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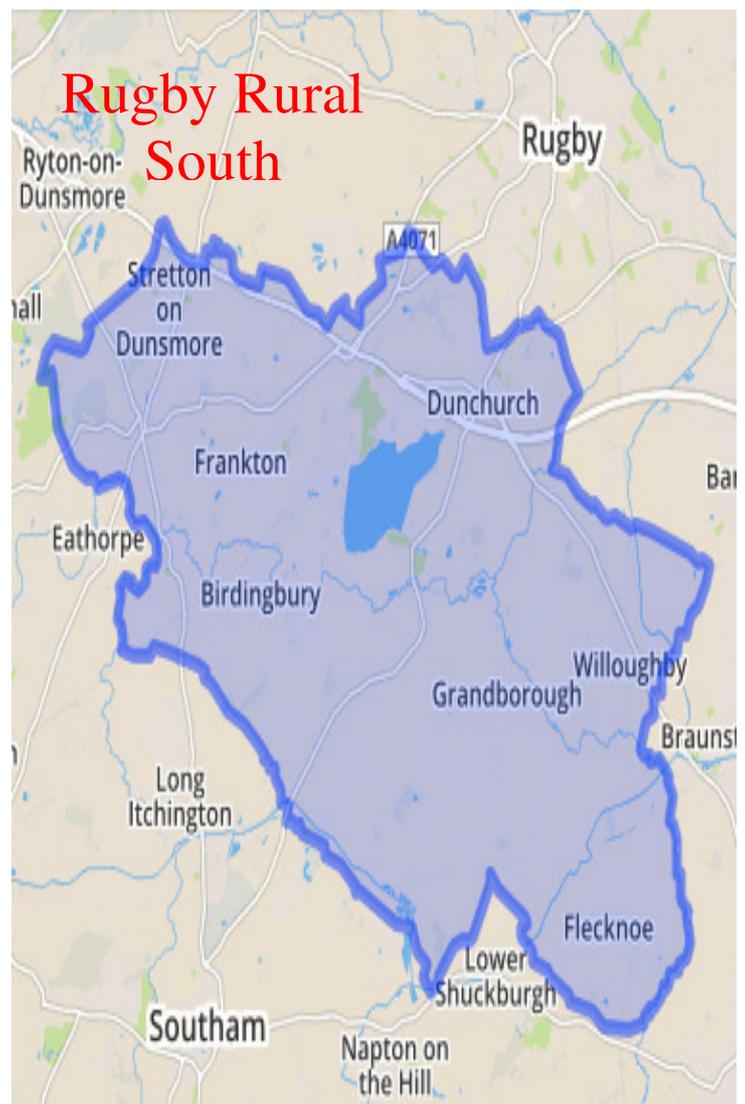
(Beat Areas – N75R & N75P)

N75R - Dunchurch – Princethorpe – Stretton on Dunsmore - Marton - Bourton – Frankton – Draycote – Thurlaston

N75P - Willoughby - Grandborough – Flecknoe – Woolscott – Wolfhampcote – Nethercote - Kites Hardwick – Leamington Hastings – Broadwell – Birdingbury – Calcutt



Rugby Rural South
Safer-Neighbourhood
Team



Team News

The beat manager for Rugby Rural South has changed. As of 16th April 2018 PC 978 Crouch has joined the team.

Few words from PC 621 Haden:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Rugby Rural South, patrolling your villages and getting to know you. Thank you for your assistance in informing the team of issues or sightings that concern you villages, please keep up the good working relationship that you have.

PC Andy Crouch will be making himself known on the area, you may well see him riding his pushbike.

Crime Overview

This section looks at the crimes of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is a brief summary of some of the incidents that have been reported to us over the last month:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

INC 230-17.03.2018 – On 17.03.2018 Police received a report about two motorbikes being driven on the back of property at Frankton Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore

INC143-25.03.2018 - On 18.03.2018 two vehicles have been seen driving in an antisocial manner around Draycote Water country park car park.

BURGLARY:

INC 287-10.03.2018 – Between 13:00 on 09.03.2018 and 16:30 on 10.03.2018 unknown offender/s have stolen items from an outbuildings at School Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore.

INC 301-10.03.2018 – Between 09.03.2018 and 10.03.2018 unknown offenders have gained entry to a property at School Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore, nothing taken.

INC 440-15.03.2018 – On 15.03.2018 unknown offender/s have broken into a property on Back Lane, Birdingbury and vehicle has been stolen.

INC 337-21.03.2018 – On unknown offender/s have gained entry to a property at Lawford Heath Lane, nothing stolen.

VEHICLE CRIME:

INC 32-05.03.2018- Between 04/05.03.2018 – unknown offenders have smashed a driver side window to a silver van parked at Meadow Close, Stretton on Dunsmore, power tolls taken.

INC 274- 06.03.2018 – On 28.02.2018 at 16:07 unknown offenders have stolen a trailer from Straight Mile, Bourton

INC 92-07.03.2018 – Between 07:30 and 07:50 on 07.03.2018 unknown offender have stolen a quad bike from a farm at Oxford Road, Marton.

INC 110-21.03.2018 – Between 17:00 on 20.03.2018 and 08:15 on 21.03.2018 unknown offender/s have stolen a power tools from a van parked on Marton Road, Birdingbury.

INC 99-28.03.2018 – Between 19:00 on 27.03.2018 and 10:00 on 28.03.2018 Unknown offender/s have gained entry by unknown means, to a two vehicles parked at The Hall Close, Dunchurch

THEFT:

INC 163-19.03.2018 – On 19.03.2018 a silver Honda and silver Leon Seat have made of from a petrol station on London Road, Stretton on Dunsmore without paying.

INC 49-22.03.2018 – Overnight on 22.03.2018 unknown offenders have stolen a fuel from a vehicle parked on lay-by on A45.

INC 174-28.03.2018- Between 17:45 on 27.03.2018 and 06:55 on 28.03.2018 unknown offender have stolen diesel and digger batteries from a building site on Coventry Road, Cawston.

FRAUD:

Police have received a numbers of reports that unknown offender(s) have been claiming to be West Midlands police officer, elderly residents have received phone calls to inform them that a large amount of money has been withdrawn from theirs account and they need to leave their bank card and money under the door matt and they will be collected by a Police Constable. Please if you receive a similar call do not engage in conversation as it is a [scam](#) and call 101.

Crime Prevention:

VAN SECURITY:

Here are some simple reminders on how to lessen the risk of a theft. These may seem somewhat basic, but they can be surprisingly easy to overlook during the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Van Unlocked Don't Leave Your and Unattended

Whether it is on the road outside a customer's house, loading or unloading, or on the way home calling quickly into at a shop, leaving your van unlocked will leave it vulnerable to opportunistic thefts, not to mention invalidating some insurance policies.

Steel Window Grills/Window Tints

No matter how secure your door locks are, window glass still remains a weak link. Steel window grills and blanks not only provide a visual deterrent, but also a physical deterrent and can be easily installed.

Chain & Padlock Items to the Inside of the Van

Run a chain through your tools and equipment handles and secure it to a strong anchor point within the vehicle. It might seem extreme, but it will make life harder for any prospective thief, ensuring that they cannot grab and run off with any items.

Property Mark Tools and Equipment

Mark your equipment with your postcode plus the house number or first 2 letters if a house name or you can put on your company name. Visibly marking items to make them unique is a good deterrent and this can be done in a number of ways such as stencil, etching, paint, permanent marking pens etc. In addition you can also mark invisibly in a separate area such as with a UV pen or a forensic solution such as Smartwater, SelectaDNA, micro dots etc.

Parking

When working at a location try and park as near to the property you are working at as possible.

Lock your vehicle, even if you are have to go to it a number of times.

Be vigilant, if you see anyone acting suspiciously near your vehicle make a note of the details, including any vehicle registration numbers and if concerned report it to the police on 101. If safe to do so take a photograph.

Empty your vehicle every night and lock your tools and equipment away in a secure area. Put a sticker on your van stating tools are not kept in the van overnight.

If possible park your vehicle in a garage or secure area.

If you have to park your van outside, have it as near to your house or company unit as possible.

Sensor beams placed in strategic locations will alert you to anyone going near to the van on your property and some systems can also text or call your phone.

Locks/Alarms

New vans can feature an array of security devices and as you would expect older vans are not so secure. There are however a number of ways to enhance the security of your vehicle, including installing an additional independent system, as some models are open to devices that override the vans system and allow access by offenders.

Thatcham category 1 alarms are high tech systems on the market and can be retrofitted to almost any vehicle. Whilst not cheap, they are very effective at preventing would be thefts.

Slamlocks

These automatically lock a van door when it's slammed shut. The idea is to prevent opportunist thieves entering the vehicle when it has been left unattended for a short period of time.

Deadlocks

A deadlock is 'a mechanical device fitted to a vehicle door. It operates by launching a bolt into a receiver fitted to the opposing body section when operated by an external key'. Deadlocks are extremely difficult to pick due to the fact that they have no spring mechanism that can be forced open. Anyone wanting to open these locks needs a key to open or shut them.

Van Lock Protection Plates

While not technically a lock, it is possible to source specially made steel plates that encase your existing van locks to prevent thieves from trying to drill or prise them out. Each of these locks are relatively inexpensive to buy and are available from a range of online suppliers or fitters.

Van Vaults

Van Vaults are high security steel storage boxes designed for commercial vehicles. The idea is that valuable tools and equipment can be quickly and easily stored and locked away inside. Even if a thief did manage to gain access to the vehicle, equipment would still be secure due to the Van Vaults security features.

Steering Locks

Consider buying a steering lock and use it every time the vehicle is parked up and left unattended.

If offenders get into the vehicle they will not be able to drive it away if a lock is fitted to the steering column.

Please join millions of young people living a knife FREE !!

Knife carrying puts your future in danger:

When you carry a knife, you are risking everything. Prison, being a victim of crime and even ending up in hospital are all real risks. Beyond this, knife crime has devastating personal effects on you, your friends, and your family.

While some young people pick up a knife to feel safer, they don't realise that carrying makes them more likely to get into serious danger. A knife can escalate things way out of your control, and make a bad situation much worse.

For more information please visit :

<https://www.knifefree.co.uk/>

Events

Crime prevention and property marking event for Bourton on Dunsmore, Frankton and Draycote at Bourton village hall on 2nd of May 2018 from 1900 till 21:00.

Please feel free to bring your power tools, laptop, mobile phones and push bikes so we can mark them for you, this is a free event.

Team priorities:

1. Speed checks to detect traffic offences for Rugby Rural South.
2. Patrols around Rugby Rural South schools to prevent parking issues.

Let's Introduce the Team

**Police Sergeant
948 Sarah Masters**



**Police Constable
978 Andy Crouch**



Police Community Support Officers

**PCSO 6255
Kamila Shilton**



**PCSO 6149
Helena Seal**



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999- In an Emergency

101 – To report a crime and suspicious incident

01788853851 – to contact the team directly (not for reporting a crime)