Safer Neighbourhood Team Report – March 2024

Kenilworth Police and Southern Shoplifting team have been concentrating their efforts on town centre throughout the month of March, looking at theft offences and in the first couple of weeks had productive results.
Although to make arrests the crimes had to occur and recorded, hence the numbers still being reasonably high.

Firstly, PC Finch ran down 2 offenders on Tuesday after trying to steal alcohol from Sainsburys, one of which was found to be wanted by other Forces in the Country for bulk thefts, he was also an illegal immigrant who had re-entered the country after being previously being deported, we made a decision not to charge with offences as it would have delayed his deportation, therefore he taken by immigration immediately at Custody.

Then three males stole items from Boots, Talisman square, but with SNT officers and CCTV monitoring the prompt reporting by the Store, they were tracked down and after a short pursuit in their vehicle they were arrested and remanded in custody.

PCSO Morgan assisted at Sainsburys where a male who had committed numerous thefts in the town previously was detained by the shop manager where he violently resisted and attempted to escape. He was charged with assault on the manager and a Police Officer, public order offences, and x 3 thefts, he was Remanded to appear at Crown Court in April.

Not only that but two prolific offenders were located, arrested, and jailed for approx. 33 and 37 weeks for committing offences in Kenilworth and the Surrounding area.

It has been found that offenders have been travelling from far and wide with some coming from as far as Liverpool, London, Milton Keynes, and are part of Organised Crime Groups targeting towns, making thousands of pounds from Thefts.

However, we can never be complacent, recently thefts have crept up again in the town centre in the past week (last week of March). Three of these offences were committed by one male who is known and, at the time of writing, I can say the male has been arrested following a foot chase in Coventry. He is outstanding for six offences and an application shall be made to have him remanded in custody.

It is telling and cannot be coincidental that for some of the week local SNT officers were on Rest Days, therefore could not target offenders or be a visual deterrent.

A recent Police system/Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative, known as DISC is a very useful tool which has been introduced in the past few months. This involves stores reporting, online offences which then send out notifications to users with a photo of a suspect, it also identifies repeat offenders across the region as suspects are travelling. It can also be used to search ‘facial recognition’ to help identify travelling offenders who may not be known in our area.

PC Finch – 25 March 2024

Kenilworth Weekly Priorities totals

Week 19th February 2024 – 25th February 2024

Priority	St Johns Ward	Abbey Ward	Park Hill	Totals
ASB				
Burglary Dwelling	1			1
Burglary Bus/other		2		2
Damage				
Drugs – Crime				
Violence, include DA		3	1	4
Theft – Shop/person	6	1	1	8
Vehicle Crime				
TOMV				
Hate crime				
Public Order			2	2
Robbery				
Fraud				
Total	7	6	4	17

Burglary dwelling was a new build where it was entered and the boiler stolen from within.

Theft offences are staying steady with a group targeting Sainsburys in Kenilworth for alcohol, also known offenders from Leamington are travelling over and they are being actively sought by Officers in SNT and the Theft/Loss team which has been formed recently, once found and arrested, remand in custody applications will be applied for.

Kenilworth Weekly Priorities totals

Week 26th February 2024 – 3rd March 2024

Priority	St Johns Ward	Abbey Ward	Park Hill	Totals
ASB				
Burglary Dwelling				
Burglary Bus/other	1 (could be false)			1
Damage				
Drugs – Crime				
Violence, include DA		1	1	2
Theft – Shop/person	8	1	1	10
Vehicle Crime		1		1
TOMV				
Hate crime				
Public Order				
Robbery				
Fraud				
Total	9	3	2	14

If the Thefts were taken out of the equation the crime figures would show a large reduction in Investigations recorded.

However, Kenilworth (along with other areas) was targeted last week by offenders from as far afield as Surrey/Kent areas. Committing offences in Town before moving to Leamington where 2 of the group were detained.

Officers from all SNT areas have been targeting the local area, looking for persons, wanted for the theft offences they are committing along with a specialist team that has been dedicated to finding the offenders.

Kenilworth Weekly Priorities totals

Week 4th March 2024 – 10th March 2024

Priority	St Johns Ward	Abbey Ward	Park Hill	Totals
ASB				
Burglary Dwelling			1	1
Burglary Bus/other		1		1
Damage				
Drugs – Crime				
Violence, include DA	3	3		6
Theft – Shop/person	6		2	8
Vehicle Crime		1		1
TOMV			1	1
Hate crime				
Public Order	1	2	1	4
Robbery				
Fraud				
Total	10	7	5	22

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On Thursday three males stole items from Talisman square, but with SNT officers and CCTV monitoring they were tracked down and after a short pursuit were arrested and remanded in custody.

PCSO Morgan assisted at Sainsburys where a male who had committed numerous thefts in the town was arrested for assault x2, public order, and x 3 thefts, he was Remanded to appear at Crown Court in April.

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Kenilworth Weekly Priorities totals

Week 11th March 2024 – 17th March 2024

Priority	St Johns Ward	Abbey Ward	Park Hill	Totals
ASB				
Burglary Dwelling		1		1
Burglary Bus/other		2		2
Damage				
Drugs – Crime				
Violence, include DA		4		4
Theft – Shop/person	1	1	1	3
Vehicle Crime				
TOMV				
Hate crime				
Public Order				
Robbery				
Fraud				
Total	1	8	1	10

Following our few weeks of targeting shoplifting gangs/individuals we had a successful week last week as only x1 theft reported in town in the week, this theft was a repeat offender, identified from Coventry who is being actively sought for x4 offences in the town centre.

Abbey Ward saw the most reported crime, however 4 of these investigation numbers were raised from one incident.

The Burglary dwelling was a car key Burglary in Burton Green, the vehicle was last seen on ANPR driving through Earlsdon. Enquiries are ongoing.

Kenilworth Weekly Priorities totals

Week 18th March 2024 – 24th March 2024

Priority	St Johns Ward	Abbey Ward	Park Hill	Totals
ASB				
Burglary Dwelling				
Burglary Bus/other				
Damage			1	1
Drugs – Crime				
Violence, include DA			1	1
Theft – Shop/person	6			6
Vehicle Crime			1	1
TOMV				
Hate crime				
Public Order	2		1	3
Robbery				
Fraud				
Total	8	0	4	12

Theft saw a spike in the town centre again, 3 of these offences were committed by one male who is known and is actively being sought. It is telling that for some of the week local officers were on Rest Days, therefore could not target offenders or be a visual deterrent.

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