

Welcome to the February Warwickshire Business Watch Newsletter 2019

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

EXCITING NEWS! The Business Crime Team has started the New Year with a fresh Business Watch website which launched in January 2019! The site provides Warwickshire businesses with crime prevention information and advice. The 'News' and 'Incident' pages are now actively keeping the business community informed about the latest crime trends and local incidents.

A new messaging service will also be put in place for businesses to sign up to, setting up a more effective communication system.



Cross-Sector Safety and Security Communications (CSSC)

The Cross Sector Safety and Security Communications (CSSC) initiative was set up jointly by the police and several other big businesses including Severn Trent, who host the Hub for the group. The initiative offers a partnership-based framework to communicate with businesses across the West Midlands region, to focus on helping businesses address safety, security, resilience and emergency preparedness issues. This will give Warwickshire businesses the opportunity to link up with the rest of the region. CSSC expands to Warwickshire to increase the group membership, particularly from the Warwickshire/West Mercia areas, and is **FREE** for all businesses. For more information please visit CSSC website by clicking [here](#).

Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative



The Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative Limited (WRCI) is a countywide partnership approach to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in retail and licensed business premises in Warwickshire.

There are various retail schemes across Warwickshire, and businesses are encouraged to engage with their local shop watch. This process is managed by two administrators employed by WRCI, and housed by Warwickshire Police at the Leamington Justice Centre. Members hire or buy radios, allowing them to communicate with one another, as well as with the Police, Rangers and CCTV Control Rooms. Members are given **ACIS Web** access, the portal for members of Crime Reduction Schemes to report incidents or crimes, and to view circulations, messages and more from your scheme administrator. WRCI has recently developed a **Mobile Phone App** that will make it more convenient to handle. For more information about WRCI click [here](#).



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NWBC Growing Economy
Hams Hall Event



Rural Evening Event



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What We've Been Up To

Since taking on the role in October last year, the Business Crime Advisor, Bogdan Fironda, has been engaging with the business community and partner agencies to tackle seasonal crime over the Christmas period by sending out awareness packs to businesses including information on how to best protect themselves.

A self-assessment platform will be launched soon for businesses, which offers guidance on how to bring your business into compliance with the appropriate legislations and regulations.

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

Top Quarterly Crime Prevention Messages For Businesses

Here are our top crime prevention messages for Warwickshire businesses for this quarter based on the latest crime trends!

- Get on board alongside other businesses to support and tackle shoplifting, burglary and further anti-social behaviour (ASB) within your community. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- Raising awareness on county lines drug dealing. Businesses and the public play a vital role in combatting such issues. Warwickshire Police are urging everyone to look out for the signs of county lines drug dealing, and report it to the police. More information about the signs you need to look out for can be found [on our website](#).
- Protect yourself and your business from heavy goods vehicle (HGV) crime. It's as simple as [Secure, Protect, Prevent](#)
- If your business has any online presence, make sure you are [Cyber Essentials accredited](#) to minimise a potential online threat for you, your supply chain and your customers.



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