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INTRODUCTION

As community infection rates increase and Suffolk becomes an Enhanced Response Area (ERA), the Constabulary continue to operate effectively. Sickness rates have increased, with more and more of our staff seemingly infected through familial links but, thankfully to date, no one has been seriously affected.

We continue to operate in a 'Covid secure' way, retaining social distancing measures, wearing masks when in communal areas or when double crewed and continuing with agile working where roles allow.

The Constabulary role has evolved and flexed considerably since the start of the pandemic in 2020 and whilst there is now very little legislation for us to enforce, we continue to support colleagues in partner agencies through representation at the Local Outbreak Engagement Board and the Strategic Coordinating Groups. My teams are offering support to NHS colleagues at vaccination sites and will continue to do so as the roll out of the vaccine and boosters continue. We have thankfully seen very few instances of anti-vaccination activity across Suffolk but we will continue to work with our partners and colleagues to respond positively and just ask people to report any such activity to us should they become aware of anything.

With the festive season soon upon us, our focus this year will be on our violence against women and girls response in the night time economy and our hotspots for violence and sexual crimes. We want everyone to be able to enjoy Christmas safely, particularly those who are vulnerable.

We will not tolerate alcohol or drug fuelled anti-social behaviour or criminality. We will be taking a partnership approach, ensuring we work with partners and businesses to allow for proactive information sharing which will support our deployment plans and engagement activities.

We want our licenced premises to feel supported in helping them to keep their customers safe, and we will utilise CCTV opportunities to proactively resolve incidents and support the deployment officers on the streets. Additional officers will be patrolling our hotspots during key times to ensure we remain visible, providing reassurance and connectivity to our communities. I can assure that you my officers will be making best use of ancillary powers to proactively deter criminal behaviour and protect vulnerable people.

I'm so proud that Suffolk Constabulary has played its part in supporting the national policing response for COP26 in Glasgow by providing a contingent of officers to assist with the large-scale security operation.

Our officers were involved in a number of roles including searching, patrolling and security type functions. The deployment is part of our commitment to nationally agreed protocols of mutual aid where forces can assist each other in the policing of major events or during times of need.

Our previous experience of providing mutual aid assistance, most recently to the G7 Summit in Cornwall earlier



this year, means we understand the impact such deployments can have. Consequently, we had planned for Cop26 for some time, continuously reviewing requests and the impact of this locally, making sure we had sufficient resources available at all times in order to police both counties.

Finally, with this being the last newsletter of 2021 I would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**

As we head towards the festive period my spirits are lifted at the thought of all this season of goodwill has to offer.

For me, it provides the opportunity to renew old friendships, exchange gifts and enjoy family gatherings; it's also a time for reflection - a chance to look back on the year.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I am proud to say that Suffolk remains one of the safest counties in which to live and work and we should be very grateful to everyone in the Constabulary who continually rise to the challenge to keep us safe.

Looking back over 2020, there have been some particularly testing times; the impact of Covid continues to impact on almost every part of our lives and this remain a challenge for the constabulary as it does for us all.

Lockdown had a positive effect on some crimes such as burglary but a devastating impact on crimes such as domestic abuse which sadly increased. We also saw a remorseless rise in technology-dependent crime as more people took to the internet as their lifeline to the outside world. We should all be proud of how our Constabulary dealt with these challenges.

A major decision for me this year – taken back in January – was increasing the policing element of your council tax precept. That extra £15 contribution from every household (based on a Band D property) has made a significant difference to policing in the county. The focus for the additional investment fell

into three key areas: improving investigations and protecting vulnerable people; enhanced public engagement and improved communication, and modernisation and transformation of the force.

The investment enabled us to employ a further 25 police officers and 26 police staff in this financial year which means officer numbers will rise to around 1,400 by March 2023 as the third phase of the government's national uplift programme for police recruitment has been confirmed. This increased officer strength is much higher than when I was elected nine years ago and is good news for us all.

So, what lies ahead for 2022? The next few weeks will be some of the most crucial for me as I finalise the new Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. It is a requirement for all PCCs to draft and consult on a new plan for publication within a year of the elections. I am particularly grateful to all of you who responded to our online consultation.

Although the feedback is still being analysed it's already clear improved communications, increased police visibility and a more robust response to anti-social behaviour are expected. We will consider all comments and the new plan will be adopted in April next year.

At this time of the year I always like to thank everyone for their dedication and support - officers, staff and our enthusiastic team of volunteers. That powerful combination of compassion and care for each other is what makes our county such a great place.



Finally, please keep safe during the festive period whether you are out and about or staying at home. I wish you and all those dear to you, a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
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BECCLES & BUNGAY

PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer



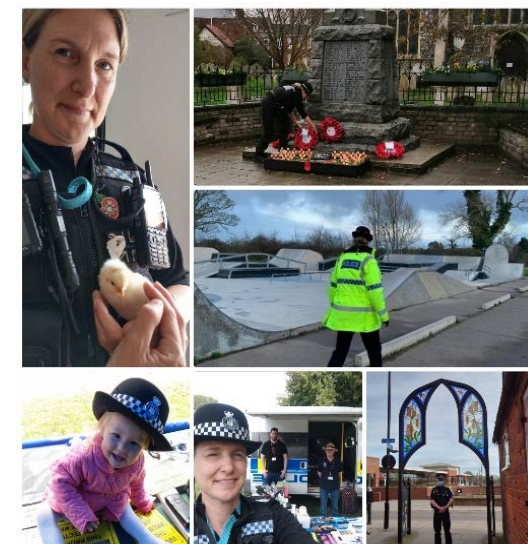
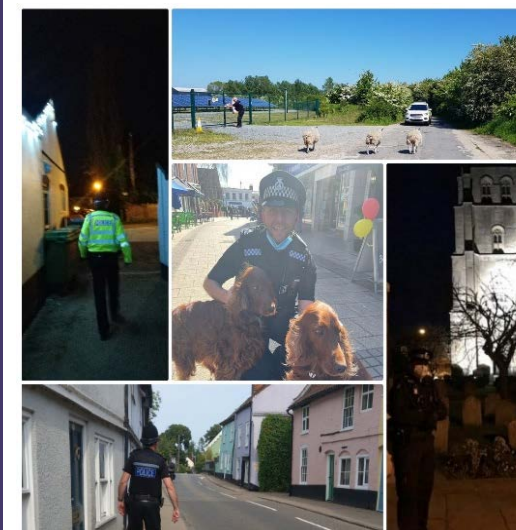
Whilst you 'deck the halls' and set upon your Christmas shopping list, its 'snow' joke that we all get a bit busier during the festive season. So, take a little time out and join me (with a little less bah humbug) like Scrooge from the Christmas Carol to look at the past, present and future in Beccles and Bungay.

further hints and tips from Action Fraud please follow this link - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/onlineshopping>. Look out for more 'street meets' in the new year we will be offering FREE property/bike marking ideal for all the presents you may receive over Christmas. We always advertise the 'street meets' and 'pop-ins' on Police Connect so why not sign up and find out about policing, witness appeals and events in your area for FREE. Sign up by clicking [here](#).

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Over the past year officers have been out on mobile and foot patrol. Traffic Offence Reports have been issued for dangerous parking obstruction, speed enforcement, no insurance and licence to name but a few. The Kestrel team have conducted numerous stop/searches in the area under the Misuse of Drugs Act and in some cases have arrested those searched. Numerous vehicles including e- scooters have been seized throughout the area.

Are you or someone you know between the ages of 13-17 years old and interested in the emergency services? Lowestoft Emergency Services Cadets, although based at Lowestoft police station and Normanston Drive fire station incorporate young people from Beccles, Bungay and surrounding areas. To see more and to join click [here](#).

We wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a happy New year! Until next year! – Pc Amy Yeldham

We attended the Bungay and Beccles Christmas light switch on, the Classic Boat show at Beccles and the Sotterley Show this year with the Suffolk police and Specials and Emergency Services Cadets.

At present we are continuing with our evening and daytime ASB foot patrols in Beccles and Bungay. We would ask that if you are having issues with anti-social behaviour in your area that you report by calling 101 at the time of the incident (999 if it is an emergency) or you can report it online [here](#).

Action Fraud and Suffolk Constabulary are asking the community to protect themselves from fraud when online shopping and for

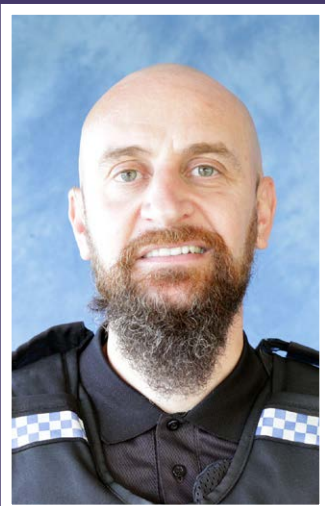


Inspector
Nick Aitken

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



EAST



LOWESTOFT

PC Chris Pallett, Community Engagement Officer

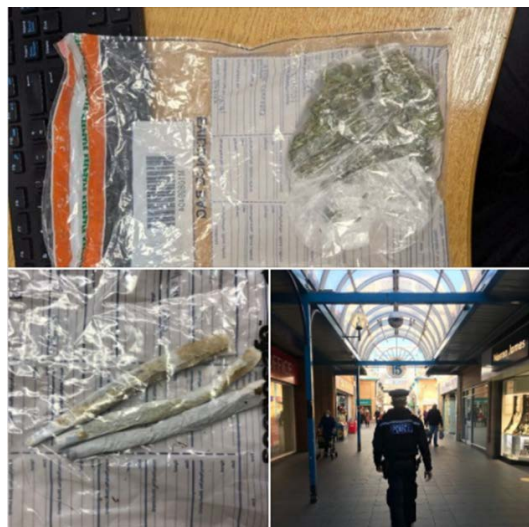
The last two months have continued to be extremely busy for police in Lowestoft. There has been a rise in shed burglaries both at residential properties and allotment areas. Lots of good work has been carried out, including on 2 November a break in at tow sheds on Walton Road. A dog unit was deployed, and a male was located and arrested for burglary non-dwelling and possession of cannabis, enquires are still ongoing.

Kestrel will continue to carry out foot patrols in and around the town in the build up to Christmas, so feel free to speak to them. If you see anything that you would like to tell us about you can contact us on 999 if an emergency, via 101 which is the non-emergency number or you can report an incident online at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>.

There have also been some very positive results from our Neighbourhood Responses Teams. On 2 November one team attended the area of Wollaston Road after reports of suspicious activity near to residential flats. Officers attended and following a drugs search a male was arrested for possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. Enquiries are ongoing. Elsewhere, on 6 November following a road traffic collision involving one vehicle the driver fled the scene on foot. Due to some great work by officers the male was located and arrested on suspicion of driving whilst unfit through drugs, failing to stop at an accident and dangerous driving. Enquires are ongoing.

'Street Meets' have been carried out at various locations throughout the town over the last two months and will continue for the rest of the year with further dates and locations announced on our social media Pages. Crime prevention advice and free security bike markings are offered at all of our local 'street meets' so feel free to come along - we look forward to seeing you all.

I would just like to finish off but wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and will see you all again in 2022..



The East kestrel team continue to carry out proactive foot patrols in the area to tackle anti-social behaviour and other community issues. On 5 November the team were on foot patrol in various locations around Lowestoft, and stopped two separate males in the areas of The Hemplands and London Road North. Following drugs searches a quantity of cannabis was found on each. Both males have been subsequently dealt with for possession of class B substances.



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HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

November saw Community Engagement Officer, PC Simon Green & PCSO Christian Hassler from the Halesworth Safer Neighbourhood Team promoting catalytic converter security. The theft of catalytic converters from petrol cars continues, with our part of the county having been targeted especially hard over the summer.

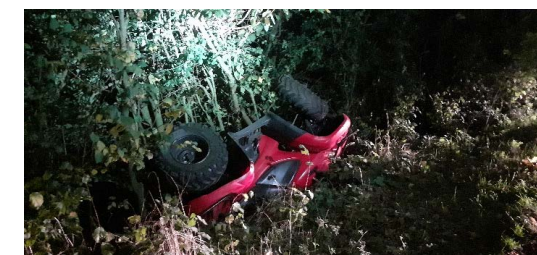


The precious metals used in the cat converter are what criminals are after and the methods used to remove a converter are quick & silent, giving owners little or no warning somebody is interfering with their car. When police stop vehicle occupants and find catalytic converters, it makes the process of identifying them as stolen much easier if the converter is security marked. It means, not only is an arrest more likely, the owner of the converter can be traced, a statement taken and a successful conviction more likely. Halesworth Safer Neighbourhood Team offered a free catalytic converter marking service during November. We were supported by Barley Green Garage, on the B1117 between Laxfield & Stradbroke, where the marking took place and we will be repeating the service during 2022. Watch the Halesworth police Facebook page where details will be posted and also listen to Park Radio on the first Monday of the month where Community Engagement officer, PC Simon Green will provide details of forthcoming events. Park Radio broadcast on 107.6 FM & 105.2 FM. Alternatively, listen live on-line from their website at <https://www.parkradio.co.uk>

For further information about catalytic converter security, go to the Suffolk Constabulary crime reduction, '[First Principle](#)', page from our website.

Criminals will not take the usual precautions when stealing a catalytic converter such as using axle stands. If you see somebody working underneath a car and believe it to be suspicious, dial 999.

Our area has also been targeted recently by criminals on the look-out for power tools & quad bikes. Several outbuildings & sheds have been broken into and these items stolen. On the positive side though, Halesworth Sgt Steven Lee, was on patrol in the Earl Soham area on 27 October. when he saw a vehicle towing a trailer. On the trailer was a red quad bike which he attempted to stop but the driver had other ideas and made off. He followed the vehicle and, during the pursuit, the quad bike fell from the trailer which was found abandoned in the road a short distance away. Enquiries showed the quad bike was another stolen one and the owner was contacted.



If you find you have been the victim of a crime where an outbuilding has been broken into but nothing stolen, do please still report this to Suffolk police as the scene may yield forensic evidence that could link offenders to this series. To do so, either use the 101 or report online using the reporting page from the Suffolk Constabulary [website](#).

Our Kestrel team have been patrolling some of our smaller villages recently. The team's attention mostly tends to be in the towns as that is where most demand is, but all our communities warrant police attention as well so they have been to Eye, Stradbroke, Dennington, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Tannington & Blythburgh. Whilst in Saxmundham, officers found a motorcycle reported stolen from Essex and on false number plates. The machine was seized and Essex police contacted the owner to arrange return.

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Inspector Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Halesworth locality.



BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer

As part of the County Lines/drug awareness intensification week, I have been working with officers and staff from the Neighbourhood Partnership Team setting up a stand on the market in Bury St Edmunds, where we provided advice and guidance on County Lines. I have also been working with medical staff at West Suffolk Hospital providing inputs on spotting the signs of modern day slavery and county lines.

I have joined force with the RAF Police from RAF Honington to support their road safety initiatives and provide crime prevention advice to service personnel and their families. This is part of a long-term collaboration project between police, RAF Police and the RAF Regiment.



PC Alison Sharman, our young persons officer, attended a Suffolk User Forum wellbeing event with me at the 'Combat to Coffee' shop in Bury St Edmunds to support the White Ribbon domestic abuse campaign and provide crime prevention advice to the community.

Bury St Edmunds police sent a contingent of officers to support the policing of COP26 in Glasgow. They worked in a variety of roles to support the policing operation and contribute to the smooth running of the climate change summit.



Looking ahead to next year, we will be running a catalytic converter marking event to help reduce catalytic converter thefts, cycle marking days across the Bury St Edmunds area, working other organisations and community groups to provide fraud and scam awareness.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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Inspector
Barry Abbott

Inspector Barry Abbott is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Bury St Edmunds locality.



MILDENHALL

PC Helen Self, Community Engagement Officer

These last few months has seen some staff changes on the Safer Neighbourhood Team we said farewell to PC Laura Gold. We will miss her hard work and enthusiasm and we welcome PC Libby Appleyard, PC Kat Bothwell, PC Charlie Abbott and PC Matt Cooper.



PC Helen Self spent a few hours in Sainsbury's in November for the Op Sceptre knife crime awareness week. Helen and PCSO Bill Butcher also spent some time in the Guineas Newmarket talking to residents about knife crime and their concerns about anti-social behaviour. While elsewhere, PCSO Anne-Marie Powell and PC Helen Self spent the morning on Mildenhall Market raising awareness of the White Ribbon domestic abuse campaign.

We also wanted to say thank you to the lady who bought coffee and cake for PC Helen Self and PCSO Hannah Rogers whilst they were on Brandon market for White Ribbon day.



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Inspector
Mark Shipton

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

We have been busy in Newmarket with a closure order that was extended to allow the housing provider the opportunity to seek mandatory possession of an address for drug use and associated anti-social behaviour. We are also aware of anti-social behaviour issues in Mildenhall town centre and would encourage people to report any issues to us via 101 or online.

PSCO Bill Butcher has been at Waitrose in Newmarket manning the poppy stall for the British Legion thanks to those who supported the appeal.

We had fun at the Newmarket Christmas light switch on seeing so many people in one place was lovely to see. This was Inspector Mark Shipton's last Christmas working as our locality inspector. We were able to return two purses and a credit card to their rightful owners after they were found on the floor by members of the public.

WEST



SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

Throughout the autumn, Sudbury SNT officers have supported several national and more localised crime prevention campaigns. Operation Sceptre - the knife crime awareness week - is always a staple for us in mid-November. Whilst knife crime levels are thankfully very low in our policing area, we are still not complacent. Last month, I removed almost 200 knives including swords, daggers and many kitchen knives out of our knife amnesty bin which is permanently available to use outside the front of Sudbury police station. All these blades will be destroyed including the zombie knife placed in there too. A recent amendment of the Offensive Weapons Act in 2019 has made the possession of nominated offensive weapons a crime, even in a private place, so you have been warned. Please use our knife bin as a safe drop off point for your blades, legal or otherwise.

It was fantastic to be able to take part in remembrance events again last month. Most of our Volunteer Police Cadets joined both SNT officers and members of the Special Constabulary for parades in both Long Melford and Sudbury. The weather was kind to us and the communities packed the streets for this much missed event from 2020. I was particularly impressed with how many youngsters either took part in the parades and services or just simply came out into the overcast November day to be present. Well done to all.

Our Police Cadets have been so helpful in a multitude of different ways in the past couple of months. They distributed in the region of 600 'Don't Call on us this Halloween' posters to identified communities in both town and more rural settings. On Halloween evening itself, three cadets patrolled with me and distributed two entire tubs of lollies to trick or treaters who were supervised and observed to only visit 'participating' houses. I'm really proud to share that whilst we were out and about, the Sudbury area didn't get any calls regarding ASB, although sadly other areas didn't fare as well.



Another highlight occurred when our local football team, AFC Sudbury, made it to the first-round proper of the FA Cup with a home tie against Colchester United on 5 November. This family centric club invited some of our Cadets along to help outside the ground and they also got a good glimpse of the game... but we won't talk about the result. Good officers try to remain impartial at sporting events such as this but alas, our reflective jackets blended quite nicely with the AFC Sudbury yellow. As this was a 'designated' game shown live on the BBC, it drew our force football liaison officer PC Ian 'Roly' Rowland from his usual Ipswich Town duties. He took his Colchester counterparts for fish & chips ahead of the game and an AFC Sudbury fan paid for their food as a goodwill gesture. Roly has never had this occur in Ipswich on matchdays and left Sudbury hoping that our local team makes a push for league status as he would like return more often!



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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

We start with a fond farewell - it is time to say goodbye to one of Haverhill's longest serving officers. Inspector Peter Ferrie joined Suffolk Constabulary on 13 January 1992 and worked in various roles, before being promoted to inspector in October 2011. He is taking his well-deserved retirement now having, as he has said, 'loved every minute of being at Haverhill', and we wish him well for the future outside of the police.

We have another fresh face joining us - PC Jess Parish joined the Safer Neighbourhood Teams on 4 November, PC Parish was previously on response at Forest Heath and we also have a couple of new officers on response in Haverhill. We welcome you all.

The women's tour final stage started in Haverhill in October. We had no problems on the day, we were joined on our stall in the event village by PC David Marshall and his police cadets. The Haverhill Emergency Service cadets helped to. We spoke to lots of people doing bike security marking and fingerprint key rings for the children. We also discussed security advice on things like vehicle security.

We have done lots of engagements, including a visit to Lillypads Nursery, as well as a market stall for 'County Lines' drug awareness week, an input to Burton End School, a HMP prison operation, input to Kedington and Clare Scouts about the police, and Haverhill Emergency Service Cadets did a leaflet drop on vehicle security. We also did a stall and presentation at Anglian Ruskin University in Cambridge regarding the changes to applying/training for the police.

For 'County Lines' week PC Harry Tully and PC Adam Nightingale joined forces with officers from Forest Heath and Bury St Edmunds for the week focusing on drugs/County Lines and the associated criminality it brings. As a larger team they were able to proactively target issues in Haverhill and other towns. It was a busy week where they executed three search warrants at addresses in Haverhill, resulting in the seizure of Class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine), Class B (cannabis and amphetamines) along with cash, mobile phones and weapons.

The newly formed West Kestrel team joined us in Haverhill assisting with the warrants and conducted uniformed patrols in the town focusing on the Chalkstone and Clements estates. On Saturday we spent some time on the high street speaking with lots of you about issues you face in the community and what you feel we should be focusing on. It was great to meet so many of you and hear your concerns!

On Sunday 14 November I attended with the Haverhill Emergency Service Cadets to Haverhill and Clare Remembrance parades. It was good to see lots of members of the public on both routes watching the parades.



We enjoyed the Christmas light switch on in Haverhill on 18 November with police mascot PD Morse. It was a fantastic turn out to see the new Christmas lights and PD Morse says thank you to everyone that came to say hello.



On Friday 19 November for Children in Need, PD Morse visited the children at Clements and Place Farm schools. Pudsey Bear wasn't available due to his busy diary so PD Morse happily stepped in. We also saw the residents of Horace Eves out on a sponsored walk to raise money so PD Morse joined in the fun as well!

WEST

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Jane Topping



STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

It seems like quite a while ago now, but I'm pleased to say that both Halloween and 5 November went well in our area. Our team were out and about making sure that everyone could enjoy the fun, without impacting on those that wanted a quieter night.

We gave out lots of sweets, and I think we need even more next year because we ran out!



'street meet' together on Friday 26 November in Thurston, and it was great to see and speak to so many people.



The opportunities to engage with our communities is increasing, we are getting back to schools, local youth groups (cubs etc), along with regular 'street meets' and use of the mobile police station, getting to our more rural communities. The Christmas Fayre in Stowmarket on Sunday 28 November, was a joy to attend, and so nice to meet lots of people in such a festive mood.

The last 'street meet' of the year in Stowmarket will be Saturday 18 December in our usual place on Wilkes Way in Stowmarket 9am-1pm.



We have had several thefts from vehicles recently around Stowmarket, and we continue to investigate these. Especially now, with the longer nights, I would like to take the opportunity to ask you to look at your vehicle security by looking at our 1st Principle A-Z of crime prevention advice, on the Suffolk police website.

Bev Swain, the new funded PCSO for Thurston, has settled in nicely and has been meeting a lot of residents, dealing with issues and generally having a positive impact on the community. We had our first

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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

October blessed us with some amazing weather for the time of year at the Women's Tour of Britain which started in Haverhill and finished in Felixstowe. The crowds were out in force with the sun shining and temperatures reaching mid 20s. Thousands of people were lining the streets to see the sprint finish, where Team Valcar led out their team leader and current road cycling world champion Elisa Balsamo to win the final stage in a blur of speed. The police engagement stand was busy all day with visitors and officers were able to have positive interactions with hundreds of members of public all day. We received a lot of positive feedback from the event organisers and members of public alike.



We have been doing numerous reassurance patrols with the covid vaccine bus when it visited Ipswich offering the vaccine to members of public. There is no need for an appointment as people can just turn up on the day.

The end of the month saw the start of Freshers week at the university with numerous careers and business stands gathered for the day. Again, lots of positive interactions with students and a lot of interest in joining the police was generated. We gave away hundreds of anti-spiking bottle tops while passing on some stay safe tips to students who will be venturing out to the pubs and bars for Freshers week.

Op Sceptre - the national anti-knife crime week was busy with visits to schools and colleges raising awareness around the dangers of knife crime and the consequences

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Domenic Mann

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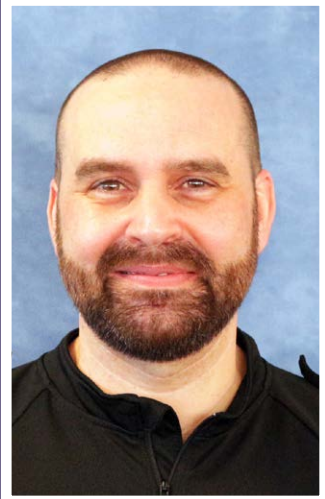
around carrying a bladed weapon.

Christchurch Park Armed Forces Memorial Service saw crowds back to the pre-covid numbers. The rain held off for the service which was conducted with the usual military precision. The procession with serving soldiers, veterans, cadets and military band started on Elm Dreet and marched through the town centre to Christchurch park, where public office officials were invited to lay wreaths of poppies. DCC Rachel Kearton was in attendance to lay a wreath on behalf of the Constabulary.



Engagement officers and school liaison officers have been attending multiple locations to promote White Ribbon week including Ipswich Town FC at Portman Road, Suffolk College and the town centre with partner agencies Ipswich Borough Council, Anglia Care Trust and Lighthouse Women's Aid.

SOUTH



IPSWICH WEST

PC Richard Smith, Community Engagement Officer

It has been a busy autumn period for us on the Ipswich West Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). There have been several national initiatives that we have been supporting during the period, including the anti-knife crime 'Operation Sceptre' and a campaign targeting County Lines drug dealing. During this week of intensification around County lines, we identified three addresses on the Ipswich West area that we suspected were being 'cuckooed'. This is a situation where those involved in the supply of drugs, take over the property of a vulnerable member of the community and deal drugs from that location. As a result of searches at these locations, offenders were arrested and drugs seized. The occupants of those addresses are now being 'safeguarded' by officers on the SNT and members of Ipswich Borough Council housing team. We are also working with our partners from the council Anti-Social Behaviour team (ASB) in the area around Alderman Road and the surrounding flats.

We have received reports of drug use and ASB in the area and we recently carried out a 'street meet' with the council and officers from our Design Out Crime team where we spoke to residents about the issues and what improvements could be made to make the area around the flats more secure. If you are concerned by ASB or drug use in your local community, please report this to us through our website under the 'Report Something' section.



Our SNT Link Officers and community support officers are working with the community around the Dickens Road area of Ipswich looking at the provision for

young people who live in the area. During the October half term, a trial initiative - the pop up 'Thunderdome' youth club was set up at locations across Ipswich (see photo). These were really well received by the young members of the Dickens Road area community and we are working with community members to look at options to set up similar activities in the near future.

Speed enforcement and tackling the anti-social use of vehicles remains one of our priorities and is a common complaint to us at our regular policing area forums. Working with the Camera Partnership Team and our Roads Policing unit we are targeting locations where this is a concern to the community.



May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry festive period. Please follow us on our social media channels for regular updates over the Christmas period.

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Inspector Kirsty Graefe

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



HADLEIGH

PC Mike Small, Community Engagement Officer

As the nights draw in as we approach the Christmas period, please could I ask all those living in our rural communities across the Babergh district to review their home security. Please ensure that you take all precautions when leaving your home and property unattended and that you lock all doors and windows. We have seen an increase in rural burglaries and vehicle crime over recent weeks. We have a section on our Suffolk police website with the latest crime prevention advice - just search for 'First Principle' and look for the home security advice pages. There is information from improving the quality of your locks and how to make your home look more secure with information on security lights and alarms.



For those who have commercial vehicles and vans, please do not leave valuable tools and equipment in your vehicle if possible and always park your vehicle in a safe and secure location where possible. We believe that criminals are travelling into the county to commit rural crime, so please report any suspicious circumstances to us and always dial 999 if you think a crime is in progress.

In Hadleigh we continue to focus on our priority of identifying and tackling areas where anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a concern. ASB can take many forms including noise complaints, the anti-social use of vehicles, littering and drug use. We meet with Babergh District Council 'ASB' panel on a monthly basis to look at key 'hotspot' areas and look at measures to discourage

the behaviour and identify and deal with offenders. Current locations in Hadleigh include the area around the leisure centre and the use of vehicles in the Calais Street area. I can confirm that the system of CCTV cameras in the Hadleigh town centre is fully functioning and we will be using this to assist with identifying those responsible for committing ASB and crime in the area. Please report any concerns relating to ASB through our website under the 'Report Something' section.

We continue to focus on traffic complaints in relation to speeding in Hadleigh and the surrounding villages. I work closely with the Safety Camera Partnership Team and our Community Speed-Watch volunteers and visit locations where complaints of excess speed are received. We are also working with our Schools Liaison Officers and visiting schools where we are able to, delivering advice on various subjects including dealing with bullying, County Lines drug dealing and awareness.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas Holiday period.



SOUTH



FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

PC Rachael Partridge, Community Engagement Officer

With 2021 drawing to a close, December continues to be a busy time for policing with a number of planned Christmas events and festivities. Your Safer Neighbourhood Teams are working hard to keep you, your family and property safe over the festive period. Look out for our Christmas campaign on social media #KeepItChristmas with advice and information on how to keep safe.

The White Ribbon campaign raising awareness of domestic abuse is underway and this national initiative aims to end male violence against women and girls. Community engagement has been taking place with secondary schools and colleges to discuss the issues of domestic violence.

Your Community Engagement Officer was invited speak at the Ufford Ladies Probus club recently and Seaton Road Methodist Church community group where crime prevention advice was provided relating to fraud. The subject of fraud and scams continues to be a concern for our elderly community. I would advise anyone with elderly friends or relatives to have a conversation about suspicious callers and potential fraudsters to prevent your loved ones from being a victim of this type of organised crime. If you have been a victim of fraud please contact police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 1232040.

Felixstowe has seen an increase in cycle thefts in the town and seafront area. Local officers are carrying out patrols and are appealing for witnesses or anyone who has relevant information to contact police on 101 or report online on our Suffolk police website. Also, why not register your cycle with www.immobilise.com – this a free property register? Wishing you all a safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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.



IPSWICH EAST

PC Hannah Canning, Community Engagement Officer

As we reach the end of the year, I'm finding it difficult to believe that I've been in the community engagement role for nearly a year now – the time seems to have flown by. As more and more groups are back to meeting face to face, my engagement diary has been increasingly full of visits, drop-in sessions and events. I've been out to meet lots of our local rainbows, brownies, beavers and scouts, as well as visiting local sheltered accommodation, going to community meet-ups, participating in careers events and fairs, engaging with local schools and carrying out targeted patrols across east Ipswich. I was also lucky enough to be involved in FelixFest, an event at the end of the women's cycling tour along with a number of colleagues and some of our wonderful local cadets. On Remembrance Sunday, I went along to the lighting of the Kesgrave Beacon – a really lovely community event.

Unfortunately, there have been burglaries in the Ipswich east area recently, so we would encourage local residents to take a look at the First Principle crime reduction area of our website for advice on improving the security of homes and/or small businesses. You can find all our crime reduction advice [here](#).

Also, for useful tips on seasonal crime, please keep an eye out for the Suffolk Constabulary #KeepItChristmas campaign.

To find out what is going on in your area, you can sign up to the Police Connect messaging service. Information is sent out via email about local incidents, crime trends, and crime prevention advice. You can choose to receive information specific to your location and to select the topic areas that you are interested in, the short sign-up form is available [here](#).

Catalytic converter thefts are still happening across the county, including east Ipswich. Please take any steps that you can to protect your vehicle, especially if the make/model of your vehicle is known for having an exposed catalytic converter. We ran a free catalytic converter marking session at HiQ Ipswich a few weeks ago and we will be looking to run further sessions in future. 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.

We are also aware of a recent trend of knocking on doors and/or kicking doors of residential properties. If this happens to you, please do report it either via 999 or 101, or online [here](#). We want to deal with those responsible so that they can be educated about the negative impact that their behaviour can have on others, especially upon vulnerable victims.

Best wishes to you all for the holiday period, and a safe and Happy New Year.



In recent months Safer Neighbourhood Team officers have participated in a number of national campaigns including Op Sceptre that tackle knife crime and the White Ribbon campaign to address domestic abuse. Pro-active work is also continuing across the area to target those involved in the supply of illegal drugs, this includes carrying out warrants at addresses and stop-searching those individuals believed to be involved.

Don't like waiting?



For non-urgent reports of Crime, ASB, Road Collisions and Frequently Asked Questions why not 'Click before you call' and visit www.Suffolk.Police.uk

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Suffolk Constabulary are working hard to keep you, your family and property safe over the festive period and here are some useful tips on how you can help us to help you **#KeepitChristmas**.

At Home

- Don't leave presents under your Christmas Tree if they are visible from windows or doors. If you are storing presents in sheds or outbuildings, make sure they are securely locked.
- Don't leave large amounts of cash at home.
- Always keep doors and windows locked.
- Leave a light or the radio on when you leave the house to keep it looking occupied.
- Be careful about what you post on social media – don't broadcast when you are away from home or about expensive gifts in the house.
- For further crime prevention advice, go to the First Principle page on the Suffolk Constabulary website.



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