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INTRODUCTION

Firstly, I really hope that you were able to enjoy a relaxing festive season, and wish you all health and happiness for 2022. I look forward to working for you as your Chief Constable.

Christmas and New Year is always a busy time for the police in Suffolk. This year was no exception, and we were out in numbers across Suffolk to provide reassurance and to respond to incidents. The Omicron virus has also caused us some challenges and inevitably some of our teams have been affected. We are doing our best to keep our police stations as clean and safe as possible, and when we get an outbreak in an area we move quickly to try to prevent it from spreading across teams. We have managed so far to maintain our policing service.

The police control room have been particularly resilient with very high demand on 101 and 999; there is a lot of information available on our website now, including reporting many kinds of crime or incident, so please look there for information before calling us. Alongside recruitment and training of new police officers in December, we have also welcomed twelve new control room staff to take calls from the public and get help to people. I think the public are getting used to seeing police officers in uniform while wearing masks now; in some circumstances, like crowded places, they may even be wearing protective aprons and goggles. So if you see your police officers out in Suffolk,

please don't be put off approaching them, but please respect maintaining a distance to keep yourself and them safe. I know it goes a long way when people thank them for what they are doing!

As a result of additional funding through last year's precept, a significant amount of work has taken place with the implementation of a number of crucial roles into the Constabulary. This investment has enabled resources dedicated to working with partners across education settings in protecting and safeguarding vulnerable children, has seen an increase in detective officers countywide, and provided two further proactive policing teams addressing and dealing with community-based issues. Extra funding has also made it possible to introduce some additional resources within the CCR. Work continues into 2022 to attract and recruit specialist posts focussing on income generation, investment in environmental and bio-diversity and business crime and fraud prevention.

Finally, a couple of proud moments I would like to share with you. I was delighted to attend the Federation Police Bravery Awards in London in December with PC Chris Clerk who was nominated following an incident where he dealt with a violent male who was threatening to run into traffic on a major road in Suffolk. And congratulations to Special Superintendent Paul Booker on his British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours List for voluntary service to policing. David, who has



volunteered for the constabulary for over 30 years, is a proven leader and consistently manages to work a staggering average of 70 voluntary hours per month, despite having a full-time role with the MOD Police. This recognition for David's outstanding work is thoroughly deserved.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**

Setting the policing budget is one of my most important responsibilities as your PCC. I must ensure that the Chief Constable has the resources he needs to provide an efficient and effective service, whilst ensuring that I use Suffolk taxpayers' money resourcefully.

Setting the level of council tax for policing is one part of this budget setting and last month I presented my proposal to increase the policing precept by 4.2% to the Police and Crime Panel. The panel supported my plan to fund major improvements to the contact and control service. Prior to presenting my plans to the Panel I sought the views of Suffolk residents and of the 1166 that responded, 62% also supported my proposal. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took time to share their thoughts with me, it is really important that I hear your views.

In all my public engagement, including last year's consultation on my new Police and Crime Plan, the one thing that came through loud and clear was the public's dissatisfaction with the 101 service. I knew I had to address these concerns.

I can assure you I did not want to increase this precept but our funding from Government this year is just not enough, even with the savings programme already agreed.

I have worked closely with the Chief Constable to agree exactly how the additional funding will be allocated. It is a difficult balance but one that

I believe meets the needs of the council taxpayer.

Depending on the council tax band your home is in, this means you will pay in the range of £6.66 to £19.98 extra each year for the policing service you receive. This will give us an extra £2.5m for policing in the county. Over £1million will be used to fund existing commitments, such as inflation and pay, which leaves £1.4m to invest in the control room.

This extra £1.4m will improve 101 call answering and digital opportunities for multi-channel contact. It will enable our force to recruit additional staff to deal with calls and contact from the public more quickly and manage resources responding to calls for service more effectively.

Furthermore, additional Police Sergeants will be recruited to manage operations and the Constabulary will be able to create a digital desk to ensure it has the required capacity and capability to deal with public expectations regarding online and social media contact.

In addition to the extra precept investment, the funding we receive through the national Operation Uplift will give us 72 more police officers in the next financial year which will bring the establishment to over 1400 fulltime officers in Suffolk by the end of March 2023 – many more than there has ever been since I was first elected. This is very good news for Suffolk because it will clearly help improve policing



visibility countywide.

As in previous years I will monitor the implementation of the plans to ensure you receive value for money. This monitoring document will track the progress against the precept plans and will be available on my website at the end of each quarter.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**



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PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement 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.



As Valentine's Day draws closer let's talk about romance fraud. This is much more common than you think. Fraudsters will spend weeks gaining their victims' trust, feeding them fabricated stories about who they are and their lives - and initially make no suggestion to ask for any money, so the victim may believe their new love interest is genuine. But later, criminals will ask for money for a variety of reasons and as the emotional relationship has already been formed, victims often transfer money without a second thought. We ask that family and friends who think their friend/relative may be dating online help make them aware of the warning signs. You can find more information by going to the following websites -

<https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>
<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

concern and traffic offence reports have been issued to those driving over the speed limit in the local area. We will continue to conduct further speed enforcement throughout February.

A burglary in Farm Close in Bungay was reported to us in December and our East CID officers thoroughly investigated the incident and, because of their hard work and dedication, a male was arrested for multiple burglaries across Suffolk and Norfolk and has since been remanded in custody.

We would ask you to be mindful of the weather and road conditions in the coming month. Check your vehicle before you drive it to ensure it is roadworthy and that all the lights work, make sure your vision is not obscured on your windscreen and that any ice or frost is clear from it thoroughly. Most importantly where possible, leave earlier so that you leave yourself plenty of time to get to where you are going safely and steadily. Further information can be found here -

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/roads-and-vehicles/driving-bad-weather>
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/roads-and-vehicles>

Last but not least we would like to bid a fond farewell to Inspector Nick Aitken our Locality Inspector who will be moving to new pastures as he becomes Team 5 Response Inspector at Lowestoft. We would like to welcome Inspector Mark Jackson as our new Locality Inspector who comes to us with a wealth of knowledge from his previous role as Halesworth's Locality Inspector.



Over a chilly Christmas and New year, officers have been in and around Bungay and Beccles conducting patrols and stop searches. In response to local concerns, the kestrel team and I have been doing speed enforcement in the areas of



LOWESTOFT

PC Chris Pallett, Community Engagement Officer

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas. I can imagine that a lot of people received some lovely shiny new bikes over the Christmas period and I would like to start off this year by reminding everyone to be vigilant when it comes to securing their property.

I have seen an increase on social media with the amount of posts relating to bikes being found abandoned in various locations. I myself have been out and recovered numerous bikes, however what I am discovering is that a lot of the cycles I am locating have not been reported stolen and have not been properly security marked. This causes a lot of issues and can be very time consuming trying to identify owners, in some cases we are unable to even locate an owner.

Some basic tips when it comes to bike security are:

- Use a quality lock approved to Sold Secure Gold www.soldsecure.com
- Use two types of sold secure locks (for example a D-Lock and a chain lock)
- Register your cycle at www.immobilise.com keep a note of the frame number, make and model
- It is advised to report any suspicious behaviour immediately to the police
- Any thefts report to the police immediately

Further details can be found at the following link >> <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/crime-prevention-z>

'Street meets' in Lowestoft will continue throughout 2022 and I will announce dates when they are secured on both the Lowestoft police Twitter and Facebook pages. The 'street meets' are an ideal opportunity for you to come and have a chat with us, as we offer crime reduction



advice and also provide free security bike marking. I will also continue to distribute the dates and locations via Police Connect. To register for Police Connect please visit <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect>

I would also like to mention an assault which took place near to South Pier on 27 December 2021. We would like to say thank you to members of the public that contacted us about regarding this incident. Four suspects have now been formally interviewed by the investigating officer and the matter has now been referred to the Youth Offending Team for progression. Anyone who has any further information with regards to this can contact us either via 101 or online <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update> quoting crime reference 37/73308/21.

One final point I would like to mention is regarding reporting matters to the police. Did you know, you can report a non-emergency incident via our website, in your own time and at your own convenience? Our website can be used on smartphones and tablets. Save your time, do it online. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

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HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

Well, 2022 started rather disappointingly in that Omicron meant we (as Community Engagement Officers) were restricted from engaging with our communities face to face, with 'in person' meetings only possible for operational necessity.

It's meant the 'street meets' and other outdoor engagements I would normally be arranging have had to be postponed. Suffolk Constabulary is due to review the situation mid-January, so (hopefully) by the time you read this, the situation may have relaxed a little and we will, at least, be meeting the public outdoors again.

The sharp increase in fuel over the past few weeks has seen a corresponding rise in fuel thefts, with an incident occurring in Snape on 4 January. Not the usual type of fuel theft reported during the winter though, where users of oil central heating find their oil storage tanks have been syphoned or drilled.

This one was the theft of vehicle diesel fuel from a private supply. Criminals will always take advantage of whatever commodity is the most valuable and, with fuel prices set to remain high for at least the next two years, we can expect fuel thefts like this to be prevalent. For advice about how best to secure fuel, see this page from the Suffolk police website, 'First Principle' and our crime reduction advice - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/heatingoilsecurity1.pdf>

On 9 January, Halesworth officers, Sgt Bassett & PC Edwards had a positive result when they spotted a vehicle being driven in Southwold with no insurance. The driver refused to stop and made off, eventually coming to a halt on Lorne Road in the town. The driver tried to make his escape on foot, but was tracked down to Gardner Road where he was found in possession of a quantity of class A drugs, sufficient to be arrested with intent to supply, which is a much more serious offence than simple possession and one which can attract a custodial sentence of up to 14 years with an unlimited fine. At the time of writing, the male has been released under investigation to allow for further evidence to be gathered.

A good stop though and one which has removed a not inconsiderable quantity of Class A drugs from our streets.

In the autumn, our Kestrel team moved their base from Eye police station to the shared facility at Framlingham fire station. Ours was the first Kestrel team to have been created in Suffolk, being financed from the 2019 increase in the police precept introduced by Police & Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore. Such has been the success of our team, the decision was made to finance a further two Kestrel teams in the south and west of the county from the 2021 precept.



Kestrel teams support community and local policing priorities and deal with serious criminality such as drug crime as well as anti-social behaviour. In their first six months of operational activity, the team had conducted 500 hours of foot patrol, located four missing people, conducted 45 positive stop searches, made 36 arrests and seized nearly £8,000 worth of drugs. They had also made 78 safeguarding referrals to help support vulnerable people in the community. This original team is now based in and entirely dedicated to our area in the east of Suffolk and continues to support colleagues and offer a high profile presence amongst our communities.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/kestrel-team-making-positive-impact>

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Inspector
Aaron Connolly

Inspector Aaron Connolly is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Halesworth locality.



BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer

With the 2021 and Christmas and New Year's festivities becoming a distant memory, I hope we can all look forward a better year in 2022. The easing of Covid 19 restrictions means that people can have more freedom in their work lives and leisure time, we can also start our 'street meets' and pop up events in Bury St. Edmunds and the rural villages.

We also had the bonus of the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum jubilee this year. If you have any community events, clubs or associations you would like us to attend to meet and chat or talk about crime prevention please get in touch.

I would like to welcome our new link officer, PC Luke Williams to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Luke will work with external partners to identify and address ongoing community concerns, safeguarding issues and complaints linked to threat, harm and risk issues including those causing high demand on frontline policing. Officers from the SNT continue with County Lines disruption work, which recently resulted in several arrests and seizure of drugs and cash from criminals travelling into Suffolk.



Our proactive Kestrel team is now fully embedded in the west and has been carrying out a variety of community policing activities in the town and the surrounding villages. The team, consisting of one sergeant and six constables, has been undertaking speed enforcement and vehicle checks, as well as high visibility foot and mobile patrol and dealing with ASB and targeting drug dealers in our community.

There are lots of way to interact with us, you can get in touch via Twitter, Facebook or live chat on our website, which has lots of helpful information & guidance, including a link to the 'Ask the Police' website which provides answers to most frequently asked policing

questions.

It offers an alternative online option, reducing calls to the police and helping you find the answer to a query quickly and easily. The website provides:

- links to relevant national organisations
- information on a range of policing topics
- the facility to rate the answer
- the facility to email a specific question directly which will be answered within 24 hours

Crime and ASB should be reported on 999 if it is an emergency. Non-urgent reports and enquiries please go to the website or the online reporting tool so we can manage the demand that the call handlers face in the Contact and Control Room. As the phrase goes 'click before you call'.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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Inspector
John Murray

A/Inspector John Murray is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Bury St Edmunds locality.



MILDENHALL

PC Helen Self, Community Engagement Officer

Christmas now seems like a distant memory and January is also behind us now. We did have some fun in the run up to Christmas with everyone who attended Merry Mildenhall and PCs Kat Bothwell and Helen Self helped Father Christmas drive safely through the town.



PCSO Rachel Darvill and PCSO William Butcher helped serve Christmas lunches at Newmarket day centre in the run up to Christmas. They definitely have a future in waiting at tables and PCSO Butcher also got into the Christmas spirit by helping Santa with his 'naughty and nice' list!



Our Cadets enjoyed themselves go-karting for their Christmas treat with a bit of healthy competition between them. Meanwhile, Mildenhall SNT officers spent New Year's Eve on foot patrol in the town centre and it was lovely to watch the fireworks at midnight from the High Street.

Unfortunately, catalytic converter thefts are still happening across the county, including Forest Heath. Please take any steps that you can to protect your vehicle, especially if the make/model of your vehicle is known

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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.

for having an exposed catalytic converter. If catalytic converters have been marked and registered, this means that they can be identified. If they are later found for sale, further enquiries can then be made as to their provenance. Remember, if you see anyone acting suspiciously around vehicles please report it to us. Officers at Mildenhall continue to deal with youths causing ASB in the town centre and please rest assured that we are working with the parents of those involved to try and resolve the issues. Please remember to call 101 or report online if you have any concerns.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>



Finally, Inspector Mark Shipton is retiring from the constabulary having served 15 years with the force. He transferred from Thames Valley Police back in 2006 as a Sergeant. Inspector Shipton has, bar a year, worked all the time within the locality, first as a response Sergeant, before moving over to the SNT in Newmarket where he remained for nearly seven years. Upon promotion to he took up the role of Western Inspector before returning to Mildenhall as the Locality Inspector. However, he is not leaving the Constabulary entirely as he will be re-joining us as a member of the Special Constabulary remaining in the locality that he has policed in for those years, so a new challenge that he has stated he is really looking forward to. We send him all the best in all his future endeavours.

WEST



SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

At the end of November last year, on a freezing cold Friday night, it was great to be joined by PD Morse at the Sudbury Christmas light big switch on. Well done to Sudbury Police Cadets Billy and Jez who handled him well on the night as he was very boisterous.

I was on duty New Year's Eve along with many of my Sudbury colleagues. I'm pleased to share that in the key 12-hour period, we only received 12 calls for service which in turn converted into officers remaining free to perform high profile reassurance patrols both in the town and surrounding villages. #There was a nice, friendly vibe in the town and such we had very low levels of public order incidents and likewise anti-social behaviour. Unfortunately, not all towns in Suffolk were as well behaved as Sudbury so well done all.



January always seems to mark a few changes, personnel wise, A/Sgt Rob Sippett has taken over at the helm of the Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team. It's a big welcome also to Special Constable Tina Barber who completed her training in December. Owing to the Covid situation again, we had to stand down our Volunteer Police Cadets in recent weeks but we are very much looking forward to welcoming new cadets Bailee, Katie, Tyla and Harry to the Sudbury policing family soon. Sadly, we've had to say farewell to Cadets Liv and Louise who've both hit the mighty age of 18. Girls, thanks for your service and good luck in all that you do.

Talking of age, on Wednesday 26 January I had the pleasure and privilege to meet on my patrols, Bomber Command Veteran, Norman Gregory. This date happened to be

his 100th birthday, however this didn't stop this incredible gentleman going out on his bicycle for his daily exercise. Norman always aims to notch up 100 or so miles every week in and around his beloved village of Cockfield. Whether he knows you or not, Norman gives all who pass him by a friendly nod and a wave which in turn makes everyone love him even more. What a guy!



My diary is filling up nicely but if you run a group or co-ordinate an event and would like me to try and attend then you can contact me via CEOsudburyhaverhill@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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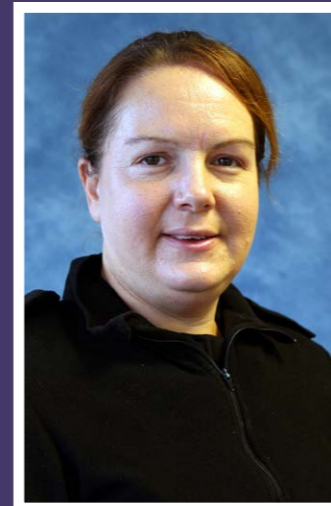
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Inspector Matt Gilbert

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



HAVERHILL

PC Cheryl Claydon, Community Engagement Officer

At the end of November 2021 we had an engagement stall in Tesco's in Haverhill for White Ribbon Day which we were joined by the Mayor of Haverhill Liz Smith. We were there to primarily discuss domestic violence and support networks for victims but also discussed any issues the public had.



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On Friday 3 December we had the mobile police station for the day so we embarked on an engagement tour of some of our area. We went to Chevington, Chedburgh, Wepstead, Kedington and The Croft in Haverhill. We will have 'street meets' coming up in the months ahead.

On Friday 3 December PC Jack Oakley and PC Robert Sippitt attended the late-night shopping event in Haverhill. It was nice to see lots of the public had come out for the event.

In December 2021 we did a 'street meet' at Sainsburys in Haverhill and attended Christmas Fayre in Wepstead and Wickhambrook farmer's market. These events were also well attended.

On 10 December 2021 we went to Castle Manor school for a 'meet the employers' event, and where the students put questions to us to find out which jobs we do. The students did very well with their interview techniques so congratulations to them all for their efforts!

On 11 January the Scorpion and Kestrel teams who tackle drug and related criminality conducted a warrant at an address in Haverhill and arrested four people who were

inside the property with suspected drugs also located at the address.

Elsewhere, we had a series of incident of criminal damage to properties on the Clements estate and we are working with other agencies and our Kestrel team to establish who the suspect is as well as conducting reassurance patrols in the area. We welcome a new officer to our team PC Leigh Alston.

We have a busy diary of appointments in the coming two months with the Beavers group in Wickhambrook, at Castle Fields playgroup, a vehicle operation with other agencies, mock interviews at Samuel Ward School, and we are also planning events for the Queen's Jubilee in June.

Finally, I have a 'street meet' engagement event on Friday 11 February 11-1pm Arts Centre High Street Haverhill. If you run a group or an event which is coming up and would like me to attend, please contact me on CEOsudburyhaverhill@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



WEST

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Jane Topping



STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

Our engagements started off full steam ahead in 2022 with the first working Saturday of the year spent marking up bikes in the car park of 'The Dog' in Norton, and with lots of ultra violet marker pens given out, so that all the other Christmas presents could be marked up too. The weather was awful, so 'thank you' to the many people who turned up.



Our SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) set their local tasking priorities based on those areas our communities have asked us to target. The current priorities are anti-social behaviour (ASB) around Curwen Road in Stowmarket and in Thurston. Amongst other things, we will be carrying out proactive patrols, including high visibility, in these areas. We will be engaging with the community and dealing robustly with any offences seen. We will also be working closely with other agencies for a holistic approach to tackling the ASB.

We carried out one of our regular 'street meets' in Stowmarket on 15 January, and our next regular spot at the same time and place has been booked for 19 February, so we hope to see you there.

A lot of our other engagements so far this year have been at schools and nurseries in the area. This gives us an opportunity to introduce the police to some of our younger community members, and to the older ones have a chat about issues that may affect them as they move up into high schools, and talk about the effect ASB can have on the community. We have many more groups of young people and schools already booked in towards the middle of the year.

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Inspector
Neil McKay

Inspector Neil McKay is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Stowmarket locality.



IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Dom Woodmansee, Community Engagement Officer

Ipswich Central Safer Neighbourhood Team has been busy tackling some local priorities, in particular Operation Silverton which focuses on tackling the issues of prostitution in and around the Norwich Road area. All the teams on the SNT have been targeting the area with foot patrols, and static points to deter this activity. Work continues to engage with the females involved and encourage them to engage with the appropriate agencies to assist them and divert them from their street working activities. Community Protection Notices have been issued to those who have refused to engage and continue to disrupt the day to day lives of local residents.



Some excellent pro-active arrests have been made recently by the teams targeting drug dealing from addresses near to the town centre. Substantial amounts of drugs and cash have been seized during these arrests. Officers continually react quickly to credible and live intelligence to target the criminals who frequent our town. These officers are often late off work and putting in extra hours to ensure the job gets done and the next team gets the best start with the handovers.

Museum street station recently had a visit from Fairview Farm pupils who brought in letters of thanks as well as cakes for all the officers, thanking them for all the hard work they do in the area. This was to celebrate 'Blue Monday' which celebrates the emergency services and the work they do every day. The pupils got to meet and speak to officers who work locally and ask them questions about their job, whilst being shown around the police cars.

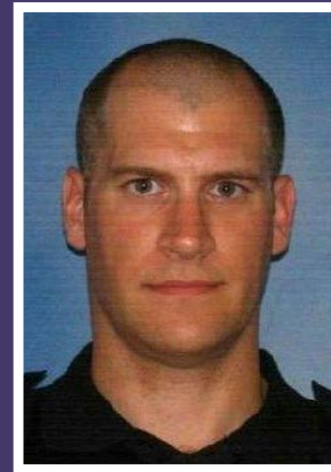
We have also been back into St Matthews school for the new term, where we always get the warmest of welcomes from staff and children. We got to talk about policing, staying safe and how the police can help you as part of the schools emergency services awareness week. There are always lots of challenging questions from the children, which is great fun and a real positive interaction for them as well as us. It is nice to know we are all appreciated by so many.



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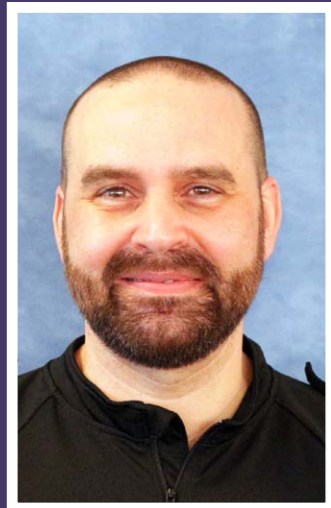
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Inspector
Domenic Mann

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

SOUTH



IPSWICH WEST

PC Richard Smith, Community Engagement Officer

With 2022 here, I think we are all hopeful that there will be some sense of normality following recent times. Both Christmas and New Year came and went with a strong presence by our response officers in Ipswich, with it passing relatively peacefully.

Although the number of engagement events have dropped off due to Covid, it has been a busy time for the engagement team. We have been supporting the Covid Surge Rapid Response Teams, following the recent increase of infections in Ipswich. This was targeted activity with several additional vaccination sites, which included the mobile bus, placing themselves in specific areas where the uptake on vaccinations was low. It was really pleasing to see how busy each site was, and I can report there was only one small group of protestors who did not interfere with the delivery of the vaccination programme.

We have welcomed the Kestrel South team here to Landmark House, which will allow for additional support and further proactive working alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Teams on key priorities such as drugs, anti-social behaviour and prostitution.



We have been out and about around Garrick Way shops supporting anti-social behaviour week and I had the pleasure in attending the local litter pick in Whitton with a few residents and the ward councillors.

As part of our priorities, we have continued to disrupt the supply of drugs in the area with positive work carried out in key locations such as Gippeswyk and Stonelodge Parks. Week commencing 17 January was Neighbourhood Policing Week which was set up to show how the police are an integral part of the community we serve, both living and working in the locality.

I am glad to say that we have now started to return into our local schools delivering inputs covering online safety, exploitation, general policing, and County Lines.

Aside from my engagement duties I have been lucky to work on the Ipswich Communities Connect Programme in partnership with Ipswich and East Suffolk Alliance. The programme helps to develop vital networks and enhance integrated working across services and organisations to support the population and communities of Ipswich. Its core focus is to look at ways to improve the quality of services and tackle inequalities in Ipswich.

This has given me the opportunity to work with several local members of our community from heads of schools through to local pastors, enriching my understanding of the community I serve here in Ipswich West.

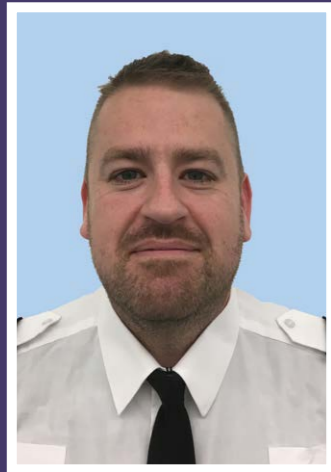
Our Inspector Kirsty Graefe has been promoted into a new role and we will shortly see Matthew Breeze take over as Locality Inspector. Matthew has served Ipswich for a number of years and comes from a role of Duty Inspector with one of our response teams here at Landmark House. He is very much looking forward to his new role.

Wishing you a safe and prosperous 2022! - PC Richard Smith

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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.



HADLEIGH

PC Mike Small, Community Engagement Officer

I am often asked when on patrol about how we police the Hadleigh and surrounding villages and I thought I would provide an update on how our resources are currently deployed across the area.

Hadleigh forms part of the southern policing area of Suffolk police, which includes Ipswich, Hadleigh, Felixstowe and Woodbridge areas. Response officers respond predominantly to 'A grade' emergency situations where there is risk of threat or harm to someone. The response to an incident of this nature in Hadleigh is provided by officers from Landmark House situated on the west side of Ipswich. Officers are allocated patrol routes through the Hadleigh sector at daily briefings. In addition to this, there are six Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) constables and one police sergeant stationed at the Hadleigh police station in Magdalen Road. These officers are responsible for dealing with the reports that we receive that are classed as not requiring an emergency response. This type of incidents include volume crime investigations such as theft from shop and burglaries, harassment cases, neighbourly disputes and dealing with reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB). They are also responsible for policing our area priorities which are reviewed and set on a monthly basis.

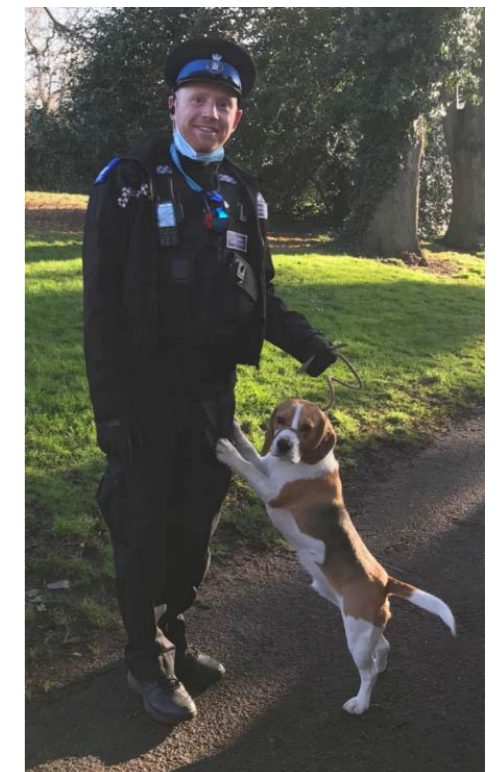
Speeding and the anti-social use of vehicles remain a concern to residents of Hadleigh and surrounding areas when I speak to our communities when I am out on patrol and at public engagements. We regularly respond to and target areas where we receive such reports for example at Morrisons' car park and Magdalen Road car park. If you are concerned about any form of ASB in your community, please report this to us through our website under the 'Report Something' page.

From an engagement perspective we continue to work with our school team with their ongoing programme focussing on areas such as on-line safety and County Lines drug dealing. We recently visited the Tattingstone Village Link meeting and gave a crime prevention talk to the members with a particular focus on the impacts of cyber-crime. You can obtain advice on this subject and other crime reduction matters at our website-look for 'First Principle' pages.

I have received news that the Hadleigh Show now has the go ahead for May 21 and I am looking forward to being at the event with our police stand so hope to see you there!



Our current main priority in the Hadleigh SNT is patrolling areas where we receive reports of ASB such as the park area around Hadleigh Leisure Centre. We are also focussing on a series of criminal damages in the Capel St Mary area and we are increasing patrols at key times to target this.



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FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

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Inspector
Soraya Francis

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

At the start of 2022 we naturally look back at some of our work and achievements in 2021. Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team have worked on up to 650 police reports per month and numerous investigations. Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team have dealt with up to 550 police reports per month and Safer Neighbourhood officers have been involved high visibility patrols in parks and open spaces to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers have been involved in 12 Misuse Of Drugs Warrants which resulted in multiple drug seizures and arrests for possession with intent to supply offences. In working with the community and partner agencies, there have been three section 8 Misuse Of Drugs Act Class A drug premises closure notices. Officers continue to target drug use and supply by conducting stop searches and continued disruption.

Two Community Prevention Orders were issued to individuals following persistent anti-social behaviour following close work with partner agencies, adult social care, mental health services and housing. We are currently working on six high demand individuals in relation to wasting police time and misuse of public communications.

Officers supported the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at Landguard Nature Reserve. There was a significant increase in police patrols over the summer months to support rangers from the nature reserve. Police have been able to identify and pass details of six people in breach of the PSPO conditions of which two were prosecuted by East Suffolk Council.

There have been joint agency meetings (volunteer coast patrol, coastguard, police) and patrols during summer

months to deter disrupt and educate jet ski users in Felixstowe and this work will continue into the summer of 2022.



We have also seen more joint agency visits with police in respect of trading standards visits to local off-licences, visits to car washes, licenced premises and joint road traffic operations with the Roads and Armed Policing Team and VOSA. Community engagement has continued with 'One Cop Stop' visits to schools to relay important safety messages to young children and support national and local campaigns. In 2022 with the support of our communities we will strive to achieve more in order to make our towns and villages a safer place to live.



IPSWICH EAST

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We were busy as usual over the seasonal period with visits to the Kesgrave Christmas weekend, where PCSO Gemma Read found some familiar faces and I also attended a local 'pop-up' shop at St Johns MIE just before Christmas. I was able to chat with those attending, and I was invited to take part in their 'pop-up' shop carol service - playing the part of a shepherd!



Engagements and drop-ins have been taking place at local community hubs such as libraries and community groups. This is a great opportunity for us to talk to members of the community about ongoing crime trends in the area, provide any relevant crime reduction advice and hear about their concerns. If you have an event you would like us to attend or group that you think could benefit from a visit, please do get in touch.

Unfortunately, over the last month we have seen a rise in burglaries in the Ipswich East area. To get advice on improving security for your home and/or business, please do take a look at the First Principle crime reduction area on the Suffolk police website. On this site you can find home security and small business security checklists, along with advice on a huge range of other topics.

We have also seen a recent spate of theft from vehicle offences. As always, we would recommend that you don't leave valuables on display - ideally take all your belongings with you when you leave the car. Park in well-lit places where possible and make sure that you lock all the doors when the vehicle is unattended. If you see anyone acting

suspiciously around vehicles or properties, please report it!

There are various ways that you can security mark your property, this may help to deter theft and it can help police to return identifiable property if it is found. Identifiable items (including bicycles) can also be registered free of charge at www.immobilise.com. We sometimes offer bike marking and registration at our engagements - this is free of charge. Just keep an eye on our social media for details of events near you.

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers are out and about in the community, visiting local parks and open spaces, especially those that we know are subject to anti-social behaviour and/or drug activity. If you are aware of places in your community where ASB is occurring or you have concerns about drug activity or a 'cuckooed' property where the vulnerable are exploited by dealers, please don't assume that someone else has already reported it. Please tell us about it via online reporting or livechat at www.suffolk.police.uk or by ringing 101. In an emergency please always call 999. We need your help to keep the community safe.



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