

Recent Neighbourhood Watch Reports

Date	Location	Incident & number
19 April	Internet	<p>People living in the West Mercia Police area who suspect they are victims of fraud or internet crime, are being urged to contact a national "one stop shop" reporting centre.</p> <p>"If you've been scammed, ripped off or conned, there is something you can do about it. Action Fraud is a central point for reporting fraud and financially motivated internet crime and can be contacted on line through www.actionfraud.police.uk or by phoning 0300 123 2040. However, if there is any immediate danger, or if you see a crime in action, call the emergency 999 number.</p>
19 April	Worcestershire	<p>Police Chief Warns Of Online Shopping Fraud In West Mercia and Warwickshire</p> <p>Detective Inspector Mark Glazzard says he is concerned at the growing number of residents falling victim to internet fraud.</p> <p>He said: "Online shopping and auction sites are regularly the most reported category of fraud to our two forces in recent months." I don't want to be alarmist but it is important people are aware of what's happening and take all possible precautions to safeguard their interests.</p> <p>Heeding the following safety tips will help provide protection while shopping on line:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any online retailer unfamiliar to you is reputable by researching them. Establish a physical address and telephone contact details. • Paying by credit card offers greater protection than other methods in terms of fraud, guarantees and non-delivery. • Double-check all details of your purchase before confirming payment. • Do not reply to unsolicited emails from companies you don't recognise. • When making payment to an individual, never transfer money directly into their bank account but use a secure payment site such as PayPal. • Check sellers' privacy policy and returns policy. • Keep receipts and check credit card and bank statements carefully after shopping to ensure the correct amount has been debited. • If new to online auctions, take time to read the online guides provided by the company to understand the system and what the rules are. • Understand what the auction company can do (and wont do) if something goes wrong. • Use a login name for the auction site that is different from your email address.

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16 April 2013	Broadway	<p>Appeal For Witnesses After Burglary</p> <p>The incident occurred at a property on Church Street on Friday 5 April. Sometime between 8.30am and 12.30pm it appears that thieves broke into the property by forcing open the door to a garage to gain access.</p> <p>They then used a ladder to climb onto the roof and reach a window, which they forced open with an implement of some sort. In the main, it appears the thieves' targeted jewellery when they carried out their search and they eventually made their escape having taken items believed to have a value of thousands of pounds.</p>
16 April	Abbots Morton	<p>Requesting observations please for the following vehicle. The occupants are known dealers in scrap metal.</p> <p>Red Ford Transit Panel Van: Registered number: KR03 KDK.</p> <p>If the occupant(s) are in your belief acting suspiciously, please telephone the Police immediately, using our 101 non-emergency telephone number or in the event of crime in progress please dial 999, giving as much information as you can.</p>
12 April	Evesham	<p>Did You See Car Suspected Of Being Involved In Evesham Burglary?</p> <p>The plea comes after a house on Offenham Road was broken into between 1.15pm and 10.45pm on Tuesday, 9 April. Witnesses recall hearing a noise coming from the property and seeing two men outside it at around 6.45pm. The men left the property and headed towards Lichfield Avenue. Moments later, they returned to the house in a vehicle – possibly a dark coloured BMW – and parked on the drive. The car then left the driveway and headed towards Elm Road.</p> <p>"A Toshiba laptop and Samsung television were stolen in the burglary and we are also keen to speak to anyone who may know where these items are now.</p> <p>One of the men is described as white, aged about 40 years old, 5ft 10ins tall, of a slim build, with narrow shoulders and a thin, angular face and having 'striking' dark-coloured eyes. He was wearing a dark blue sweater and had very short, dark hair – possibly balding on top. He was also clean shaven.</p> <p>The second man is described as white, aged around 16 years old, 5ft 7ins tall, of a slim build with short, fair, ginger hair. He was wearing a baseball cap a light-coloured hooded top or sweater.</p> <p>Detective Constable Pete Ryland said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen these men and the vehicle they</p>

		were in and can offer any further information about it, such as a registration or which direction it may have gone on Elm Road. Phone 0300 333 3000 quoting reference 227N 090413.