

Welcome to the first Warwickshire Business Watch Newsletter

Warwickshire Business Watch is a FREE scheme set up to help combat Business Crime in Warwickshire. Funded by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, our aim is to tackle business crime across the county and bring businesses together into a safer community.

This quarterly newsletter will keep you up to date with our activities, and provide you with the latest crime prevention advice for Warwickshire businesses.



Warwickshire's Business Crime Advisor, Bogdan Firona, with Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe

The Face Behind Warwickshire Business Watch

Introducing the new Business Crime Advisor, Bogdan Firona, who is working closely with the Police and other partner agencies to prevent and deter crime taking place in the business community, raising awareness on the latest crime trends and also shares best practices in terms of crime prevention and protection advice to businesses. Bogdan will not only engage with the business community and empower businesses to increase their security both offline and online, but will also visit repeated victims and work on issues to reduce vulnerabilities.

Warwickshire Business Watch Website

The Business Watch website has downloadable resources and advice sheets about business crime prevention, both for your physical and cyber security. The site also has the latest news and updates on local business crime incidents.

You can sign up to the Business Watch Messaging Alert System, and receive the latest incident alerts that will inform you about countywide business crime incidents, including the latest information on crime trends and crucial crime prevention advice to keep your business safe.



Find Us Online

Visit the Warwickshire Business Watch website on www.warwickshirebusinesswatch.co.uk

Follow us on Twitter @WarksBusiness

Contact us via communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk



Rural Crime Event in Atherstone



Our Rugby, Our Future Event



CW Chamber of Commerce
Business Expo 2018

What We've Been Up To

Since taking on the role in October, the Business Crime Advisor has been out and about with Warwickshire's Cyber Crime Advisor, meeting the public and engaging with the business community.

Countywide events have been visited, pictured above, providing residents and businesses with crime prevention messages and resources for them to take away.

We love to get out and about, talking to local businesses. If you have an event you would like us to support, please contact communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk

Top Quarterly Crime Prevention Messages For Businesses

With the busy festive shopping period, Black Friday and Cyber Monday looming this quarter, here are our top crime prevention messages for Warwickshire businesses!

- Work closely with your staff, security teams & Police to ensure effective training and communication.
 - Ensure that you have sufficient staff on duty during the busy period.
- Secure the vulnerable areas of your business, and have multiple cash pick-ups throughout the day.
- Check for counterfeit notes; if you are not happy do not accept it. We have limited stock of counterfeit note pens which check if a note is genuine. Contact us via communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information on this.
- Take the opportunity to engage with your local Crime Reduction Partnership.
- Get involved in 'Shop Watch' Schemes – which are great for disseminating information quickly following suspicious incidents.



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