

The police received a report of attempted fraud this month involving conmen posing as workmen from the 'Water Board'. Fortunately the victim's bank became suspicious of fraudulent activity and stopped the transaction so no payment was made.

Can we please advise residents of the following:

Make sure that you have a security chain and or spy-hole attached to your door and use them if anyone visits your house.

Most workmen, especially those from the utility companies or Council will have an identification card. Make sure that you check their ID before you let the person in and, if in doubt, phone the company to confirm who they are. If you phone the company then make sure that you get their telephone number from the phone book or a bill (not from the workman). A genuine caller will not mind you closing the door for a few minutes while you check their ID and most will be happy to make an appointment and return at a later date or time.

Please report any suspicious activity at the time by calling 101

PLEASE NOTE

Most people who call at your home will be genuine but sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home. You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door. They can be convincing and often persuasive. Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the Council, the police, health organisations or gas, water or electricity companies.

Please may we also remind residents that now the clocks have gone back and the nights draw in that they should always lock their property when leaving it and use lights on timers to may it appear that someone is at home.

On the 11th of November between 3.45pm and 3.57pm a delivery driver was delivering a parcel in the area of Cropston, the driver left the van unlocked with the keys inside and unknown person(s) have stolen the van, the van has since been recovered by the police in the car park of Swithland wood off Roecliffe road with the keys inside. There is currently no identified suspect(s) for this offence but police enquiries are still ongoing.

Full crime figures for the area can be viewed through
<https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NL56/>

Crime Prevention

We have had several reports from other areas within Charnwood of theft from motor vehicles. Please can we take this opportunity to remind residents of the following advice:

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- Leave it on show then expect it to go – Always remove valuables from your vehicle
- Remove satellite navigation systems including the cradle and cables and wipe the windscreen where the cradle sits. Many people leave their satnav under the seat or in the glove compartment, and an empty cradle is still an invite to break into a vehicle.
- Don't leave tools in a van overnight
- Please make sure that doors and windows are closed and keys removed when you leave your vehicle even if it's for only a moment.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit spot that is visible to others or covered by cctv.
- If you have a garage, lock your vehicle inside it and lock the garage.
- On icy mornings never leave your vehicle unattended whilst the engine is running. Not only is this an invitation to take the vehicle but often insurance companies won't pay out if the keys are left in the vehicle

Local Priorities

Following complaints from local residents, our local priority is to tackle vehicle related antisocial behaviour on Kinchley Lane. Local officers have regularly patrolled the area in order to reduce the ASB.

As well as speeding in several locations across Charnwood West we will be carrying out further speed checks in the near future to try and tackle these issues.

Meet the Team

PCSO Fiona Lacey will be holding a beat surgery at the Rothley Library from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the 3rd December and at Bradgate Park near to the police box from 10:00 to 12:00 on the 10th December

PCSO Chris Kendall will be holding beat surgeries at Quorn Library from 4pm to 5pm on Friday 17th November and at the Cropston Reservoir carpark of Bradgate Park from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 23rd November.

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