

Newsletter

**Bridgnorth Town & Rural East
Safer Neighbourhood Team
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RSPCA CARING FOR YOUR DOG DURING WARM WEATHER

Dogs lose heat through panting, can only sweat through their paws, and are at high risk of getting heatstroke. Follow our top tips to keep your dog cool in the heat.

- PROVIDE SHADE AND WATER**
 - Provide constant access to shaded areas inside and out.
 - Ensure there is always cold, clean, fresh water available.
- WALKIES**
 - Head out in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler.
 - Don't run or cycle with your dog when it's hot.
 - Avoid pavements. If the ground is too hot to touch with your hand for a few seconds, it's too hot for paws!
- KEEPING COOL**
 - Prevent sunburn by using pet-safe sunscreen on ear tips and nose.
 - Brush your dog regularly to keep their coat thin and free from mats or knots.
 - Use frozen toys, paddling pools or water sprinklers to entertain and cool your dog down.
- REMEMBER:**
 - Dogs can die in hot environments.** See: [rspca.org.uk/dogsinhotcars](https://www.rspca.org.uk/dogsinhotcars)
 - Never leave pets in vehicles, caravans, conservatories or outbuildings in warm weather.
- HEATSTROKE CAN KILL.** Know the signs of heatstroke and contact a vet immediately if you spot them: heavy panting, excessive drooling, lethargy, drowsiness, uncoordinated movements, a state of collapse and vomiting.

Summer Security

We are urging people to be particularly vigilant to burglaries as the warm weather arrives. During the summer months, doors and windows are often left open, making homes an easy target for thieves.

There are some simple but effective ways that you can protect your property:

- Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden.
- Keep garden gates locked when you are away from the property.
- Ensure that windows and external doors on the ground floor are locked at night, and all doors and windows are locked when you are out of the house. Even a small window could provide a burglar with an opportunity to reach through and open a larger window to gain access.
- Remember to close downstairs windows when leaving a room, to deter the opportunist thief.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as Smartwater. If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if recovered, stolen items can then be returned to their rightful owner.
- Look out for your neighbours' property if they are away for a few days.

For more information on how you can keep your home safe from burglars: www.westmercia.police.uk/Home-security

If you have information about a crime or anyone you suspect may be involved in criminality, then please let us know using the online 'Tell Us About' form on our website www.westmercia.police.uk

For more information please contact Bridgnorth SNT at bridgnorth.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Thank you for your help. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.

Car Thefts

We have had several reports of car thefts in the Bridgnorth and surrounding areas

Have you left your bag, phone or any other property on display?

- Please make sure your windows are closed and the doors are locked whenever you leave your vehicle. Never leave any items on display

Dates for your Diary

Pact Surgery—Bridgnorth Library Aug 2nd 14:30hrs-15:30hrs
Burwarton Show— Aug 4th All Day

Summer WATER SAFETY

When Summer hits it can be tempting to look for the nearest place to cool off. Here are our top tips if you plan on going for a paddle:

- LOOK OUT FOR LIFEGUARDS
- IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS
- DON'T GO TOO FAR
- IT'S STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS
- BRING A FRIEND

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