

Constable's COUNTY



AN UPDATE ON POLICING
FROM THE EAST, WEST AND
SOUTH OF THE COUNTY

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CONSTABULARY



Suffolk Police and
Crime Commissioner

Making Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest

INTRODUCTION

We are living in unprecedented times. The uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus has swept across the world and here in Suffolk it's impacting on every single one of us in one way or another.

The Prime Minister's instructions asking us to self-isolate and stay at home whenever possible must be heeded by all of us. By working together, we will defeat this infection, help the NHS and save lives. There is no alternative.

I have a regular updates from the Chief Constable and we are committed to doing everything possible to ensure Suffolk police officers are able to continue providing the level of service the public would expect during the Coronavirus outbreak. He has the unenviable task of ensuring plans are in place to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on his staff, whilst working with emergency service partners and other agencies to keep communities in Suffolk safe.

For me personally the virus has meant the postponement of the PCC election until 2021. This was as much of a shock to me as it was to everyone else, I thought it might be put off until the autumn but had no inkling that Government would stretch the postponement so far. Obviously, I am very pleased to be able to carry on; there is a lot to do and I am pleased to be guaranteed another year in this role.

It is particularly pleasing for me to know I'll be involved in the implementation of the plans made possible by the most recent

precept increase. The increase, which equates to £10 a year for a Band D property, will see 20 extra police officers across the county in areas such as serious crime disruption, roads policing and rural crime. This is in addition to the 54 new officers which will be added to the establishment by March 2021 from the government uplift.

This financial year's precept funding will take effect this month and plans are in place to improve the standards of police investigations; enhance the Constabulary's capacity and capability to tackle serious and organised crime, county lines and knife crime; make Suffolk's roads safer and help prevent crime happening in the first place.

Seven of these additional officers will form a new, pro-active neighbourhood policing team, which will be deployable to any part of the county to deal with operational challenges. This team will comprise uniformed officers tasked to deal with violent crime, burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and drugs. The remaining 13 officers will be deployed in an additional serious crime disruption team, as well as the rural policing team, the outcome resolution team, a new domestic abuse perpetrator scheme and a new commercial vehicle enforcement unit.

The precept, which will contribute to increasing the policing budget by £9.6m to £143.82m, will also fund six civilian investigators to support the Sentinel teams introduced last year and the serious crime



disruption team and ten police staff working in areas including modern slavery, domestic abuse and digital support.

Last year's policing precept has been very wisely used and the increased focus on organised crime groups and county lines has produced some stellar results.

There is a page on my website which sets out exactly how last year's precept was allocated and the impact that it has had and we will be doing the same this year to show you exactly how your money will be spent and the impact it will have.

I hope all of you keep safe and well during these uncertain and difficult times.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**

These are unprecedented and difficult times all over the world, but I want you to be reassured that Suffolk Constabulary is making every effort to keep our colleagues and the public safe.

We are following all advice of the Government and Public Health England in the response to the Coronavirus and working with our partners at a local level to plan and respond to issues raised by COVID-19.

Suffolk Constabulary is there to protect and support our local communities. We want to work with you to ensure we protect you and our NHS. We will do everything we can to be there to support you when you need us. We will get through this together but please help us to help you by following government advice to save lives and protect the NHS.

I am immensely proud to lead Suffolk Constabulary. My staff have stepped up and are making a heroic effort and working tirelessly to deliver the most effective police service possible at a time when they too are worried about their health and the health of their families.

I know that, like me, many of you will appreciate their professionalism and commitment and we all appreciate your support.

This edition of Constables County contains many articles about how Suffolk Constabulary is developing and improving.

As Chief Constable I am committed to providing you with a police service that you feel is outstanding and I will soon be publishing a three year strategic plan that sets out the direction I am taking the force in the next three years in line with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan.

I hope you find this edition both interesting and uplifting and that, like me, you are confident about the future of the force when we have come through these challenging times.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**



EAST

Area Commander



Superintendent Paul Sharp

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Lowestoft SNT

Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay

We would like to say a cheery welcome to Nick Aitken who has recently taken over from Liz Casey as our new Locality Inspector, and would like to wish Inspector Casey all the best in her new role supporting the Neighbourhood Response Teams.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working with the Neighbourhood Response Team and the Community Engagement Officers to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in some areas of Bungay, Beccles and Lowestoft which has had very positive feedback from the community. Don't forget to say hello if you see us out and about on patrol with a 'spring' in our step. You can report ASB and other crimes via our Suffolk Police website under the 'report something' button.

With Easter just around the corner, and with pockets of flowers popping up in our area, I know that some will take the opportunity to do a bit of "spring cleaning" in and around your homes. As you do, just spare a thought for security.

So, as you are cleaning the windows just check the window locks are working and that you don't leave the keys in them, don't leave windows and doors open/unlocked unless you can see them from where you are. As you are dusting the cobwebs, check any alarms, CCTV and security lighting you have and check it's working well.

Whilst you are hiding the Easter eggs, check your boundary fences, hedges and gates to make sure they are secure. If the weather isn't the best then whilst you're hiding your Easter goodies inside, check where you keep your important documents and jewellery, try to put them in a place that is secure and not easily accessible.

Lastly, great work from Op Sentinel East officers who have had some positive results since they started last November, especially in March where they arrested a man for driving offences, drug driving and being concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs in Lowestoft. Watch out, Sentinel are about.



Inspector Nick Aitken



Engagement Officer PC Amy Yeldham

Halesworth SNT



Inspector Mark Jackson



Engagement Officer PC Simon Green

Halesworth, Leiston and Eye

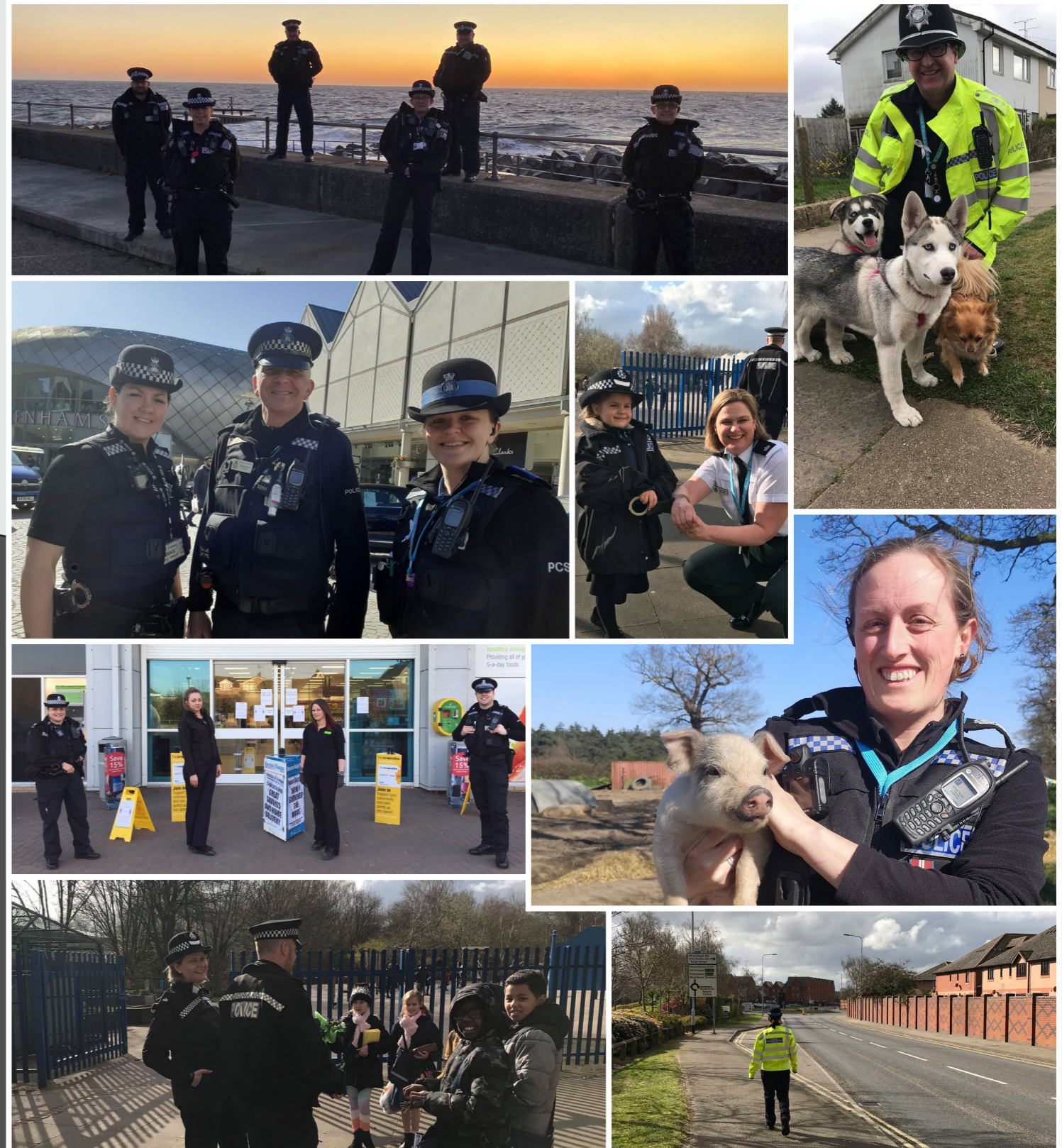
On the 14th of February, we warned motorists to be aware of a series of thefts of catalytic converters which had been occurring in the county, with 35 offences recorded in just four weeks. Our police volunteers, the Four Towns Crime Prevention Team, hope to attend many local events this year and offer an easy to use security marking kit which permanently etches a unique ID No. on the surface of the CAT to deter thieves. These will be available at just £5. With a replacement CAT costing potentially £1,000s, it's a worthwhile investment.

In response to an often-repeated request to see police on foot patrol, officers from Halesworth have been out on foot in our towns recently with some good results. Both Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) & Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) officers have stop checked people in Saxmundham and made arrests after finding them in possession of controlled drugs. An NRT officer, assisted by a special constable, issued a street warning to a male they found in possession of cannabis in Framlingham. Reassurance foot patrols have also been conducted by Community Engagement Officers (CEOs) from Halesworth & Lowestoft in Eye & Framlingham, with the SNT Inspector joining the Halesworth CEO on foot in Saxmundham & Leiston. These patrols will continue, with all towns in the Halesworth locality to be included.

Most recently, we have issued warnings to be aware of the latest phishing email scam, preying on people's fears about Coronavirus. If you receive an unexpected email trying to sell face masks or claiming you owe money for such a purchase, do not open the email or click anywhere in it. These are scams which, once opened, install malware on your device to acquire sensitive details such as bank account log-ins. If you do lose money to these scams or any scam, inform Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

IMAGES TAKEN FROM SUFFOLK POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



SOUTH

Area Commander



Superintendent
Kerry Cutler

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Ipswich West & Hadleigh

On the West SNT, our officers have been focusing on our main policing priority which is targeting anti-social behaviour in the west of Ipswich. We have been achieving this by conducting high visibility reassurance patrols at key 'hotspot' areas. At a recent public engagement in Old Stoke, local residents reported that they had seen a noticeable decrease in ASB in the area. We have also seen a decrease in the number of calls to us when compared to the same time period last year. With the warmer weather approaching, tackling low level crime and disorder remains a priority and I would urge local residents to report ongoing concerns to us using our website under the 'Report Something' tab. Advice on what to do if you are experiencing ASB can be found on our website under the crime reduction section 'First Principle'.

Our second priority remains the safeguarding of vulnerable people in our community who may be at risk of being exploited by offenders involved in the supply and use of controlled drugs. This practice is referred to as 'cuckooing'. We are achieving this by proactively visiting addresses where this is suspected to be taking place and identifying people who may be vulnerable or at risk of being exploited in this way. In relation to this, we are also working closely with our partners from the community safety and housing teams at Ipswich Borough Council in disrupting this activity. If you have any concerns about local residents who may be at risk of any form of exploitation, please contact us again through our website or you can report anonymously to our partners at 'Crimestoppers'.

From an engagement perspective our community engagement and support officers were active visiting schools and local events.

I have been involved with a large scale meeting about ASB in the Church Porch at St Mary's, Hadleigh. The meeting was very well attended and supported by local organisations/clubs and people. There were lots of very positive comments about moving forward. ASB in Hadleigh is still a priority and is likely to remain.

There have been a number of shed/garage and outbuilding break-ins in the area over the last month which has shown a spike in this crime in the area. Crime reduction advice has been passed out through Police Connect and through Twitter. This is also part of the priorities at Hadleigh.

From an engagement perspective I have attended schools and events such as Café Church and confidence café to talk about personal safety and scams and also attended Paddy and Scotts where we met lots of people in a great environment. This was very useful, promoting Police Connect and our further availability for events.

Ipswich West SNT



Inspector
Kirsty Graefe



Engagement Officer
PC Mike Small



Engagement Officer
PC Sarah George

Ipswich Central

Spring is finally starting to break but despite the all rain we had back in February, the clouds broke kindly for the Maple Park Sports activity week organised by partners, IBC, along with our participation. PD Morse joined in the fun but preferred the play park to the football pitch after he was banned after he kept picking up the ball and running off with it! There were coaches from Ipswich Town Community Trust, organising games and skills on three of the days with the local children.

Midweek saw some gym park sessions to use the new gym equipment and coaching was available. Suffolk Positive Futures also attended for some boxing coaching which was a knockout with the kids, followed by some more football skills and team building. This group is supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner and creates a safe environment for children to participate in activities provided free across Suffolk.

Sidegate Primary School and St Margaret's Primary, both in Ipswich, invited Suffolk Police to do an input on 'people who help us'. The children demonstrated a really good knowledge of what we do and how we help people every day. Despite the snow flurry during the Sidegate Primary visit the children ignored the weather to look around a police car and talk about some the different equipment we use to keep safe and help people.

Once the weather improved and more people began getting out on their bikes we held a cycle surgery, kindly hosted by Taz of Spokeworx in Ipswich. This encourages people to sign up to Immobilise to register their bikes or any other property they want, to the service. Immobilise is a free service which holds a UK national property register holding over 28 million items of property. This information is available to UK police forces through online systems and assists in returning recovered property to the registered owner via contact from Immobilise or police. Combat2Coffee have recently set up in the Spokeworx shop. The business was set up by Nigel Seaman a former Armed forces veteran, who formed Combat2Coffee following his PTSD diagnosis and now runs it as a support outlet for Armed Forces Veterans struggling with life outside of service.

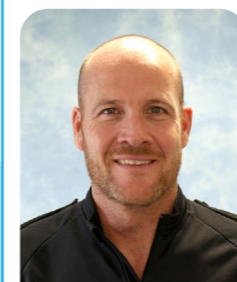
As part of the anti hate crime initiative we were invited to the Bangladeshi Support Centre multicultural services meeting where dozens of taxi drivers in the area, from all different backgrounds, were invited to attend. The session involved listening to what they had experienced in the work place and how best to improve their safety and security. They were also advised on what constitutes a hate crime, as well as how and where to report it. It was important to let them know we appreciate the job they do, working late at night on weekends, providing safe passage home for late night revellers, helping reduce public order and ASB by clearing the crowds quickly in the early hours.

Suffolk New college hosted the "IT'S NOT OK" campaign against sexual and violent abuse. The campaign was supported by various organisations and charities, including The Ferns, Restitute (who support third party victims of violent or sexual abuse), Volunteering Matters and Fresh Start New Beginnings that provides a therapeutic service for victims of child sexual abuse. It was encouraging to hear the work that goes on for victims and third party victims, long after police investigations have come to a close.

Ipswich Central SNT



Inspector
Vicky McParland



Engagement Officer
PC Dominic Woodmansee

Ipswich East

Police community engagements and events in Felixstowe and Woodbridge continued into Spring. Following the Cycle Marking events in the towns I took my UV pen into local schools where I reminded students about crime prevention.

In Felixstowe I visited the Salvation Army Youth Club and the Guides at Christ Church Grange Farm Avenue to speak about my role and provided information on how to stay safe.

I attended the quarterly Felixstowe Night Safe meeting which are held by licensees and attended by other agencies in order to keep Felixstowe night time economy safe.

On Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 12.20pm I went on Felixstowe Radio for my monthly policing update.

In Woodbridge I have attended Barnabas Nursery where the children had great fun trying on police hats and exploring a marked police vehicle with the blue lights on.

I have committed to attending Meet Up Mondays on the Deben Peninsula and spent time in Otley at the monthly community lunch where I provided crime prevention advice.

It has been a busy few weeks in the north east of Ipswich. "Mark it at the Market" was a successful bike marking event held at Kesgrave community market, where we saw a great turn out despite the windy weather and got a good number of bikes security marked, giving crime prevention advice along the way. Later in February the SNT worked together with Suffolk County Council (housing and community engagement) and community youth workers providing a police surgery "Brew with a Bobby" at Gainsborough Library. Further bikes were marked and local youths took advice on how to ride responsibly in their community.

We had a lovely welcome from the 31st/9th Ipswich Scout Group who were just one of the groups I met and discussed the importance of online and personal safety. More recent crime prevention and awareness engagements have been discussing knife crime.

Ipswich East SNT



Inspector
Sally Henderson



Engagement Officer
PC Rachael Partridge



Engagement Officer
PC Hannah Creasey

WEST

Area Commander



Superintendent
Kim Warner

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Mildenhall SNT

Mildenhall

In February 2020 we told you about what we have been doing with the anti-social behaviour in Mildenhall. I'm pleased to say we have seen a reduction in reported cases of ASB. We have spoken with a number of youths who we were able to identify. We continue to work with our partners around a youth provision in Mildenhall.

Mildenhall cadet's recruitment went well and we are now waiting on some new cadets to join our team.

Newmarket SNT have been assisting colleagues with trying to identify vulnerable people who may be at risk from modern day slavery and sexual exploitation. They are working with partner agencies to ensure support is given to anyone identified as being at risk.

The Sgt has also been working with licensing to look at drinking in public spaces in Brandon and Newmarket, identifying the issues and how we can resolve them. Following a spate of thefts from motor vehicle in the Forest Heath area, Mildenhall officers have been working with USAF. PCSO POWELL has been on base at RAF Lakenheath to give crime prevention advice to visiting service personnel. Our First principle crime reduction library was the perfect tool to provided information and advice to the audience, who were thankful for the input. You can access our first principle library here - www.suffolk.police.uk/1stprinciple

We also welcome a new team member this month. PCSO 3358 Bradley Rackham joins us in the Newmarket match-funded role. He is replacing PCSO 3349 Rachel Darvill, who is moving on to another role within the team. Bradley has made an excellent start to independent patrol and you can meet him in and around Newmarket town centre.



Inspector
Mark Shipton



Engagement Officer
PC Helen Self

Bury St Edmunds

Bury St Edmunds remains a thoroughly enjoyable place to work, and I take great pride in the service that I deliver, along with my officers. To listen to the needs of our communities and respond knowing we are solving long standing issues makes my job extremely rewarding.

I have reported frequently on the work that my officers and our close partner agencies have put into reducing the crime, concern and anti-social behaviour caused by a select number of street drinkers and aggressive beggars in the town. We take a multi-agency approach in tackling this issue through robust enforcement, support services and housing in an effort to help those that are extremely vulnerable, but at the same time target those that prey on the good nature of our communities for no other reason but for financial gain.

Through this sustained effort, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of those sleeping rough on our streets (the official council figures show there are only three now, all outside of the town centre) as well as a reduction in the concerns raised by our business and shopping communities.

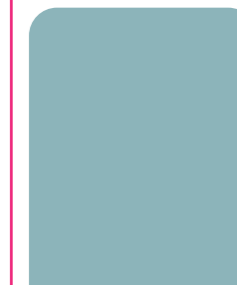
We continue to work hard with the strong support of the council, the Business Improvement District, Turning Point and local charitable organisations to ensure that we don't begin to see an increase in concerns as the warmer weather approaches.

I am also pleased to confirm the recruitment process for our new Bury St Edmunds Community Engagement Officer is underway and we hope to have the new person in post before the next edition of this magazine when we will be pleased to introduce them to you.

Bury St Edmunds SNT



Inspector
Matt Paisley



Engagement Officer
currently vacant

Sudbury & Haverhill SNT



Inspector
Kevin Horton



Engagement Officer
PC Jon Gerrish

Sudbury & Haverhill

February saw a change in the leadership for our sector. Insp Cooper has moved to the control room. He has been replaced by Inspector Kevin Horton. Inspector Horton has more than 25 years experience with Suffolk Constabulary, including time on response and both as a PC and Sgt on the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. He has previously been stationed at Sudbury, so has a good knowledge of the sector.

Suffolk County Council is transferring parking enforcement responsibility to local district and borough councils under a process known as civil parking enforcement, or CPE. The constabulary is supportive of the move because the transfer of responsibilities will enable them to spend additional time on keeping communities safe and arresting and bringing offenders to justice.

We have seen an increase in fraud incidents over the last month. These have included telephone scams and "Rogue Traders". Advice on this subject can be found through First Principle on our website.

Both the Response and Safer Neighbour Teams have continued to conduct foot patrols in areas where ASB has been identified by the community. These continue to be productive with stop searches and arrests, as well as reassuring the local community. Unfortunately, due to the present situation with the Coronavirus, several of the events I was planning to attend have been cancelled or postponed. I will continue conduct foot patrols in my town and villages.

Stowmarket SNT



Inspector
Shawn Wakeling



Engagement Officer
PC Stefan Henriksen

Stowmarket

Stowmarket SNT continues to focus on raising awareness of burglaries happening across the area. We carry out high visibility patrols (and plain clothes) in those areas most affected and we are working on the information we already have. With the support of the parish council and community centre, we held a 'street meet' in Rickinghall, focussing on rural crime, and the Rural Crime Team, local Neighbourhood Watch and the 'Four Towns' crime prevention team came along to help.

The regular 'street meet' in Stowmarket also gives the opportunity to discuss any issues and talk about crime prevention.

Our great group of Stowmarket cadets continues to grow, with six more potential cadets awaiting clearance this will bring us to 30. They usually meet once a week, get involved in the community, and along with learning about police work, they get to enjoy lots of games, days out (including taking part in the Bury St Edmunds soap box race) and even head off to camp once a year.

Our community engagements last month were many and varied. We were at a careers fair at Thurston College, we have given talks on fraud and scams to different groups, met up with the Beavers at Mendlesham and I even attended a model train fair in Needham Market, to meet people and also show pictures of a rare train that has been stolen.

CORONAVIRUS

WASH YOUR HANDS MORE OFTEN FOR 20 SECONDS

Use soap and water or a
hand sanitiser when you:

Get home or into work

Blow your nose, sneeze or cough

Eat or handle food

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**PROTECT
YOURSELF
& OTHERS**

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Coronavirus

Isolate your household Stay at home

If you or anyone in your household has a
high temperature or a new and continuous
cough – even if it's mild

- ✓ Everyone in your household must **stay at home** for 14 days and keep away from others.
- ✗ **DO NOT** go to your GP, hospital or pharmacy.
- ✓ **Go to NHS.UK** to check your symptoms and follow the specialist medical advice. Only call NHS 111 if you can't get online or your symptoms worsen.
- ✓ **Protect** older people and those with existing health conditions by avoiding contact.

Find out how to isolate your household
at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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