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Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe



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

INTRODUCTION

February saw a major incident declared in Suffolk when the Constabulary, along with many other agencies, worked together to respond to the effects of Storm Dudley and Storm Eunice. Partners in the Suffolk Resilience Forum, including councils, health bodies, utility companies and the emergency services, formalised joint-working and resource sharing arrangements to deal with the effects of the awful weather.

The Resilience Forum Strategic Coordination Group was chaired by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Chief Officer Jon Lacey. A huge amount of work took place to ensure Suffolk residents had access to power and could travel around the county safely. Our police control room took 706 Storm Dudley 999 calls, and 693 Storm Eunice. Compared to the same days the week before, this was over an 80% increase in calls.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those members of the public and numerous farmers who assisted my officers in helping remove trees and other household items from roads. Some came out with chainsaws, teleports and tractors. What great community spirit! This, combined with the partnership working, really goes to show the true value of all working together to keep Suffolk safe.

Suffolk Constabulary is always looking to recruit volunteers from a variety of backgrounds across the county to reflect our community.

We have a wide range of roles to suit all skills and abilities. The Police Support Volunteer (PSV) programme provides logistical low-level support, fostering community relations and freeing up time for officers and staff in paid roles to focus their efforts in delivering an effective police service.

Our current PSV vacancies include Mounted Police Support Volunteers, local policing volunteers, cadet leaders, Restorative Justice support, Citizens in Policing team support and Employer Supported Policing team support. The Special Constabulary are always looking for volunteers too - become a Special Constable and assist regular police officers in the day-to-day policing of the county. Specials play a key role in providing high profile uniformed policing and perform a variety of front-line policing duties, including patrolling communities, crime reduction & prevention, safeguarding public safety and security at local events, security at crime scenes and traffic patrol.

All our volunteers play a vital role in helping us to take pride in keeping Suffolk safe whilst ensuring our communities value and trust what we do. For further information on any of the role(s) and application packs, please contact the Specials & Volunteers team at specialsandvolunteers@suffolk.police.uk or visit our recruitment pages on www.suffolk.police.uk

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**



This month sees the introduction of my new Police and Crime Plan which I am required by law to produce in the year following my election.

Back in November last year, I published the draft plan and asked for views on my proposal. I'd like to thank all those who responded, I can assure you every comment was considered before the plan was adopted.

This, my third Police and Crime Plan, sets the direction for policing in Suffolk for the next three years; it is a bespoke strategic plan for the county, tailored to the needs of Suffolk and the communities served by the Constabulary. It gives Suffolk residents a clear picture of my objectives to make the county a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest.

The plan aims to deliver four main objectives – an efficient and effective police force for Suffolk; providing services which support victims of crime and invest in initiatives which reduce crime and disorder; engaging with communities to understand their views and keeping them updated on our work and, finally, a partnership approach to criminal justice and enhancing community safety. These objectives build on the progress of the previous two plans which I have issued since I was first elected.

Putting these objectives into context, I can assure you there is a constant focus on looking for better value for taxpayers, coupled with a pragmatic

approach to investment. Reducing levels of violence and the influence of gangs and organised crime groups are also key to the plan.

The new plan renews our commitment to deal with increasing prevalence of 'hidden' crimes such as domestic abuse, fraud and modern slavery and, prevent these hideous forms of criminality. It also reflects the national direction as outlined in the Government's Beating Crime Plan, which proposes improvements across policing and criminal justice.

The key to the success of the plan is making sure there is a stretching but deliverable actions. I can assure you this is already in place, and I will use this to hold the Chief Constable to account for making sure we have the police service we need in Suffolk. I do this through the Accountability and Performance Panel, which is a public meeting if you are interested to see this process in action.

Suffolk's Police and Crime Plan and the performance framework, which shows how I will monitor progress, are both available to read on my website, www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk. I hope you find it informative.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**





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BECCLES & BUNGAY

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.

Spring has brought with it some fantastic weather already, which means more of us are out getting some fresh air by walking, running, cycling, hacking your horse out or even dusting off the motorbike to make the most of the fantastic weather. Whatever you choose to do make sure you are seen if you are on the roads, help other road users see you by wearing bright or fluorescent clothing and consider wearing reflective materials such as waistcoats, sashes or armbands. Low, bright sun and fog in the evenings and mornings can make it difficult for you to be seen on the road so don't take the risk. Be safe, be seen.



The Safer Neighbourhood Team and East Kestrel team have been continuing their evening ASB patrols in Beccles, mainly in the areas of the town centre including Puddingmoor and St Michael's Church in response to concerns raised by residents with regards to ASB. We have also had concerns raised by residents in Bungay who have reported incidents of ASB in the town centre including areas around the Buttercross and Priory Lane, and the Safer Neighbourhood Team and East Kestrel have conducted numerous patrols in these areas recently in response to this.

In both Bungay and Beccles local officers are working in partnership with the town councils, East Suffolk council and youth support such as Access Community Trust and Thirst Youth Hub with a view to alleviating the ASB issues in both areas, however we do ask that if you experience

ASB we ask that you report it as and when it happens by calling 101 or [reporting online](#), always dial 999 in an emergency.



Lowestoft Emergency Services Cadet Stefan Filote has been busy over the last two weeks helping north Lowestoft and Beccles fire station with their charity car wash. Lowestoft North raised £1263 and Beccles raised approximately £900 which is fantastic! If you know someone who is between 13 years and 17 years and is interested in both the police and fire service they could apply to become an Emergency Services Cadet and for more information see the following link- <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/police-cadets>

I have conducted 'street meets' at Morrison's in Beccles and the Staithe in Bungay over the last month which have been well attended. Keep your eyes peeled for the next dates in April and May and don't forget I always offer free bike security marking at the events. I visited Shadingfield at the end of March to conduct site assessments for their up-and-coming community speedwatch scheme. If you are interested in starting up community speedwatch in your area why not go to our webpage to find out more about it - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/community-speed-watch>

Until next time! PC Amy Yeldham

EAST



LOWESTOFT

PC Chris Pallett, Community Engagement Officer

Community engagements are in full swing again now the COVID restrictions have been eased. I have been conducting numerous 'street meets' in Lowestoft throughout the last month and my colleagues PCSO Justin Winn (schools officer) and PC Chris Belcher (children & young person PC for east Suffolk) have been attending local schools and colleges delivering presentations relation to a host of topics including online safety, knife crime and county lines. These will continue throughout the spring and summer and if you require any furthering information regarding 'street meet's or school/college inputs then either visit our Lowestoft Police Facebook Page for upcoming events or email us at CEOLowestoft@suffolk.police.uk

I'd take this opportunity to remind people again about the importance of reporting such matters to us so that we can deal with the issue. It is only by working together that we will look to resolve it. In the past, we have seized several cars and issued individuals involved with numerous traffic offence reports for matters ranging from exhausts that do not comply with legislation, to driving with excess speed. We have also issued some summons for speeding on the bypass during a weekend of action.



We have also been proactive with speed enforcement within the town and posted some updates on social media. At the beginning of March speed enforcement was carried out in the area of north Lowestoft. In total 16 motorists were dealt with for their excess speeds ranging from 37mph up to 56mph in a 30mph limit. We would urge those that have been in this area driving their cars inappropriately to consider how they would feel if the excessive noise and general public nuisance caused by their behaviour was being committed in the area in which they live.



The East Kestrel team continue with their patrols, tackling areas where anti-social behaviour has been reported to us. This month foot patrols have taken place in the town centre, around the Lowestoft library and the Britten Centre area to deal with nuisance behaviour. If you want to report any ASB to us, the quickest and easiest option is to report something online >><https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

Another hot topic I know has generated a lot of interest recently is the issue of anti-social behaviour speeding motor vehicles at the Gateway Retail Park and in Kessingland. We are still closely monitoring the issue and

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HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

The week commencing 7 March marked the beginning of national County Lines intensification week, an annual campaign where all police forces over the UK step up action targeting the activities of County Lines drug supply. Here in the Halesworth locality, our East Kestrel team called at numerous addresses linked with drug use or supply and made arrests, including one of a male at an address in Halesworth where, upon entry, it was clear drug abuse was taking place.

contact cards to pupils as they walked home from school and encourage them to look at a drugs display we had set up using our mobile police station. The display incorporates simulated drugs of many types with accompanying information to educate people and provide them with the correct information so they are aware and armed with the knowledge needed to reduce the chances of them being exploited.

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On Saturday 12 March, our Safer Neighbourhood Team, assisted by Neighbourhood Response colleagues, prioritised calling at addresses where children or young people might be at risk of exploitation, so primarily a safeguarding exercise. Those most at risk from county lines type drug supply are children & young adults who are targeted by criminal gangs to act as 'mules' to transport illegal substances from large cities to outlying areas such as Suffolk where the child is 'planted' in the home of a usually vulnerable occupant, a practise referred to as 'cuckooing'. From there the child is exposed to many other types of criminality which the cuckooing address is used for. This can include the dangerous production of amphetamines, prostitution, sexual exploitation and more. The whole process is controlled using 'burner' phones, low-cost mobile phones meaning those involved at the graduating stages of County Lines can stay in touch & manipulate those below them. If you recognise any of the indicators described here, please contact Suffolk police using our on-line reporting tool here [Report a Crime](#) or, if you wish to remain anonymous, by doing so via the Crime Stoppers website here [Crimestoppers](#). The charity also has an anonymous reporting platform especially for young people called [Fearless](#).

Onto other matters and I was at Southwold on 12 March, working jointly with partner, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). We organised a 'street meet', again with our mobile police station, to promote Operation Seabird, an effort to raise awareness amongst those visiting our Suffolk coast about the risks human activity can pose to coastal wildlife. MMO colleague, Charlie Hobbs & I spoke with around 50 people who stopped by, with Charlie providing wildlife welfare information & I was explaining how certain activities around wildlife can constitute a criminal offence.



Finally, an appeal for information following damage in the Town Park in Halesworth on 10 March. The above photo shows the damaged caused when a group of around 15 youths were reported at 8pm trying to climb the streetlight beside the path leading from Saxons Way into the park. The light and adjacent information board were found damaged as well as flowers which appear to have been kicked and scattered over the path. Halesworth police would like to hear from anybody with information about this incident which can be done online [here](#) quoting CAD ref. SC-10032022-350 or by dialling 101 Always dial 999 if you see a crime being committed.

For my part, as Community Engagement Officer, I organised a 'street meet' engagement on 10 March on Seaman Avenue in Saxmundham close to the SET Saxmundham School, joined by SNT colleagues, Sgt Mark Bassett & PCSO Jamie Newson as well as those from partner agencies, Flagship Housing and Crime Stoppers. The aim was to provide 'Fearless'



BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector
John Murray

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



Bury St. Edmunds officers attended many calls in the wake of Storm Dudley, Eunice and Franklin between 16 to 19 February. Officers and staff worked with residents, farmers and Suffolk Highways to clear roads, pavements and footpaths, utilising chain saws, hand saws and agricultural machinery.

Where it was not possible to clear fallen trees & debris, roads were closed using signs and cones. Officers were also cordoned off areas in the town after reports of roof tiles falling from roofs and it is worth saying that many officers remained on duty working extended hours, in often dangerous conditions.



Safer Neighbourhood Officers have been successful in two closures notices at Britten Place flats recently. Officers and staff worked jointly with Havebury Housing officers collating a wealth of investigative material including ASB reports and incident logs. The closure orders were granted by Ipswich

magistrates, with notice being served within hours of their approval. The two properties, whose residents had been causing ASB and drug related criminality within the block, were secured, pending a three-month review period. Havebury and police carried out joint reassurance visits to all the residents in the block and the wider community.

With the development of a successful closure notice template, we will continue to work collaboratively with Havebury Housing and other housing associations to target individuals who commit crime and perpetrate ASB within our communities and support those affected by it.

Emergency Service Cadets from Bury St Edmunds along with cadets from Haverhill and Sudbury attended the Suffolk Justice service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. This was the first public engagement for the Bury unit for many months, and hopefully you will see our cadets out and about more as they get involved in community-based activities and events.

Suffolk police's volunteer police cadets and Emergency Services Cadets are an important part of the extended police / fire family. Their role is to help progress current policing initiatives in the local community. They assist with events including the Suffolk Show, town fairs, carnivals and charity events.

They also support the important work of safer neighbourhood teams and are taught basic knowledge in a variety of policing activity. The aims of the scheme are:

- to promote and encourage a practical interest in policing / emergency services work among young people
- to provide training which will encourage positive leadership within communities
- to encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining as a cadet, details can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website.



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 would like to welcome our new Inspector Connor Lyon to Forest Heath following the retirement of Inspector Mark Shipton.



Inspector Lyon said: "I am excited to have taken over as the Local Policing Command T/Insp for Forest Heath from Mark and I am looking forward to working with officers and partners in driving down crime and keeping the public safe. While I am new to the role, I am not new to Forest Heath having worked here as PC for three years from 2011 to 2014. I enjoyed my time here and it is the longest post I have held in my thirteen years with Suffolk Constabulary. I have worked in response for most of my time, but I have also worked in the Covid operational response team, custody and on the night-time economy team. I am as passionate about policing as I was when I joined and believe in taking pride in our work and having high standards in all that we do.

"While we are seeing changes in the relaxation of restrictions to tackle Covid, modern policing also faces new many challenges such as the constant improvement of technology. However, I am looking to ensure we focus on a high quality of crime investigations, putting victims at the heart of what we do and utilising a problem-solving approach to tackle such problems as anti-social behaviour. Forest Heath is a fantastic area with many wonderful people, and I will be looking to do what I can to ensure they have confidence in Suffolk Constabulary.

"Currently my priorities are to tackle the ASB in Mildenhall town centre and targeting

county lines in Newmarket. I have created Op Sarsden and have a problem-solving plan in place to try and tackle the ASB. Having exhausted diversion opportunities, we have now charged one of the main offenders and are awaiting a decision from CPS on a second main offender. We are also continuing to work with our partners to provide support."

Elsewhere, we have had the first slavery and trafficking risk order in Suffolk granted against our main suspect of county lines and we will be looking to continue the good work in identifying and prosecuting those dealing drugs.

We have a problem solving in place regarding the ASB caused by off-road bikes in Mildenhall woods and this is likely to increase in the spring and summer time. This involves working closely with the Forestry Commission to educate people, install natural obstacles and take robust action through seizures of bikes. New anti-social behaviour signs have been introduced to educate those misusing the forest and we are encouraging the public to report incidents of these off-road bikes being ridden. You can report these incidents via 101 or online.



Residents of Gazeley were trained by Sgt Steve Wright and PC Helen Self for Community Speed Watch roles in the village. Residents in Tuddenham are also now out doing Community Speed Watch. If this is some you are interested in, then please contact us.

PC Helen Self and PCSO Bill Butcher carried out a crime prevention stall in Newmarket outside the B&M store. It was nice to chat to so many people.

WEST



SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

As a Community Engagement Officer, I always relish every opportunity to speak with and listen to children during my duties. I remember well those times during my school days when police officers came into our school to see how we were and perhaps give us some sound advice. Just a few days ago, PCSO Grant Skeggs and I went and spoke to some of the students at Cockfield Primary School which happens to be my old school. The boys and girls have been studying crime and punishment and that morning been to Moyses Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds to look at relevant artifacts and exhibits. We always take a few 'show and tell' items to promote conversation and debate and, as one of the last few officers to still have been issued a wooden truncheon, the students were amazed that this was the only form of self-protection that 'Bobbies' had just a generation ago. I left that afternoon both buzzing from having been there and feeling just a tad older!



Just a few days earlier we had a special visitor to Sudbury police station, our friend Thomas. This was Thomas's 12th birthday and after his busy day at Hillside Special School, he brought in his favourite toy police car to show us and I lined up an assortment of ours for him to inspect. I don't think that there was a switch or button that didn't get a prod or a twist from our man as he bounded from one to another. He had a right good time and when he found the bull horn on the big van he enjoyed making his mum and dad near jump out of their skins!

A fantastic bit of good old fashioned police work by one of my Sudbury police colleagues

came to fruition just a few days ago here in Sudbury. A local Class A drug addict was observed in an area, not typically linked to them. A little bit of intelligence development resulted in our plain clothed Scorpion team promptly paying a welfare visit on a vulnerable local female's address. The upshot from this swift action were three arrests from inside, 90 wraps of Class A heroin seized, along with a cash and a knife which the alleged dealer felt the need to have under his cushion. This is an ongoing case, but it highlights our disruption tactics and how we don't just wait for 'week's of action' to target County Lines perpetrators who come to our town to prey on our vulnerable.

Suffolk Constabulary is now supporting a new initiative run by the Responsible Car Wash Company (RCWC) who in essence strive to promote compliance and raise standards in the car wash industry. A Fair Wash For All is the ideal for the RCWC who challenge us all to consider the following - is your car wash of choice looking after its staff is it trading legally? And is it protecting the environment correctly? Ipswich and Sudbury were the initial two Suffolk towns who performed the initial wave of structured visits from stakeholders. Here, I'm pictured with Sebastian who happily and willingly showed us around their business introducing us to all three generations of his family who were helping with their trade that day. Car washes can sometimes harbour labour exploitation and illegal activity such as modern-day slavery. This is food for thought for us all.

Finally, a massive well done to our Senior Volunteer Police Cadet, Jez Perry. On 16 March he was announced as one of the joint winners in the High Sheriff's Awards in the Community Volunteer - Under 30s category. Additionally, we're thrilled that another of our cadets, Issy Reeve has been selected as one of only two Suffolk High Sheriff Cadets for the forthcoming year. Congratulations to both.

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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

One productive piece of recent work was courtesy of PC Adam Nightingale who organised a vehicle operation in January. We worked with other departments and other agencies on the day of action. We stopped 111 vehicles, four vehicles were seized, two people arrested and 59 traffic tickets issued for vehicle offences.

Our work to tackle anti-social behaviour on the Chalkstone estate is continuing. You may have read in this paper we issued a dispersal order and upped our foot patrols in the area. Additionally, we have been doing lots of work in schools and engaging with youth workers who have also been patrolling the area, while the parents of the children causing the anti-social behaviour have also been spoken to - rest assured we will monitor the situation closely.



We've conducted a number of operations targeting Class A drug supply. At one search warrant we recovered a large amount of class A crack cocaine and heroin and cannabis with thousands of pounds in cash and phones seized and three people arrested at the address on suspicion for drugs offences. We have also had a multi-agency operation at HMP Highpoint. Two people were arrested on suspicion of smuggling class A drugs into Highpoint. Stating with the topic of drugs during a week of national activity on the crime we conducted inputs at St Felix, Place Farm, Clements, Hundon and Thurlow schools to school children to raise awareness of the dangers of getting involved in drugs.

Thank you to the public that have come to see me at 'street meets' which I held at Wickhambrook, Haverhill library and Tesco.

Please keep an eye out for future events. Some coming up include a career fair on Wednesday 27 April at the Epi Centre in Haverhill 4pm to 6pm, a 'street meet' engagement 11am to 1pm at the Market Square in the town with Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore on Friday 6 May. I will also be at a wellbeing event at Abbeycroft leisure from 11am to 2.30pm on Saturday 7 May.



Elsewhere, our local Police Cadets went to the High Sherriff Justice Service in Bury St Edmunds in March. They've also been bowling for a contest against the Sudbury cadets and then did a litter pick in Haverhill for Great British tidy week. I'd urged any young person looking for a new interest to consider joining the Police Cadets. I can guarantee you won't regret it. Their role is to help progress current policing initiatives in the local community. They assist with events including the Suffolk Show, town fairs, carnivals and charity events. They also support the important work of safer neighbourhood teams and are taught basic knowledge in a variety of policing activity. Any 13 to 17 year old can apply and for a form please email cadetsinfo@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. You can also find more information on the www.suffolk.police.uk website.

Finally, we attended Geoffrey Pulham's funeral at the West Suffolk Crematorium to pay our respects to a former officer. Geoffrey, died at aged 94, had worked at Haverhill and Sudbury during his time as a police officer. Around 40 retired police officers attended the service and it was good to hear the stories from them of how the police service has changed over the years.

WEST

SOUTH

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Jane Topping



STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

Over the last couple of months, we have been meeting with lots of groups of young people, from schools, where we have been talking about online safety and drugs and alcohol to various youth groups. It was so nice to receive a lovely card from the Beavers group at Thurston after a visit from PCSO Beverley Swain the Thurston funded officer and myself. We chatted about how the police help people and answered lots of questions, and then did fingerprint keyrings with them afterwards which they loved.



On 12 March, at one of our regular SNT 'street meets' in Stowmarket, I was joined not only by the local councillor, but by some of our Stowmarket Cadets. This was part of our County Lines intensification week, where we spoke to people to offer advice, and the Cadets visited businesses in town to give out posters and offer advice on the signs to look out for.

Our next 'street meet' in Stowmarket will be 23 April, and we will be in Wilkes Way in Stowmarket between 9am – 2pm, where we will be security marking bikes, giving out property marking pens and leaflets and available for crime prevention tips. The increase in fuel prices, in particular heating oil, may unfortunately see an

increase in this type of theft. Please check your current security, and for advice, visit - www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/heatingoilsecurity1.pdf



Our SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) have set their new local tasking priorities based on those areas our communities have asked us to target. The priorities are Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Stowmarket town centre (and in particular around Fox court, Shoezone and the United Reform Church). In addition, we will be prioritising drug use within the Town centre and the Recreation ground. Amongst other things, we will be carrying out proactive patrols, including high visibility, in these areas. We will be engaging with the community and will deal robustly with any offences found, and will make use, where applicable, of our Stop & search powers. We will continue to work closely with our partner agencies in tackling the ASB.

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Neil McKay

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



IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Dom Woodmansee, Community Engagement Officer

February saw a week of awareness raising for sexual abuse and sexual violence week with multi agency 'street meets' with Ipswich Borough Council's Safer Streets team, Victim Care and police to offer advice to the public around the signs to look out for and how to report it. Free personal attack alarms were given away and promotion of the 'Ask Angela' campaign was well received.

We have attended recruitment fairs at Northgate High school, Cornhill jobs fair, Ipswich School and Hadleigh High along with numerous other employers and industries. The police stand was always one of the most popular for enquiries about joining the job.



The local Safer Neighbourhood Team worked with Scorpion and Kestrel teams to target young persons involved in drug gang related violence. A vehicle was stopped with a target subject on board. As a result three were detained for possession with intent to supply/concerned in the supply of class A drugs. One male was charged and remanded for PWITs (in possession of over 100 wraps and cash), two others released on bail. This was a huge team effort by our officers from detaining to charging with just six minutes left on the custody clock!

As part of the County Lines action week we were invited to deliver inputs around drugs and the risks of exploitation from criminals. We paid visits to Suffolk Refugee Support group, Black Horse Lane Methodist Church befriending group, Northgate school, Suffolk college and University of Suffolk. There is generally a good awareness of County Lines but the exploitation side is still an unknown to a lot of the general public. Raising

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Inspector
Domenic Mann

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awareness of how to avoid being exploited and the signs of exploitation of others are key in raising awareness and prevention.

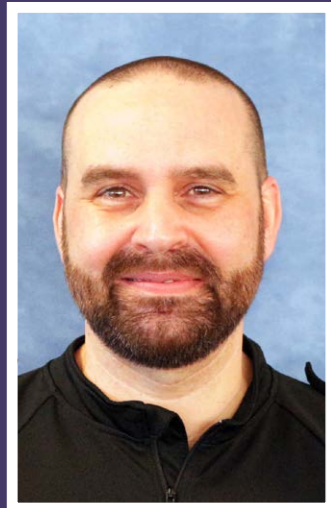
We supported welfare checks and conducted intelligence gathering with Julie Begum (our modern-day slavery and vulnerable communities advisor) where we visited females who are being exploited as a sex workers. With the use of a language line they are signposted to the relevant agencies, given awareness of rights while in the country, medical advice regarding registering with a GP, and asked safeguarding questions regarding their situation.

Meanwhile, we also conducted welfare checks around modern-day slavery in Ipswich nail bars. Multi agency visits with fire service and our modern slavery advisory Julie Begum.

The fire service was given access to areas of the business police would not normally given access to on a routine visit. Intelligence was gathered as to the use of additional rooms within the premises and the conditions and welfare of the staff. Isolating the manager from staff removed any possibility of coercion when staff were spoken to about working conditions and their freedom of movement, as well as access to funds and their travel documents.



SOUTH



IPSWICH WEST

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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.

It's been a busy time since my last update with the team visiting several schools in the area to deliver inputs on County Lines, knife crime and how to stay safe online. We see the sessions in our local schools as a key priority going forward, these allow strong links to develop at a young age, breaking down any barriers that may have developed because of COVID and social media. We also visited the 36th Ipswich Cub Scouts on Hawthorn Drive, setting up a 'crime scene' for the troop to examine.

We started March with a multi-agency day of action on Anglia Retail Park. The aim of the operation was to disrupt and frustrate the activities of criminals, including organised crime groups, who commit offences across county borders whilst using the road network. Vehicles identified as being potentially involved in criminality were brought back to the check site where police and partner agencies conducted checks of the vehicles and occupants. A total of 28 vehicles were escorted back to the site with only four leaving the site clear of offences. One man was arrested on suspicion of driving with excess drugs/alcohol. We are committed as a force to clamping down on those using our road networks to facilitate crime and in working closely with our partner agencies to facilitate this.



We've been down at Suffolk New College supporting an anti-knife crime football initiative, founded by students at the college. In support of the "No more reds" campaign, which aims to keep young people safe from knife crime and violence, the students raised money to support the campaign and played a number of matches. To see such a positive young group taking direct action to combat a problem area in their communities, shows we have real talent here in Ipswich.

The team took part in the national week of action against the on-going threat of County Lines, which resulted in several arrests in key locations which included Gippeswyk Park. As well as arrests and disrupting the drug lines we conducted welfare visits on several properties where the residents are at risk of "cuckooing". Following on from this the Ipswich West SNT have operated focused patrols in key locations where there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour, this included Dickens Road, Meredith Road, Sherrington Road and Alderman Park.

It was great to be invited to attend the Holi Festival in Alexandra Park, the event was well attended and gave a real positive sense of what the year ahead may look like at events in Ipswich. We also supported Ipswich Borough Council and Crimestoppers on Portman Road at the Ipswich Town versus Plymouth fixture. Here, we were raising awareness of the Safer Streets project, supporting the community to reduce violence against women and girls.



If you are part of a school or group and would like us to visit to speak about various subjects such as the role of a police officer, being safe online, County Lines or personal security advice please get in contact on ceoipwesthadleigh@suffolk.police.uk

There is so much positive work happening here in Ipswich and I really appreciate how the communities have allowed me to be an integral part of the good work. PC Richard Smith



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Spring has definitely sprung on my recent patrols around the Hadleigh policing sector. Recent foot patrols by myself and our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) around Hadleigh town were jacketless (!) for the first time this year. I have been speaking to residents and business in the town in relation to ASB. I have spoken about this concern in other issues of Constable's County and the effect that it has on our communities. At the recent Hadleigh Policing Forum on 23 March several residents from around the parishes raised the subject of vehicle ASB. This included the use of non-standard vehicles with excessively loud exhausts, driving at high speeds and driving in an inconsiderate manner. This is now our main policing priority in Hadleigh itself and I would urge anyone who is affected by this to tell us when and where it is happening using our website under the 'Report Now' section. If it is safe to do so, please record the registration number of any vehicles involved so that we can identify and speak with the drivers concerned.

Still in Hadleigh, we continue to focus on ASB around the area of Hadleigh leisure centre. I have been liaising with the Hadleigh Porch Project who have been holding mobile youth club drop-in sessions in the park adjacent to the leisure centre. Their mobile youth club is a fantastic new resource for them, and they have been visiting our more isolated rural villages engaging with young people from our community. Why don't you visit their website to see where the youth club will be throughout the week?

From a crime perspective, I urge our readers

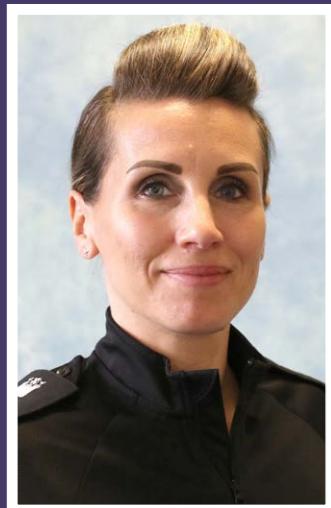
to remain vigilant around home and vehicle security. I was involved in the investigation of a series of car crime in the Capel St Mary area in February where over 20 vehicles were broken into on one night. With the help of the local community and the use of resident camera doorbells and CCTV systems, we have been able to link the crimes to one suspect who has been arrested. Some of the stolen property has also been recovered and returned to owners.

We continue to work with our school's liaison team, and I have visited several of our rural schools this term. We have delivered inputs in relation to on-line security and County Lines. The schools visited include, Capel St Mary and Holbrook primary schools, Ipswich Prep School and Hadleigh High School. I also took part in a Careers Day at Hadleigh High School this month, helping with mock interviews for the students so that they can experience how an employment interview might feel. The school recently took part in a survey commissioned by Hadleigh Town Council in relation to how young people feel living in Hadleigh. There was a whole section on crime and disorder, and I was recently interviewed by some young people from Hadleigh in relation to the concerns raised. This was video recorded and will be played back to the school in the near future.

I continue to work with our Community Speed Watch volunteers, and I can report that the safety camera partnership has been carrying out speed checks in the Hadleigh policing sector on a regular basis. In March, they have issued 387 speeding tickets to offenders in our area alone. If you are concerned about speeding in your village or community, please contact me on the email address shown on these pages.

I have delivered crime reduction inputs this month to two community groups in Tattlingstone and Bentley. I gave out home security advice and spoke about how to identify a scam. We also discussed the issue of 'cold callers' and how to deal with them safely. We have crime prevention advice on our website- just look for the 'First Principle' link to take you to these pages.

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



With spring in the air it is a timely reminder to make sure that we check our home security. Being burgled can be a traumatic experience, however the majority of burglaries are opportunistic.

My advice is to always lock your doors and windows even when you are at home. It does not take long for an opportunist thief to enter an insecure property while still occupied and remove valuables undetected. This applies to garages, sheds and outhouses. Check your boundaries, security lighting, locks and install CCTV. If possible, make arrangements with family and neighbours if you are away from home for any length of time especially if you are on holiday. A prolific burglar was recently arrested in Felixstowe for a local burglary offence and the investigation is still ongoing. For more information on crime prevention online visit www.suffolk.police.uk/firstprinciple You can register your valuables for free with Immobilise via www.imobilise.com.

There has been a noticeable increase in the theft from insecure motor vehicles, interference with motor vehicles and damage to motor vehicles in Felixstowe. Remember to lock your vehicle and refrain from leaving valuables in the centre console on view including cash, bank cards, mobile phones and even clothing. During a recent theft from a motor vehicle a number of gift vouchers were stolen from the centre console

that were on display. To avoid keyless entry to your vehicle it is recommended that you store keys away from entry points in the house, switch off keyless entry on your fob or use a blocking pouch to block the signal.

There has also been an increase in the attempted theft and thefts from heavy goods vehicles parked up for the night at Levington and on the A14 between Felixstowe and Ipswich. These thefts are occurring overnight where locks and security seals are cut to the rear of the vehicle before part of the load is stolen. If you are a witness, please call Suffolk police on 101 or in an emergency a crime is in action dial 999. Alternatively, if you have any information, you can report anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800 555 111. Police arrested seven people following an attempted theft from an HGV recently and the investigation is still ongoing.

Our Safer Neighbourhood priorities in both Felixstowe and Woodbridge focus on the prevention and detection of ASB by stepping up patrols in hot spot areas. ASB can affect anyone at any time and can range from littering, noise nuisance, vandalism, drunkenness and graffiti to harassment and more serious crime. We understand the impact that ASB has upon the local community and together with partner agencies we can continue to minimise the impact and reassure local residents. You can report non-urgent ASB online to Suffolk police via www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something.



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Over the last couple of months, Ipswich East SNT officers have been busy with various traffic enforcement work, including targeted patrols overnight in the restricted zone on Landseer Road following local complaints. We've seized at least three vehicles due to lack of insurance, and reported a number of drivers for traffic offences. A stolen vehicle was also located and recovery arranged for it.

We are continuing to build on our links with the local authority parks and cemeteries team, helping to identify ASB/crime hotspots at an early stage within our parks and open spaces. This helps us to work more effectively to support each other, and solve any ongoing concerns. Please do let us know of any concerns that you have about ASB or ongoing issues in your area, especially as the weather improves and we head into the summer months. When we are aware of issues, we can work to resolve them, and reduce the impact on those affected. In recent months, we have put in place extra patrols in the Northgate area and worked with affected locations following reports of ASB issues, and reported issues seem to have reduced. Remember you can tell us about your concerns either online at www.suffolk.police.uk/report-something or by ringing 101. In an emergency please always call 999.

During the recent national County Lines intensification week there was some really positive work across the area, particularly in south-east Ipswich where County Lines and drug supply disruption work took place.

Following reports of distraction thefts in the area, we have been raising awareness of this with local organisations and distributing items such as lanyards and purse bells at our engagements to try to deter thieves. The most important advice is:

- Be aware when entering your PIN. Hide the keypad with your hand or purse/wallet and make sure no-one is looking over your shoulder.
- Take your time to put your card away securely after payment.
- Keep your purse or wallet in a zipped bag with a cross body strap.

- Be aware of anyone approaching you in the car park.
- Keep your handbag or wallet with you while you unload your shopping.
- Never leave your handbag or wallet in an unlocked car, even if you are only away from the car for a few moments.

If you need any crime reduction or security advice please don't forget to take a look at the First Principle pages on our website.



We've been attending lots of great engagements with young people of all ages. This ranges from visits to nurseries and pre-schools where the children are learning about people who help them, to assemblies and playground walkabouts at primary schools where we are looking to build trust in the police, to attending careers events with older students. It's fantastic to give young people the opportunity to ask any questions that they have about policing and to hear about anything that is concerning them.



For more updates from local officers, police appeals and information on current crime trends you can follow us on our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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