

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
BRILLEY ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

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 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime.

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OR RING DIRECT ON 101. Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger

NEWS/APPEALS (Please note that the below is not every incident/crime reported for Kington Safer

Bogus traders issued seven year Criminal Behaviour Order for conspiracy to steal from vulnerable woman. Five men have been sentenced at Worcester Crown Court on Wednesday 31 August 2016 after a vulnerable woman paid thousands of pounds for odd jobs and gardening work on her home, which was never carried out.

The offence happened between 11 September 2013 and 17 January 2014 within the Kington area of Herefordshire, when the men repeatedly contacted the elderly vulnerable victim in her 80s. They told her that she owed them money for work carried out on her home. No work had ever taken place. She was made to meet them at various locations, as well as her home address, where she handed cash to them. In total she paid around £33,000.

A police investigation was launched and five men were arrested and charged in connection to the investigation. They appeared at Worcester Crown Court at earlier hearings where they entered guilty pleas to various charges. Joseph Carter, aged 29, formally of Addison Court, Hereford, will serve two years in prison having pleaded guilty to conspiracy to Steal. Steven Lock, aged 22 of Pembridge, Leominster was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, a supervision order for 12 months and 200 hours of unpaid work after entering a guilty plea to money laundering. Kieron Tisdale, aged 25 of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal. He was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, 100 hours of unpaid work and a supervision order for 12 months. Danny Warner, aged 46 of Cheaton Close, Leominster, Herefordshire was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, and 250 hours of unpaid work having entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to steal. Shane Warner, aged 23 of Buntingsdale Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, who had pleaded guilty to money laundering was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

Detective Sergeant Kirsty Smith of West Mercia Police said: "It is shameful that these men picked on a vulnerable member of our society and we are pleased that they have been put brought to justice. We are pleased that the courts also saw fit to issue these criminals with Criminal Behaviour Orders which we believe will further help protect our community."

At court yesterday all five men were issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), which will last for seven years. The CBO means the men must not:

- 1. Make unsolicited visits without prior permission from the occupier on any residential property anywhere in England or Wales, with a view to carrying out any business, or cause/allow persons to do so on your behalf.**
- 2. Accompany another person or persons on any unsolicited visits to any residential property with a view to conducting business.**
- 3. Be present on any residential premise where business activity is being or has been canvassed during an unsolicited visit by anyone for the purpose of requesting payment.**

DS Smith added; "It's sad but true that very often victims of crimes such as this don't report the incident to police or even tell their family and friends, this can be for various different reasons.

"As such it's imperative that we all look out for those vulnerable members of our communities and I'd urge family, friends and neighbours to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and immediately report any concerns to us. We would much rather be called to something that turned out to be a legitimate business call that to miss an opportunity to prevent someone from becoming a victim."

West Mercia Police offer the following advice on how to protect yourself and your loved ones from bogus traders:

- don't be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep
- get at least three quotes from local reputable companies who have reputations to maintain, and if possible seek recommendations
- only deal with firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses - beware of companies that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses
- anyone who signs a contract on the door step following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) does have 7 days in which to cancel it by law.

- all cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so
- if you don't want to speak to the trader don't open your door to them - it can be hard to distinguish the good traders from the cowboys so it might be easier to keep the door closed
- do not allow uninvited callers into your home
- refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police

More advice can be found on the West Mercia Police website.

NEWS/APPEALS

Kington: Ois reference: 0712S 300816

A vehicle parked and left unlocked in Church Street, Kington has had a wallet and an Ipad stolen from within. A timely reminder to us all, to never leave valuables on show in your vehicle and to lock all windows and doors.

Norton Canon: Ois reference: 0352S 030916

The location is a farmyard in a very rural location. It is situated on the opposite side of the road to the main house. This is where sometime between 20:00 hours on the 1st of September and 12:00 hours on the 3rd of September 2016, Person(s) unknown have opened the farm gate next to the main road, and a further two gates through the yard, and have stolen an Ifor Williams Horsebox stored on the yard, model number: HB506.

After Wednesday 31 August, we will stop sending out community alerts on this system. In its place will be the one delivery service, the **Community Messaging Service (CMS)**. This new service comes with lots of new and interactive features, and those signed up to the CMS will receive messages of their choosing direct via email. It's easy and straight forward to sign up and takes just a few minutes. Anyone can sign up, so click on one of the links to the [Warwickshire Police website](#) or the [West Mercia Police website](#) and register your details now! Remember; from the 31 August 2016 both the VC Relay and DOT Mailer services will no longer be receiving alerts, so get switched on to the CMS today!

- 6.1 Lengthsman work in August – Drainage work, removal of minor storm debris and litter and cleaning round traffic signs throughout parish.
- 6.2 Road and drainage defects reported to BB – Brunley Close now in appalling condition.
- 6.5 Parish website – Being built now information from groups/sections in. Aiming to have site built by end of September for checking by groups etc.
- 6.6 A planning application to regularise the use is being prepared. The use of the main elements of the site currently is due to stop on 15 September.
9. Under her contract, the Clerk moves one point up on the pay spine on achieving the CiLCA qualification – move to spinal column point 18, increase of just over 27p/hr.
General Power of Competence – adopting the GPC gives councils 'the power to do anything that individuals generally do' as long as they don't break other laws. It is the power of first resort, so the first question to ask when searching for a power to act under is can the GPC be used.
Criteria for eligibility – with 5 members of council, 4 Brilley councillors must be elected not co-opted at the meeting at which the council resolves to adopt the GPC, this is revisited at the annual meeting after the next election of council; the Clerk must be suitably qualified, CiLCA or higher.
Therefore Brilley PC cannot adopt the GPC at the present time, as only 3 councillors are currently elected rather than co-opted. This can be reconsidered after the next PC election.
13. Correspondence – received as follows:
 - From BB – July and September updates
 - From HALC – Information Corner x2
 - From HC – Latest funding updates
 - From Macmillan Cancer Research – Request for donation
 - From HC – Info on new electricity emergency number
 - From HC – Parish budget consultation info
 - From HC – Consultation on budget proposals
 - From parishioner – Thanks for support for planning application
 - From BB – Senior management changes
 - From HC – Planning seminar
 - From HC – Travellers sites drop-ins
 - From HC – Tree warden training