

Community Warden Team Overview April 2024



Total Incidents for April 192 	Total Patrols Completed 277 
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Hotspot Patrols (Operation Resolve) 90 hours 	Weapons located 4 
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Fixed Penalty Notices Issued 4 	Community Engagement Events Attended 8 
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Public Order 23	Antisocial Behaviour 44	Robbery 5	Burglary 4	Drug Use 14	Drug Dealing 9	Mental Health /Concern 22
Missing Person 3	Theft 22	Sexual Offences 3	Spiking 2	Vehicle Crime 2	Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking 2	Littering 3
Knife Crime 5	Licensing Breach 1	PSPO Breach 5	PSPO Engagement 17	Begging 4	Criminal Damage 1	Stray Dog 1

Keeping Warwick District safe and welcoming



Good news stories

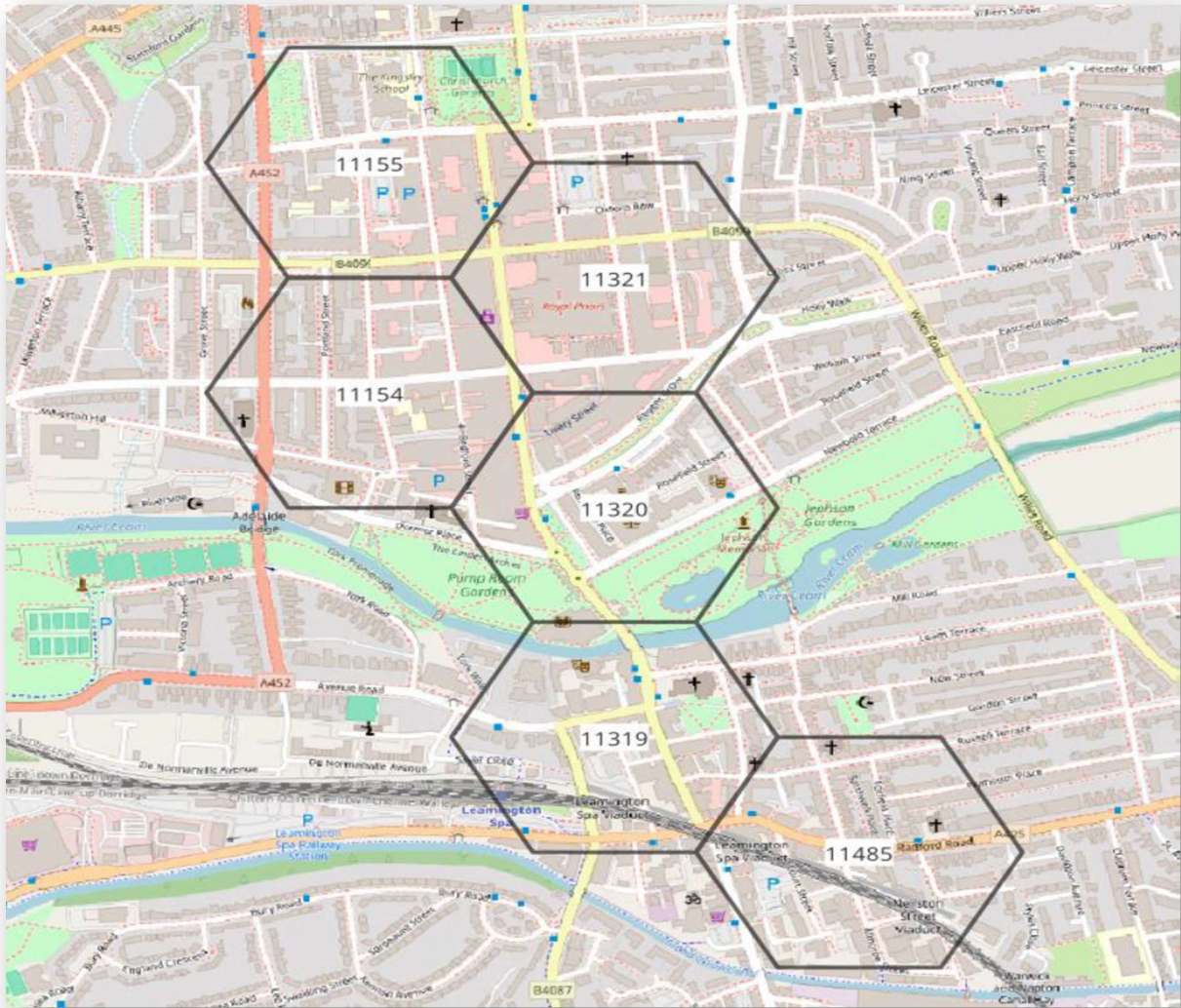
The Community Safety Team were successful in a bid to the Home Office for Hotspot Patrol Funding (74k). The funding is being used to increase the capacity of the Warden team to enable high visibility targeted patrols of 6 hotspot areas in Leamington. These hotspots (highlighted below) have been identified by Warwickshire Police as areas with high levels of Antisocial Behaviour and Serious Violence.

The Warden service commenced hotspot duties on the 4th April and completed over 90 hours of patrols across the six areas.

Positive Outcomes include:

- 4 Fixed Penalty Notices issues for breaches of the districts Intoxicating Substances Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).
- Positive engagement with young people regarding Operation Talkative which educates around the dangers and consequences of carrying weapons.
- 4 knives located following weapons sweeps in green spaces, handed to police for destruction.
- Evidence gathered to progress with a Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW) for prolific offender.
- Disrupting drug activity, shoplifting and ASB across the hotspot areas.
- Collaborative working with Warwickshire Police leading to arrests for Theft, Assault and Drugs Possession.





- Regular community reassurance patrols have been conducted by the team in response to incidents in the Sydenham area.
- Community engagement at a variety of locations across the district regarding the councils Dog Control PSPO's
- The team continue to safeguard vulnerable people from harm and regularly utilise the councils Leam Safe Space provision on Friday evenings, ensuring users of the nighttime economy can access the relevant support and signposting.
- The team have been working closely with Warwickshire Police to raise awareness around knife crime. Operation Talkative aims to educate young people around the dangers and consequences of carrying weapons and provides opportunities to surrender weapons safely.
- The team which now includes the Animal Warden have been busy engaging with dog walkers around the districts Dog Control PSPO's and have been on hand to collect a stray dog (pictured below).
- The team continue to play a pivotal role in the success of Canal Watch in Leamington, with regular patrols and installation of signage contributing towards displacement of criminal activity.



Compliments Received

- **WARWICKSHIRE POLICE** - *You may already be aware but in case you're not. The conversation we had about two suspect vehicles (BMW and Peugeot), Court Street, Leamington have now been seized thanks to your intelligence. On arrival to the location, we had to obviously complete our own checks to confirm there was no tax etc which confirmed everything you had already told me, so they were seized on Tuesday for no tax. – The vehicles are suspected to be part of wider organised criminal activity linked to the illegal sale of vapes and cigarettes.*
- **PUBLIC** - *I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the team who were working the afternoon and evening Monday 29th April. I came to Leamington to visit the music shop and after completing my shopping realised, I couldn't remember where I had parked my car. I wandered to the police station where I spoke to the Community Wardens.*

With not having much knowledge of Leamington I was unable to give them a lot of information on where I thought my car might be so didn't think there would be much hope of finding it.

I thank them for their patience and for phoning my daughter, explaining to her what had happened and arranging with her to come and pick me up. Myself and my daughter drove around Leamington for a good hour trying to locate the car that evening but to no avail. I just couldn't think where it was.

When we got home there had been a few missed calls and then the phone rang and we were told by the Community Wardens that my car had been located. I was so relieved.

We went straight back to Leamington to pick the car up from Hill Street.

So can you pass on to your team, as mentioned before my huge thanks.

They are a true asset to the community.

- **PUBLIC** - *On Saturday evening our 17-year-old son became detached from his friend. He vanished in Leamington Spa and doesn't know anyone in the town apart from his Friend. He is vulnerable and has mild Autism, he can be unpredictable, and we believe he was under the influence of a substantial amount of alcohol. This night became a living nightmare, he was noted missing at around 8.30pm. Around 3am a taxi driver spotted X and TC was there also at the same time. TC phoned me and took X to the Safe Space; he kept him warm and gave him water. The police collected X and brought him home. However, TC text the next day to ask if X was, ok?*

The guys at Safe Space went above and beyond to find out where X had been for all those hours and where he had left his rucksack.

I went to meet JB and TC at the Safe Space on Tuesday and what a wonderful team they are. They are so welcoming, and I am totally overwhelmed by the amazing work they do.

Knowing that there are services like this when our young adults are out in town is so reassuring. This service is needed, they do a fantastic job.

I want to send special thanks to TC and JB. My family really appreciate all the support, kindness and the concern over X welfare and we are all so very grateful.