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INTRODUCTION

I was delighted to be able to host our first Suffolk Constabulary Awards Ceremonies in over two years at the beginning of this month. We finally managed to get together to recognise long service and acts of bravery after the pandemic. Given the backlog of award recipients we had two events on consecutive evenings at Wherstead Park in Ipswich where the East of England Co-Op kindly sponsored part of the events. It was fantastic to be joined by the High Sheriff of Suffolk Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton and the Vice Lord Lieutenant Robert Rous, who, along with the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, assisted in handing out a number of awards.

Long Service Awards are presented to police officers and police staff who have completed 20 years' service, to members of the Special Constabulary who have completed 9 years and each succeeding ten years' of service, and to police volunteers on completion of 10 years. This is dedicated and loyal commitment, and would not be possible without the tremendous support of staff's families, partners, and friends. In presenting the awards we recognised the contribution made by them all.

I also presented a number of other awards including some national Police Bravery Awards, and a number of Royal Humane Society awards, which are also national awards recognising acts of bravery in the saving of human life. A number of these were given out to officers who had attended attempted suicides at the Orwell Bridge and, often accompanied by members of the public, managed to restrain the

individuals thus assisting in saving lives. Judges' Commendations were also given out – these are presented following advice and commendation from the Judiciary. I also had the great pleasure in handing out Chief Constable Certificates of Merit and Commendation which are awarded to police officers, police staff and Special Constabulary officers for excellence in performance and consistent high-quality service or professional conduct. This included awards for officers and staff for their professionalism during the C19 Pandemic and for going above and beyond their daily role. They were part of the Operation Response team, which was the management of the impact of Covid-19 across Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies. The effect of the pandemic was unprecedented in so many ways and it had significant and far-reaching consequences for the policing of our communities. Colleagues worked on Operation Response ensuring the Constabulary adapted quickly, effectively, and safely to the very different conditions brought about by the virus.

Both evenings were an immense success and I was really proud to be part of such lovely celebrations.

The end of COVID lockdown has been a welcome boost for business and pleasure pursuits alike, but it is noticeable that it has also resulted in a return to more typical volumes of traffic on Suffolk's roads. In general the vast majority of Suffolk road users are sensible and keep within the law, but disappointingly many do not and my teams are seeing this on a daily basis, either through prosecuting poor driver behaviour or



tragically when attending the scenes of serious road traffic collisions. It is with sadness that I report that Suffolk has seen an end to the fall in fatal and serious road collisions seen over the past 2 - 3 years, with numbers returning to those seen pre-pandemic, and of course every fatal or serious life changing collision is one too many, with horrific repercussions for the families. Most disappointing is that the most common contributory factors continue to be speeding, use of mobile phones, drink/drug driving and failing to wear a seatbelt – the fatal four. The Suffolk RAPT (Roads and Armed Police Teams) will continue to be out in force over the summer months, supporting local community speed watch and our camera safety teams in reminding road users what safe road users looks like, and for those that continue to put lives at risk – we will take positive action! Please keep yourselves, your families and other road users safe.

Chief Constable Steve Jupp

One thing I have learned since becoming Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner is that events are extremely unpredictable. Who would ever have thought there would be a global pandemic, let alone one that lasted for two years? Or we would be witnessing the totally barbaric Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

We will all have examples of such unexpected situations including the significant rise in the cost of living, which affects us all, organisations and individual alike.

During such turbulent times it is more important than ever our police force is as efficient and effective as possible which means good public accessibility and communication. At the same time the police must continue to have the capability to respond to emergencies and maintain high levels of public confidence. This is often a challenging balancing act, but I believe listening and explaining to local people what is happening is vital.

I am delighted our face-to-face public engagement has resumed now the pandemic is receding. I have formal meetings planned for the autumn and I have also been out and about with local officers on 'Street Meets' with many more to come during the rest of the year. Representing the public interest is fundamental to my role so it is important I hear what you think.

These various forums provide a great opportunity to meet and engage with you and hear your concerns and ideas. Over the past six months I have attended events in Pakefield,

Southwold, Mildenhall and Bungay and the Hadleigh Show, and I'll be at the Suffolk Show. It's so good life is returning to normal.

Twice a year the Chief Constable and I hold an online webchat. All the comments are considered and used to shape operational and other policies or initiatives. Our recent session attracted a wide range of questions and perhaps was the most useful online webchat we have hosted. We're planning a virtual meeting via Teams later in the autumn too.

I try to ensure there is variety of methods available for engagement – individual letters and emails to the office are always welcome. We register around 90 letters/emails each month, this provides a good barometer for what concerns residents and business.

If you have any questions or comments you'd like to share with me please keep an eye on the PCC website for details of public engagement in your area or drop me an email or letter, your views are always welcome as this really helps shape the direction of policing throughout Suffolk.

Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore



Suffolk Show Meet & Greet

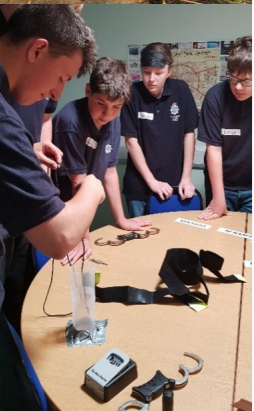
You can meet the Chief Constable Steve Jupp, Assistant Chief Constable Rob Jones and Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore at the police marquee from 11am - 12pm on both days.

There is also another chance to meet the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner from 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the police marquee on both days.



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EAST

EAST
Area Commander
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BECCLES & BUNGAY

PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer



As we gear up for summer, we can be sure that we will have many 'staycationers' to our fair Suffolk Broads. We ask that those who have marine equipment take precautions, firstly to make sure it is safe to use and, secondly, that whatever you have is secured after use. The Broads Authority and Broadsbeat patrol officers will be on both the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads throughout the summer to ensure everything remains safe. I and your other local officers have already been out on the banks, launch spots and moorings in and around Beccles and Bungay, chatting with boat owners about security and general safety.

or purse unattended whilst shopping, keep bags zipped up and closed when you are not needing to get anything out of them and keep them close by to your body where possible. Thieves can also take money from your cards in a contactless way, so you can prevent this by using RFID pouches, purses, wallets and cards – these devices will block the signal of someone trying to access your contactless card. Remember, you can ask the bank to issue you with a non-contactless card if you want it. For more information on personal safety, you can go to our advice section on our [website](#) and look for the A-Z First Principle crime prevention.

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Our Kestrel team for the east of the county have been out on patrol during business opening hours in the town centre offering crime prevention advice and giving out purse chains, also known as 'twangers' which are a fantastic purse theft prevention device. Look out for us at our next 'street meet' as we always have some with us. Sgt Kelvin Wenden who leads the Kestrel team also met a couple of locals in Beccles who were more than happy to demonstrate the 'twangers' to great effect!



Inspector
Mark Jackson

I recently took a stroll out with PC James King, the beat manager from Norfolk Police for Ditchingham and Gillingham, on both sides of the river in Beccles and Bungay to speak with residents about any issues they have had. Our schools liaison officer PCSO Justin Winn and I have been working with the RNLI to deliver practical water safety information to schools across our eastern area. We will continue to patrol mooring and launch areas including Beccles Quay and The Staithe in Bungay throughout the summer. Please stay safe and be water aware this summer.



PC Chris Belcher the Children and young people officer, PCSO Justin Winn the school liaison officer and Sgt Rob Meen, part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, all attended our second primary school to join in with the mini police programme. This time it was Albert Pye Primary School in Beccles. Week one lesson was all about anti-social behaviour and everyone got involved and clearly enjoyed the lessons and they have many more exciting instalments planned!

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay locality.

Working together with others is very important to us, and recently I have had the pleasure of working in partnership with Access Community Trust young people services and Thirst Youth Hub with a view to helping to highlight the work that they do to support young people in our area now and in the future. We have had a couple of reports recently of purse thefts in both Beccles and Bungay and so I take this opportunity to remind you to not carry large sums of cash in your purse or wallet. Also, don't leave your wallet

Until next time!
PC Amy Yeldham - Beccles and Bungay Engagement officer



EAST



LOWESTOFT

PC Chris Pallett, Community Engagement Officer

As summer fast approaches our diary is filling up with exciting engagement events which are taking place over the next few months.

I already have several fetes to attend for the upcoming Jubilee, the first one being at Carlton Colville on Thursday 2 June 12pm – 5pm.

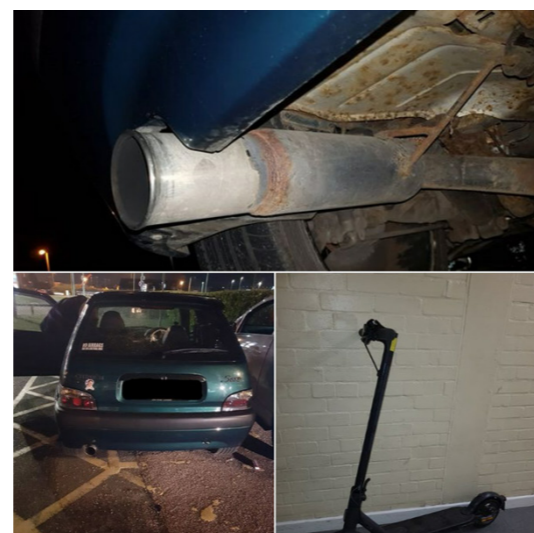


April also saw the start of the national mini police programme in the east with the first session at Poplar's Primary School. PC Chris Belcher and PCSO Justin Winn attended to start week one of the event which is a seven-week programme. Albert Pye Primary in Beccles is also taking part. Week one's lesson focussed on anti-social behaviour with future lessons focussed on bullying, drugs, hate crime and road safety. We have already had some positive feedback in relation to the lessons and other schools have shown an interest in participating.



Our work to tackle motor vehicles causing anti-social behaviour in the town is continuing. Recently, a driver was issued with a section 59 notice regarding his

manner of driving at North Quay Retail Park. The vehicle was then seen in the same circumstances despite being previously warned. Consequently, the vehicle was seized for this this and a defective exhaust. The same evening an e-scooter was seen on the A47, Yarmouth Road with two riders, at night with no lights! The scooter was seized and the riders dealt with for traffic offences. Additionally, the rider of a motorcycle, previously issued with a section 59 warning for driving in an anti-social manner and excessively loud exhaust was spotted again by several people being driven in the same way and causing a nuisance. The vehicle was subsequently stopped again and this time seized for failing to comply with the original section 59 warning.



Finally, April has seen the promotion of our PEQF recruitment process at Lowestoft 6th form College to provide further information regarding a future career in Suffolk police. The event was attended by numerous students at the college who asked a variety of questions in relation to policing and the skills need to become a police officer.

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Inspector
Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay locality.



HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

April and May see our town & parish councils organising their annual general or annual town/parish meetings.

Many ask for a police report for the preceding twelve months, which I'm happy to provide. These reports are useful not only for the council they pertain to, but to us as local police because they help us to see the picture of crime trends around the Halesworth locality.

2020 and, to a degree, 2021 saw a reduction in reported crime nationally and Suffolk was no exception. Lockdowns and Covid restrictions meant many people chose or had to stay at home and travel was limited. Criminals of course didn't want to catch Covid either, so also chose to lay low. Crimes which still occurred, were, in some cases, different to the types we would normally expect to see in the Halesworth locality. For example, burglaries were down in number because most people were at home. We saw an increase though in robberies, with local convenience stores targeted.

This year's reports (for the preceding twelve months, May 2021 to May 2022) show a mixed picture across the Halesworth locality, with some towns and parishes following the expected trend of increased reported crime, others bucking the trend and seeing a drop. There seems to be no pattern for this. Some of the largest increases have been in some of our most rural and isolated parishes. One parish saw an increase compared to 2020/21 of 200%, although this was only from two crimes in 2020/21 to six in 2021/22. Some of our towns have seen a reduction from 2020/21, with less crime reported than during the lockdown period.

The advent of longer days & lighter evenings heralds an increase in anti-social behaviour. 2022 seems (so far) to be reflecting that trend, with more ASB being reported anecdotally.

In response, officers & PCSOs are conducting targeted foot patrols in the areas affected as both reassurance & deterrent. We've been featuring these patrols on the Halesworth Police Facebook page [here](#) and have shown by the inclusion of a map image, the routes

taken on foot by PC Jon Sturdy of Eye SNT who's been on foot in Eye & Framlingham, with the latter suffering damage to the public toilets at Pageant Field & Crown & Anchor Lane.



Framlingham PCSO Christian Hassler has also been out on foot in the town, as has as our east Kestrel team.

It helps greatly if ASB, when witnessed occurring, is reported immediately on 999. If you're unsure what ASB actually is, follow this link to the First Principle crime reduction page from the Suffolk Constabulary [website](#).

Although some types of ASB are dealt with by local authorities, witnessing it happening will always be a 999 call. To report ASB to East Suffolk and Babergh/ Mid-Suffolk Councils, follow these links > [ESC - ASB Reporting](#) [Babergh / Mid-Suffolk - ASB Reporting](#)



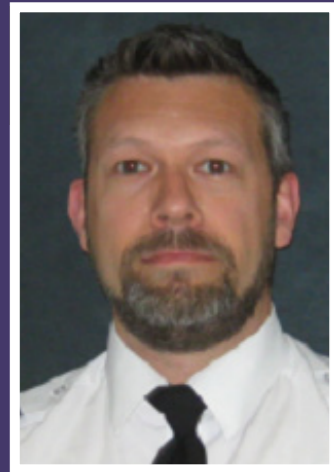
BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector
Andy Beeby

Inspector Andy Beeby is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Bury St Edmunds locality.



In April we delivered the first of our fraud awareness inputs to year 12 & 13 pupils at County Upper school in Bury St Edmunds. This is a joint initiative with HSBC Bank to equip young people moving into the world of work with the knowledge to recognise the many types of fraud and hopefully prevent them and their friends becoming victims. The awareness training will be rolled out to year 12 & 13 pupils in the west Suffolk area, including West Suffolk College.



Bury Safer Neighbourhood Team officers, supported by our Kestrel proactive team, have carried out a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at an address on Marham Park in Bury St Edmunds. Two males were arrested, one at the address and the second located later. Drugs and weapons were located and seized

at the address after an extensive search. The two suspects have been interviewed and released under investigation pending the outcome of enquiries. The application for the warrant was supported by community intelligence. So remember, tell us of any suspicious activity and we will follow it up and we will continue to work with and support the public to target people that deal drugs and carry weapons in our communities.

SNT staff have been working with Suffolk County Council's active travel officer on a cycle-focussed event day on April 30 hosted at Sybil Andrews Academy. The day was aimed at the residents of the Lark Range residential area, but was open to all. Myself and PC Romina Martinez- Burroughs provided cycle marking and crime prevention advice to visitors to our stand.



Finally, I have been working with our modern day slavery advisor, John French, to deliver modern slavery advice and guidance to hospital staff and security staff to help them spot the signs of people who they suspect may be or who are being exploited.



MILDENHALL

PC Helen Self, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector
Connor Lyon

Inspector Connor Lyon is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon locality.

We had a visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, in Mildenhall in April. He came to Mildenhall Market and spoke to several residents who expressed their concerns regarding speeding through the villages, anti-social behaviour in Mildenhall as well as a few other concerns they had.



Last month we spoke about Community Speed Watch (CSW) being set up in some of the villages. If you think your village or town would benefit from some speed enforcement then please see the link [Community Speed Watch | Suffolk Constabulary](#) for some advice about how to get started.

Anti-social behaviour in Mildenhall has started to improve with two main suspects being charged to court and remaining on bail conditions. Officers have worked hard getting the suspects through the step-by-step process that the criminal justice requires when dealing with juveniles.

We had a busy time during the Guineas weekend, with the weather kind and remained dry and sunny with loads of people attending the races and then came into Newmarket in the evening. I would like to take this time to remind everyone about drinking responsibly, making sure you keep an eye on yours and your friends' drinks, as you never know who's watching you. Also, many people turned 18 during the pandemic and are now only experiencing going out

and having fun. Please, have fun but watch out for each other and be safe.



PCSO Bill Butcher and PC Helen Self had a street meet at 'The Stable' in Newmarket offering crime prevention advice and speaking to people who came in for a cuppa. Our police cadets had a visit from SALSAR and they took time to come out and educate our Cadets on the fantastic work you do. Thank you.

Lastly, whilst travelling back to the station from custody in Bury St Edmunds, my police colleagues came across a fire at a residential dwelling in Hengrave. The managed to evacuate all of the residents and no one was hurt.



WEST



SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

A massive welcome back to Insp. Matt Paisley this month. Call me old fashioned but I got in a cheeky "all present and correct, sir!". Sgt Victoria Birrell arrives as our new SNT supervisor this month. Until recently Vicky has been a response skipper in Haverhill. Another notable arrival are the six legs provided by new Police Support Volunteer (PSV) Sarah Richards and her Redwings rescue horse, Vincent. They'll be volunteering their time in the villages north of Sudbury. Vincent took a shine to the marked 4x4 police car, as he had a little nibble on the offside wing mirror. We also welcome new Sudbury Police Cadets Skye, Nathan and Joshua. New arrivals are often counter balanced by departures. We'll soon be bidding a sad farewell to both PSV Jemma Slade and Special Owen Turner but I'm thrilled to share that they'll both be starting as Constables with Suffolk Constabulary on our new graduate entry programme in June. We're all very proud of you.

whilst having a good natter, only stopping for a nice brew. These are but two of the fantastic local groups that bring people together and combat loneliness which I recently learnt is thought to be one of the top non-clinical contributors to our ultimate downfalls if we let it.

Another of our awesome Community Speed Watch groups have emerged from a lengthy covid hiatus and I look forward to meeting up with them on watch in Brettenham real soon. Disappointingly though, it's come to my attention that a very small number of motorists have taken to challenging the legitimacy and good nature of one or two of our other CSW groups. I want to assure you all, that the groups are not allowed to meet and collect data unless we, the police, have safety checked and sanctioned their approved sites. In a bid to combat this, I've recently blended in with two of our local groups and issued speeding tickets to motorists amid their session. Speeding remains our biggest community complaint and in these lean financial times for many of us, I gain zero pleasure in issuing £100 fines and penalty points but still they come. I will continue with this activity and I do hope not to meet you in these circumstances.

Our growing group of Volunteer Cadets have been super busy recently and I'm looking forward to taking six of them to help out on the Suffolk Constabulary stand on the 1 June at the Suffolk Show. Please come and say 'hi' and for all younger visitors they'll be the chance to earn a special little Platinum Jubilee keepsake. We've so many events coming up but PCSO Grant Skeggs and I are particularly looking forward to running a thought provoking scenario to a 1,000 youngsters at Sudbury's first 'Crucial Crew' event in a couple of years.



May saw national mental health awareness week. Two of the most impactful events that I've attended of late both had their participants wellbeing and mental health as core values. Each week a group of retired veterans meet up for a coffee and a chat at Long Melford's Rodbridge Country Park. This is co-ordinated by the NSFT (Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust) and is a warm and welcoming group so ex-vets please consider giving this a look. Likewise, the 'Grow Your Community' project that meets every Thursday morning in Sudbury's Belle Vue Park is also worth serious consideration. Run by ActivLives and led by Haidee Stevens, I paid this wonderful friendship group a visit just last week and they soon had an edging tool in my hands and we all worked away



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Inspector
Matt Paisley

Inspector Matt Paisley is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Sudbury and Haverhill locality.



HAVERHILL

PC Cheryl Claydon, Community Engagement Officer



Acting Inspector Matt Gilbert left Haverhill on Friday 13 May. Inspector Gilbert will now be moving to Bury SNT. Inspector Matt Paisley is now back for Sudbury and Haverhill. Mr Gilbert started his policing career back in 1997 when he was only 23 years old and started his career in Haverhill. He moved on when he earned his stripes and returned to Haverhill to supervisor a response team. He moved again this time to custody and returned to Haverhill in 2014 to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

We conducted welfare checks around modern-day slavery in nail bars supported by multi agency partners. In one case I found a victim of slavery at one of the business premises and although she had a really sad story to tell it I am pleased to tell you she is now in a place of safety. We have been continuing our work around anti-social behaviour by doing ABC contracts with the parents, regular visits to the young people and working with the schools and youth workers. In other engagement events have visited a childminder and her group of children and the toddler group in Kedington and we have also been doing speed checks in Kedington.

It was a busy easter weekend with a health event at the arts centre, easter egg hunts at East Town Park, Kedington Church and the rugby club with lots of children very pleased with their stash of eggs! Meanwhile, mini police started on Monday 25 April at Westfield School and at Burton End School on Thursday 28 April, with the topic on the first week being anti-social behaviour and forms part of a seven week run over events.

On Wednesday 27 April I attended the Samuel Ward school 'Aspire' event which is

a career fair. I was surprised that more of the parents were interested in joining the police rather than the students. Around 130 students from Samuel Ward came to the event. It gave them the chance to ask questions about what qualifications are needed and learn more about the job.



Thank you to the community of Thurlow for setting up a community speed watch scheme to assist with speed-checks in the area. If you would like to set up a community speed watch in your area or find out about volunteering on one that is already set-up please email CommunitySpeedwatch@suffolk.police.uk

Elsewhere, on Saturday 7 May I attended 'Keep Haverhill Happy' event at Abbeycroft Leisure with the Emergency Service Cadets. The event was organised for different groups to get together to showcase what they do for young people. This was very well attended and the Cadets did really well talking to the public.

Unfortunately, we are having a series of theft from motor vehicles/garages breaks and have had two stolen vehicles which have been located and suspects arrested. So a timely reminder to make sure you take valuables out of your vehicles if possible and keep property as secure as possible.

Dates for the diary:
Saturday 4 June - Party in the Park Clare
Sunday 3 July - Haverhill Show
Saturday 9 July - Wickhambrook Fete
Sunday 10 July - Clare Priory Craft fair

WEST

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Jane Topping



STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

At the beginning of April this year, we saw a change of leadership for the Stowmarket locality. We say farewell to Inspector Neil McKay, who has moved onto projects at Martlesham PHQ and the reins have been handed to Inspector John Murray. John has previously been a sergeant in Stowmarket so he knows and understands the area well, and he brings with him a great deal of experience having been the locality Inspector in Bury St Edmunds amongst other things. John is keen to ensure any issues our communities may have are appropriately addressed.



Recently, PC Matthew Buckle, PC Hannah Castleton and four members of the public received a Royal Humane award, following their actions at the scene of a cardiac arrest in Stowmarket in March 2021. A merit award was presented to Police Cadet Alfie Calver for his contribution to cadets and also to Mark Crane (the father of one of the Cadets), for his contribution in providing the cadets with our Soapbox. Long Service awards were presented to Cadets Nadine Latham, Chris Parr and Ashleigh Muttock. Well done to them all!



We have carried out numerous engagements in the last couple of months. These have included talks to various groups around the area about fraud and scams, visits to youth groups, primary schools and nurseries to talk about the police and what we do, visits to high schools to talk about knife crime, as well as our regular 'street meet' in Stowmarket (next one is 4 June, usual times and place). At this time of year, we get invites to Parish AGMs and, whilst we aren't able to get to them all, we try and get to as many as possible to meet our communities.



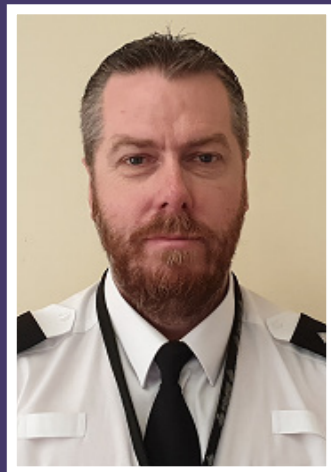
Following a number of catalytic converter thefts around the area, in conjunction with Stowmarket TreadFirst, we arranged a marking event open to all. Catalytic Converter theft is currently one of our Safer Neighbourhood Team priorities, and we will be targeting the offenders. Please check your current vehicle security, and for advice, visit our police website for some useful tips and guidance - www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/catalyticconvertertheft1.pdf



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Inspector
John Murray

Inspector John Murray is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Stowmarket locality.



IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Dom Woodmansee, Community Engagement Officer

Central SNT has been busy as usual with local priorities in and around the town centre. After a recent spate of purse dipping and mobile phone thefts from bags we attended the shops that were targeted and offered some crime prevention advice to shoppers as well as free purse bells and lanyards to help prevent thefts from bags and raise awareness. CCTV enquiries are underway into the thefts and the stills are being circulated internally for officers to view.

Some excellent teamwork was again demonstrated between Neighbourhood Response Team with Central and East SNT working together to detain two suspects following a pursuit on the Nacton estate where a car full of stolen power tools and a bank card from an out of county burglary were recovered. Two further suspects have subsequently been detained and more power tools recovered from an address. The ongoing investigation has linked the offenders to numerous other offences in at least two other counties. Without officers coming to assist from other areas, vital evidence could have been lost and the offenders may not have been identified, located and brought to justice. Team work makes the dream work as they say!



We have several engagements in the pipeline over the next few months. Our biggest event will be the Suffolk Show at the end of the month. We will be celebrating policing in line with the 70th Jubilee and plan to have some prizes to give away to our young visitors. The last time we attended the Suffolk Show prior to Covid there was an incredible amount of support and interest in the Suffolk Constabulary stand. Fingers crossed the weather will be favourable and attract even more numbers than previous years. We look forward to seeing everyone.

On Saturday June 18 we have been invited back to the Pride event which takes place on the Ipswich Waterfront. Last time the crowds and support were amazing and the Pride police car was a massive hit. This year I am sure will be bigger and better than ever after an absence from the calendar due to Covid. Once summer is in full-swing we start to see the Ipswich Borough Council (IBC) park fun days returning to Ipswich which are put on by the borough. Alexandra Park kicks things off on 22 July, Ransome Sports Pavilion 27 July, Murray Park 29 July, Bourne Park 3 August and finally Whitehouse Park 5 August.



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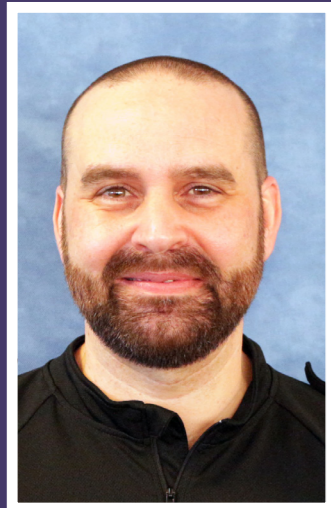
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Inspector
Domenic Mann

Inspector Domenic Mann is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Ipswich Central locality.

SOUTH



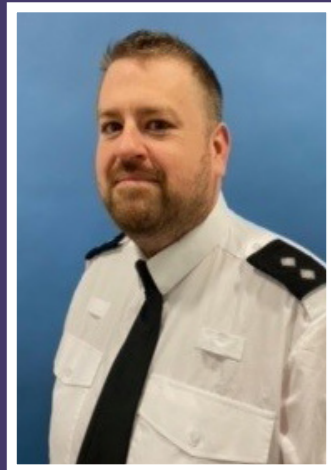
IPSWICH WEST

PC Richard Smith, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector
Matt Breeze

Inspector Matt Breeze is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Ipswich West and Hadleigh locality.

Things seems to be getting back to some sense of normality compared to last spring/summer with many events taking place. We've seen visits to several of our local school including Castle Hill Primary School to discuss bullying and making the right choices, St Albans Catholic High School presenting the students with a crime scene to examine and St Marks Catholic Primary School where I spent some time with the students in Ipswich town centre. I received a lovely bag from Dejah's Operation 'Spread a Smile' with several fantastic 'Keep Smiling' cards and flowers. It warmed my heart and gave me a reminder of why I love Ipswich. The cards were sent to all our Suffolk stations.



During my time at Ipswich I have had the privilege to be invited to several events which would not have been possible without my community engagement position within the police. I really respect and value such opportunities and one such occasion came recently when I was assisting traffic duties at a local Sikh wedding. They escorted me into the house for refreshments and, following this, they invited me to be a part of the gathering, celebrating and dancing outside the house prior to the wedding. I can confirm my dancing was not up to much and it has since gone viral on social media platform TikTok - special memories!

I went along with the Rural Crime team to the School Farm and Country Fair on the Suffolk Showground. Over 4000 children attended the event with our stand remaining consistently busy from start to finish, with a lot of interest from the children on what they can do to assist in stopping the hunting of endangered animals. It was great to see several students I had met in the local schools and I was able to test their knowledge to see if the online safety sessions had remained in their minds. I received an invite from Shepherd Drive Baptist Church to visit their 'J20' youth club and gave an input on cyber-bullying and being safe online. Remember, we are happy to assist with any local groups and would encourage you to make contact to make arrangements on CEOipwesthadleigh@suffolk.police.uk

Suffolk New College's Rural Campus at Otley hosted the 'Big Day Out' rural fair, which was a great success with me doing over 300 fingerprint keyrings for the children (and the odd adult!)

Theft of heating oil has been on the increase recently and I would ask you to remain vigilant with further advice on security being available via our First Principle resource page on the following link - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/crime-prevention-z>

Previously, I have spoken on my work with a group of partner agencies on the Ipswich Communities Connect Programme and I can now report that we have been successful in obtaining funding to assist Access Community Trust in working on the Chantry Estate, with our core focuses being:

- To create opportunities for young people to contribute positively to their local community
- Support and empower young people to see their own potential to thrive
- Cultivate a healthy sense of belonging in the community through a connection to self and others

In partnership with Ipswich Borough Council, Access Community Trust are already working with residents in the Dickens Road area with a the new "Youth Zone" that started recently in the church. The numbers are very positive, and the important element is that the community were asked what would work for them and the residents are the ones leading the groups.



HADLEIGH

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I write this edition of Constable's County with a heavy heart as it will be my last contribution as the Hadleigh Safer Neighbourhood Team Engagement Officer. I retire from the Constabulary on 1 June 2022 after 30 years' service and it is fair to say that the world is a very different place than it was when a fresh-faced PC Small arrived at Leiston police station towards the end of 1992.

The community of Suffolk has evolved and policing has had to adapt accordingly over this time. When I started the role, I was 'armed' with a white shirt, black tie, radio and a wooden truncheon. When you compare that to the modern equipment that we carry for protection today including ballistic vest, incapacitant spray, taser and telescopic truncheons, it is fair to say that I have witnessed some big changes just in equipment alone.

Our vehicles and equipment have also evolved such as the introduction of 'ANPR' equipped cars which read the number plates of passing vehicles and alert the officer if there is anything in relation to the vehicle that is of interest. In today's modern world, we have been living with digital and cyber related crime for a number of years already and we are working hard to keep abreast of the latest developments which adapt and change almost on a daily basis.

One thing though that has not changed in my view is the importance of community-based policing and this is something that I have tried to keep in touch with throughout my career. The days of a 'bobby' in every town

and village has long since passed, however keeping in touch with our local communities is still of paramount importance in our role, something that I have tried to do by attending as many community events, public meetings, schools and local community groups as possible. I will be passing on all these contacts to my successor so that they can continue and develop this important part of policing.

From a local perspective in Hadleigh and the rural villages in our Safer Neighbourhood Team, we continue to target crime and ASB, particularly in relation to the use of vehicles. Recently we have identified some vehicle causing ASB in the Magdalene Road area of Hadleigh and this remains a priority patrol route for our local officers. We continue to disrupt low level drug use and ASB in the area of Hadleigh Leisure centre with a recent arrest in relation to the supply of controlled drugs in the area.

We continue to urge those living in our rural communities to be vigilant with their home security particularly around sheds, outhouses and agricultural equipment. If you see any suspicious activity, please report this to us and dial '999' in an emergency or if you believe a crime is in progress.



So for the last time, this is PC Mike Small signing off. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Hadleigh community, and I wish you all well for the future.

SOUTH



FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

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Inspector Soraya Francis is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Ipswich East, Felixstowe and Woodbridge locality.

We are back into the swing of summer community engagements with events in Felixstowe and Woodbridge. As Community Engagement Officer I have visited Langer Primary School Felixstowe, Woodbridge School and Beacon Day Nursery in Rendlesham where I spoke to children about policing. Children are always thirsty to know more about the police and they never fail to have a list of interesting questions to ask! Visits to local schools and children's clubs are a great opportunity to educate and engage with children in a positive environment.

Visits to Felixstowe School have proven beneficial and highlights what is important to young people in the community where policing is concerned. 'Street meets' in key areas of the community are an important part of our work in order to gain information and speak to residents about any policing issues of concern. 'Street meets' have been held in Martlesham and Kesgrave with crime prevention advice and cycle marking. I would advise anyone who has a policing issue to reach out and contact your Community Engagement Officer for advice as we are here to listen. We work with many partner agencies and we can signpost to relevant organisations. Keep an eye out on social media for more dates for 'Street meets' in your area and sign up to Police Connect. We have many upcoming events highlighting local and national campaigns including Operation Sceptre tackling knife crime together, anti-social behaviour awareness week and celebrating our Police Volunteers.

Suffolk Constabulary's Safety Camera Team continue to keep the roads in Suffolk safe by tackling speeding which is one of that fatal four causes of serious road collisions. They have been active in your area with a total of 1705 offences recorded in March 2022. Community Speed Watch volunteers from your area have also been out at speed sites which have been risk assessed by your Community Engagement Officer. Your Safer Neighbourhood Team officers also enforce speed limits in residential areas using a hand held speed devices as we understand that speeding is of great concern to those living in the area.

Whilst I have your attention let's talk about fraud and sextortion. The term 'sextortion' is a type of cyber-extortion which involves the threat of having sexual images or clips shared. This is simply done to extort money from you. It does not always matter if the images actually exist or not. We have received reports of people being contacted out of the blue on social media, namely Instagram, where they are added as a 'friend'. The person is then directed to a 'safe room' on Snapchat where their tone changes and money is demanded with a threat that if they do not pay up then their photo will be super imposed on a sexual image or used in a way to cause embarrassment to friends and family.

What goes on online will stay online and so I would strongly advise that you upgrade your social media security settings, do not share any images with others, do not get lured into compromising situations and do not accept friend requests from strangers. If using dating sites use a different email account that does not contain your name and block nuisance and fraudulent users. If you are a victim of sextortion do not respond to the blackmailers demands or part with any money but instead contact police as soon as practicable. If you feel that your finances have been compromised then contact your bank or card issuer immediately. Remember if need help after a crime contact Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Tel 0300 303 3706 nsvictimcare@victimsupport.org or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



IPSWICH EAST

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There have been some staffing changes here at Ipswich East Safer Neighbourhood Team. We welcome Sgt David Horne to the team, and we've said goodbye to PC Kay Hammond, who has retired from the constabulary after many years working on the SNT.



We've been really busy in our schools over the last couple of months, working with the School Liaison Team and recruitment team to deliver careers advice, sessions for a Forces Skills Day and police visits with early years and informal playground walkabouts. We have also launched the Mini-Police scheme in one of the Ipswich East primary schools, working with Year 5 students on a seven week programme covering various policing topics and safety advice.

In recent weeks, we have received numerous reports of vehicle crime in the area including theft from vehicles, vehicle interference and criminal damage. These appear to be occurring primarily in east and south-east Ipswich. As always, I would urge you to do anything that you can to reduce

the likelihood of you becoming victim to opportunist thieves; don't leave valuables on display, park in well-lit places where possible and make sure the vehicle is left secure when unattended. As the weather gets warmer it is all too easy to forget about open windows!

As we move into the summer months, we also continue to get reports of other acquisitive crimes where tools or bicycles might have been taken. Please look at our website for information on shed, garage and allotment security to see how you can protect your possessions - www.suffolk.police.uk/crime-prevention-z

Don't forget that you can also register lots of items including power tools, bicycles and electronics online at www.immobilise.com - this can help us to reunite recovered items with their rightful owners.

In one recent shift dedicated to pro-active work, the SNT team issued four Traffic Offence Reports for no seatbelt, one for no MOT and two for no insurance. Three stop searches were carried out, enquiries made for warrants and wanted persons and our local ASB hotspots were patrolled. We have also been supporting the recent campaign around mobile phone use while driving. We continue to focus on crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots in our area, and our current priorities include Landseer Park, Ipswich Waterfront and the Racecourse estate.

You will find us out and about at lots of different events over the summer months as we support our community at local fun days and school fairs. We will also be continuing to run local 'street meets' and drop-in sessions at various locations. Special thanks to Suffolk libraries for hosting sessions regularly at the east Ipswich and Kesgrave libraries. Events and engagement opportunities are ideal to speak to members of the community about anything concerning them in their local area and to offer crime reduction advice. We usually post about our upcoming events on our local social media accounts and also via email updates from Police Connect, so please keep an eye on these.

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