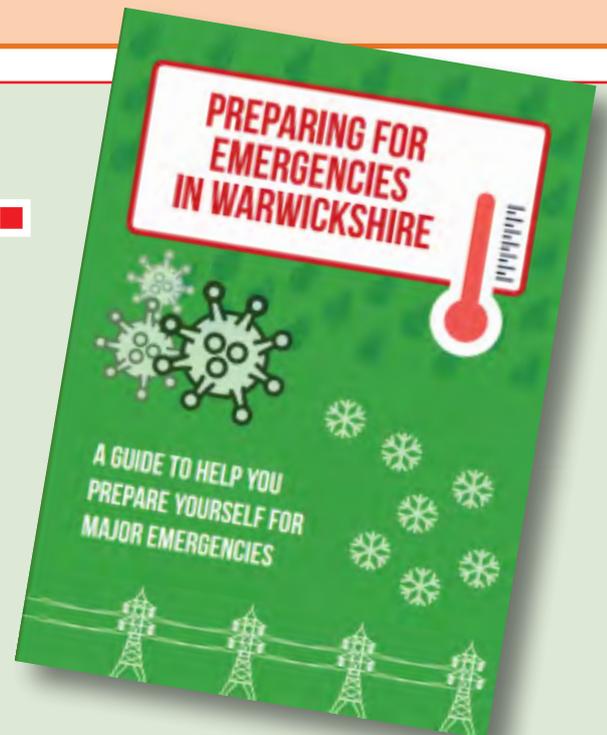
- domestic burglary
- hate crime
- business crime
- reducing reoffending

Be prepared...

A new guide offers advice on how to prepare for a major emergency such as a large fire or flooding.

It sets out:

- Which major emergencies are most likely to happen
- How you can prepare yourself to deal with them
- How you can respond to emergencies
- What the emergency services and other response agencies do to reduce the likelihood of emergencies happening and how they will respond if they do
- Where you can find out more information about the risks
- Advice on how to make a 'grab bag' and what to include in it.



You can see the guide at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityriskregister
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