

# Constable's COUNTY



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# INTRODUCTION

March 23 was the anniversary of the first Covid-19 lockdown announcement. The last 12 months have been incredibly difficult for a lot of people, particularly those who have lost loved ones to the virus. My heart goes out to the families who have been deeply affected. However, there is now cause for optimism with the vaccination programme going so well, but we need to guard against complacency and understand that, while the government has set out its phased roadmap for a return to recovery, we still need to protect ourselves, our families and the NHS by abiding by whatever restrictions are in place. Throughout the last year Suffolk's police officers have tried to strike the right balance between encouraging people to stay within those rules and enforcing them more rigorously where there are flagrant breaches. Be assured, we will continue to do that. I really urge you to continue playing your part by doing the right thing, as the vast majority of Suffolk has done over the past year.

I would like to say how proud I am of the way officers have responded to the challenges of the last 12 months, particularly when they are worried for their own families like everyone else. Our colleagues in the emergency services and frontline NHS staff have also done a fantastic job while putting their own safety at risk. We can now see the light at

the end of the tunnel - we just need to keep pulling in the right direction and we will get through this together.

We are expecting a busy summer in Suffolk this year, and the Constabulary is preparing to ensure we are prepared for holiday makers who want to enjoy spending some leisure time in our county. Demand for policing has changed a lot during the last year and, like everyone else, we have been listening and responding to each government announcement to ensure we can provide an excellent service and to help to keep people safe. Supporting communities and businesses by providing a safe and welcoming place is an important part of policing and we have continued to recruit officers, staff and volunteers throughout the lockdown.

Last month we all recognised International Women's Day - here in the Constabulary we have worked really hard to ensure we get the right balance, and will continue to do more. Our female recruitment currently sits at 47.4% year to date compared to a 3 year average of 40.4%, so a positive increase and above the national average. Whilst this is very positive, we are not complacent and recognise we must continue to support and develop our workforce in order to retain them. We want to be an organisation that represents our local communities.



The future is potentially difficult for young people to find careers - Suffolk Constabulary is a great organisation to work for and we are actively recruiting at the present time.

**Chief Constable Steve Jupp**

# SUFFOLK HOPE AWARDS

Suffolk Constabulary, in partnership with Suffolk County Council has launched the Suffolk HOPE Awards that aim to celebrate the positive contributions that young people make across the county.

Secondary schools and education providers for 16 to 18 year olds, along with the public, are being invited to nominate a worthy young person or group who they think have been involved in inspiring projects or activities for themselves and those around them. Nominations are welcome for any young person aged between 11 and 18 years-old, who has gone above and beyond and continued to demonstrate resilience, determination and teamworking.

The awards are fully supported by the East Anglian Daily Times/Ipswich Star, BBC Radio Suffolk, ITFC and Suffolk FA. The awards will have a celebration event prior to the end of the academic year 2021 where the achievements of the award winners will be formally recognised. Nominations will close on Friday 7 May 2021.

## The categories:

**Diversity** - Individuals or groups who have promoted diversity, taken a stand to prevent/stop discrimination, have undertaken activity to help challenge a negative mindset and affected positive change.

**Respect and Kindness** - Kindness is often an underestimated attribute; this category aims to recognise actions (both large and small) which demonstrate compassion and an understanding of another's struggles.

**Teamwork** - Teamwork is a skill that is carried forward from school to higher education, work and adulthood. By working as a team, the category aims to acknowledge the benefits of sharing ideas and experiences and finding a common approach to solve an issue.

**Determination** - This category aims to celebrate and recognise the determination and resilience of our young people and reward their positive attitude to finding solutions or helping each other and their community.

Once the nominations have been submitted, they will be considered by a judging panel, consisting of representatives from each organisation involved. Overall winners will be selected in each of the four categories and one overall HOPE winner.

For the full criteria and to submit an entry via the online application form, visit: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/hope/5-apply-here> Alternatively, a form can be requested by emailing [Schools@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:Schools@suffolk.police.uk).





## LOWESTOFT, BECCLES & BUNGAY

PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer

Spring is finally here and we have been busy in the east. Our Kestrel Team in February and March have been getting their steps up in Beccles and Bungay dealing with anti-social behaviour in the area, resulting in multiple searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act with three males suspected to be found in possession of cannabis and are currently being investigated. In Beccles an e-scooter was seized due to it being ridden illegally - the law states that e-scooters come under the category of 'powered transporters'. This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. 'Powered transporters' fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters. **It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner**



We are still having numerous reports of tools being stolen from vehicles in the area and would ask that if you have power tools in your vehicle that you read this information in this link to help keep them secure [powertoolsecurity1.pdf](#) (suffolk.police.uk). Me and my counterpart PC Simon Green have been visiting builders merchants recently highlighting power tool security and how to take preventative measures.

We have been lucky enough at Lowestoft police station to be joined now on a few occasions by the lovely T/PD Vinnie (Trainee Police Dog) he has been getting used to the sights and smells of the police station with his puppy walker PC Duncan Armstrong. He has taken it all in his stride and is a very welcome guest -we can't wait to see what he achieves when he starts his training with his new dog section handler.



Responding to you I have been out in Beccles, Bungay and Lowestoft conducting speed enforcement. Generally, I would say most drivers are driving within the speed limits, although we have issued a few tickets recently. In addition to this we do have the speed camera van team who have been enforcing the limits within our towns and villages on a regular basis, however we are reintroducing Community Speed Watch back into our area which empowers communities to play an active role alongside the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problems of speeding in their neighbourhood. If you are interested in being part of this updated scheme please see the following link - [Community Speed Watch | Suffolk Constabulary](#)

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Inspector  
Nick Aitken

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



## HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

We've had some positive results recently with efforts from two of our Rural & Wildlife Policing Team who are based in Halesworth, PC Kevin Stollery & PC Colin Taylor.



locations in North East Suffolk.

We promoted the events as an opportunity for cyclists to have their bikes security marked free of charge and a chance for anybody to join us for a chat & discuss any policing topic. The events proved very popular and we intend to re-initiate them during spring this year, promoting them similarly on our social media pages (Halesworth Police Facebook & Twitter, Lowestoft Police Facebook & Twitter) and the social media pages of the partner venues we call at.

Watch out for dates to be announced soon on these platforms and remember, you don't need a Facebook or Twitter account - just search for these sites online and read our posts. We'll be very happy to be engaging with our communities again, but please be mindful we shall still need to socially distance & wear a face covering.

The team conducted a joint initiative with counterparts from Norfolk & our Kestrel team from Eye when they recovered a number of dogs from suspects believed to have been involved in the series of dog thefts in our region. Dog theft offences have increased at such a rate over the past twelve months, partly due to Covid restrictions & the increase in a demand for dogs as more people have been at home, that most police services in England & Wales have been affected.



Despite Suffolk Constabulary's success in February which saw the arrest of suspects, the public are asked to remain vigilant to this type of crime & report suspicious behaviour promptly using our on-line reporting facility from the Suffolk Constabulary website [here](#).

The next stage of the government's 'road map' with the relaxation of Covid restrictions is now in place with the 'rule of six' re-introduced, whereby up to six people can meet outdoors from different households.

This was the restriction which was in place most of last summer, when we as Community Engagement Officers were able to arrange public engagement events outside. I did so with my Lowestoft counterpart, PC Amy Yeldham and Halesworth PCSOs, using our mobile police station, visiting popular

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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

We have been building up our engagement with local partners ahead of the key dates in the roadmap to recovery. As part of this work, we recognise the importance of supporting our local schools and education providers as the younger members of our communities' transition back to a sense of normality as they return to full time education.



As part of local priorities, we are heavily focused upon the use of drugs in and around Bury St Edmunds and have continued to build upon community intelligence so that we can proactively detain, disrupt and deter those preying on the vulnerable whilst continuing to commit criminal offences. One recent example was the successful warrant executed at a residential flat, where a number of cannabis plants were located along with other growing facilities and paraphernalia. The occupant of the flat was arrested, and has been bailed pending further work to identify the depth and scale of offending.

On the 28th March, we worked closely with colleagues from the Rural Crime and Policing Team, the Forest Heath SNT and the Op Meteor off road motor cycle team from Bedfordshire along with partners to tackle the seemingly organised activity of



illegal use of off-road vehicles through Kings Forest in Thetford. During the day of action, 11 motorcycles were seized, one quad bike seized, 13 people ticketed for traffic violations, 10 people ticketed for no insurance, one person ticketed for no MOT and 19 FPNs issued for breach of the Covid regulations.



As we move through April, the locality will see a change in leadership with Inspector Matt Paisley moving on to take over as local commander in Sudbury and Haverhill, whilst Inspector Andrew Beeby takes over for Bury. We also welcome a new Community Engagement Officer in post as PC Lee Andrews-Pearce takes over from the retired PC Jon Gerrish. We wish Matt and Jon well with their future endeavours, and welcome Andrew and Lee with the warmth and enthusiasm that we know they arrive with!

Our current local priorities are focused on the supply of drugs around Bury, whilst working with partners to reduce the risk of the exploitation of vulnerable young people, anti-social behaviour around the town centre and misuse of vehicles in our parks. If you have any information relating to these priorities, or wish to discuss any other crime or concern, please contact us.

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**Inspector**  
Andy Beeby

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



## MILDENHALL

PC Helen Self, Community Engagement Officer

Over the last couple of months despite being in lockdown we have continued being busy patrolling the Forest Heath area.

We have welcomed a familiar face back into Forest Heath. PCSO Bill Butcher has taken up the post left by PCSO Rackham in Newmarket. It's nice to have him back and Stowmarket's loss is our gain. Keen to get stuck in straight away he has been helping with the free school meal food boxes with PCSO Rachel Darville.



PC Helen Self and PCSO Anne-Marie Powell have continued patrolling to the vaccination centres in Mildenhall by popping in and speaking with staff who were busy working hard looking after us all.



Following some theft from motor cars and ASB issues in Brandon a youth was arrested and is currently working the Youth Offending Team and as part of his conditions he is now on a curfew.

A successful day of action was held at King's Forest in Thetford tackling the issue of anti-social use of off-road bikes. The operation, with some support from Bedfordshire Police, was in response to a number of issues caused by riders abusing the Site of Special Scientific Interest with off-road motorcycles causing widespread environmental damage to main by-ways in the area. The day saw 11 motorcycles seized, one quad bike seized, 13 people ticketed for traffic violations, 10 people ticketed for no insurance, one person ticketed for no MOT and 19 FPNs issued for breach of the Covid regulations before the new regulations were introduced on 29 March.

The Kestrel team have been working in the Newmarket area following reports of ASB near to Icewell Hill with patrols completed following these reports. Officers engaged with residents in the area with intelligence submitted with regards to the ASB.

Elsewhere we have also conducted high visibility patrols in Newmarket High Street including the surrounding roads and shopping precincts. Meanwhile, we have continued our presence in the local parks and open spaces engaging with people and using the 4 Es approached to the COVID regulations.

We have started back with our police cadets via remote engagement thanks to Microsoft Teams and they are really happy to be back. The countdown is on to when we can enjoy our meetings face to face.

Finally, we had a little visitor into Mildenhall police station - they got lost on their way home but happily they were returned to their mum. #babepiginthecity

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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.

# WEST



## SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

Recently, Sudbury has suffered a number of dwelling burglaries. What was particularly upsetting about most of the targeted victims was that they were adhering to government advice in that they were 'staying home' and keeping windows open, despite the time of year, to negate the spread of coronavirus. I have personally been in contact with all of the most recent victims and given them an update on what we are doing to bring the offenders to justice and indeed to try and thwart any further offences. PCSO Grant Skeggs and I have delivered over 350 home security packs to the affected areas of Sudbury.



with children to 'look closer'. Wise words I'm sure you'll agree, but even wiser than that would be for you to formally report all honestly held concerns that you might have over child welfare. If you think a child is in immediate danger then please call 999 as a priority.



During these 'target hardening' patrols, it's been great to see the number of residents who've invested in movement-activated CCTV devices for their homes. I've enjoyed giving all of the cameras a friendly little wave, but I hope and trust that these have been seen and reviewed by the camera owners. It's an integral part of having home security cameras to review your captured footage regularly and please consider sharing with us, your local officers, anything suspicious. As ever, please let us know by calling 101 or by using the "report something" button on the constabulary website at... [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us).

Thursday 18 March 2021 was made a national awareness day for the abhorrent crime of child sexual exploitation (CSE). Locally, we assembled the most up to date posters and reference materials available to us and personally delivered the packs to all local hotels and taxi firm bases. A strapline from the campaign this year was for all who work

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Inspector  
Matt Paisley

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



## HAVERHILL

PC Cheryl Claydon, Community Engagement Officer

It's been another busy few weeks for the Haverhill team, despite lockdown during February and March.

Since my last column the Kestrel team have done a sterling job in supporting us with a week of activity. Kestrel support local officers by addressing criminality and help target local policing priorities and deal with the policing issues and concerns which matter most to you. They have supported us with conducting foot patrols around the Chalkstone estate, executing a warrant where suspected cannabis was located, conducted a number of stop searches as well as gathering plenty of valuable intelligence. A big part of their role is the engagement element - speaking with locals, listening to their issues and then we can use that intelligence to tackle those issues and make a positive difference.

are still getting theft from motor vehicles, so in response we are carrying out foot patrols/cycle patrols on the estates as well as giving out crime prevention information. If you see anyone acting suspicious in your area please call us.



Elsewhere, the new Commercial Vehicle Unit were in Haverhill during February. This new unit provides specialist enforcement, knowledge and investigative capability in respect of commercial vehicle activity, and contributes towards improving the safety of all those using the roads in Suffolk. It also has an important role in the disruption and investigation of a range of criminality associated with commercial vehicle activity. In Haverhill they had a productive day issuing seven tickets. These were for a lorry driver and van driver not wearing a seat belt, two drivers of vans found to be exceeding weight limits, another driver had incorrect registration plates and two drivers were issued tickets for using mobile phones whilst driving.



During February and March we have also been conducting speed checks in various locations including nine in Clare, eight in Thurlow, two in Chedburgh, as well as Wickhambrook, Stoke By Clare, Kedington and Withersfield with a total of 14 tickets issued.

Meanwhile, Operation Night Owl continues - this initiative targets criminality relating to motor vehicles crime, burglary and criminal damage in the towns located in west of Suffolk and the surrounding villages. In Haverhill, we

Finally, as we come out of lockdown we will be starting doing our 'street meets' again. Look out for the dates and locations of these on our Haverhill police social media pages and through village magazines.

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Additionally, in March I linked up with Bures Parish councillor, Jan Aries and we sought out and ratified a couple of safe and appropriate sites for the local Community Speed Watch (CSW) team to use just as soon as coronavirus rules allow. The significance of this action is that the team already operates on the Bures Hamlet, or Essex side of the River Stour but now they'll be monitoring their local traffic flow for speeders on the Suffolk side of the village as well. All being well and pending restrictions being lifted, let's hope that all CSW teams can get out there again very soon.

We have missed all of our volunteers over the past year owing to the pandemic and we're very much looking forward to welcoming them back real soon. Suffolk Constabulary have not had any new intakes of Special Constables in a year but, of the first cohort due to complete their initial training in May, three are local to Sudbury and will be serving their local communities. I've got at least three new Police Cadets starting with us at Sudbury again when rules allow. Finally, a belated happy 90th birthday to Sudbury station's very own Volunteer Police Chaplain, Rev. Brian Stenner who I had the pleasure of checking in with just recently. This has left me pondering, is Brian our most senior volunteer?

# WEST

# SOUTH

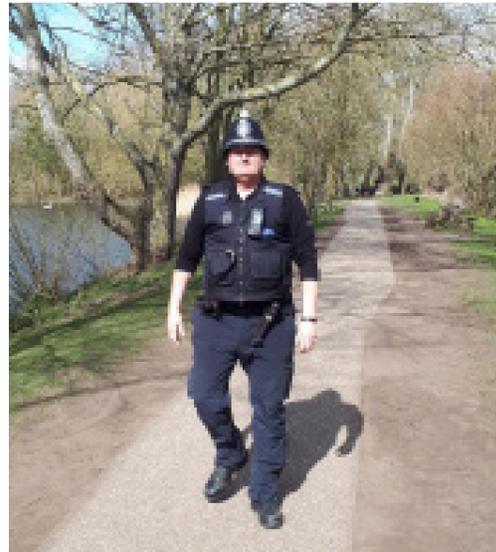
**SOUTH**  
Area Commander  
Superintendent  
Jane Topping



## STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

Although I haven't been able to do any of our community engagements over the past few months, it's been great to get out on foot patrol in my hard hat, and meet so many of you on the streets of our towns and villages. The people I've spoken to have amazed me with their resilience and ability to ride this lockdown out, although every one of us is looking forward to it ending.



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**Inspector**  
Neil McKay

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

As lockdown looks set to ease, I have tentatively started to book in some 'street meets' again, and once again this is done with the kind support of Stowmarket Town Council. The first of these booked, will be Saturday 10 April and 1 May, 9am-2pm. They will be in the usual place, on the corner of Wilkes Way and Crowe Street in Stowmarket.

We will be taking the mobile police station to the train station car park in Thurston on Friday 18 June, and will be there 10am-2pm. There will be others in different areas which I plan to put on our Facebook and Twitter pages once I confirm them.

We have had a few changes in the Safer Neighbourhood Team office over the last few weeks. We say goodbye to Sergeant Stuart Dolan, as he moves to CID, and we welcome Sergeant James Tallwin. We also have a new addition of PC Holly Allen, who is a tutor constable, and brought new constable, PC Morgan, with her.



Asking about her time in the police so far, PC Morgan said: "I have been tutored by PC Allen since the middle of January this year. I am on the direct entry DC (Detective Constable) scheme, and so this is my limited time on frontline policing, before transferring to CID. I have been supported by my tutor PC Allen through a huge variety of different experiences and often difficult investigations. I can honestly say that no day has been the same, and having such a differing range of experiences has massively increased my confidence, communication skills and shown me how to approach and handle different situations faced every day by officers. I have enjoyed every part of my 13 weeks tutorship, and my colleagues have played a significant part in this (especially PC Allen). Although sorry to leave the team here at Stowmarket, I am looking forward to my future challenges on CID".



## IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Dom Woodmansee, Community Engagement Officer

Ipswich Central SNT officers have had several good results lately in disrupting County Lines drug dealers who were 'cuckooing' our vulnerable residents. There have been seven disruptions in the last two weeks with several arrests, where drugs and cash have been seized. This involves a lot of work across all the teams as they are often protracted jobs which will span across overlapping shifts. This requires a good level of teamwork at handover as limited resources make staffing warrants, handovers in custody and follow up inquiries a challenge for supervisors and officers who are already managing their daily demands.



always appreciated. The town centre has seen an increase in footfall despite the lack of shops that are open. Of the few shops that do remain open a few have been heavily targeted by shoplifters. In an attempt to counter act this, foot patrols and visits to these shops has been intensified from our PCSOs and officers. Regular crime prevention advice and reassurance patrols have increased disruptions in theft. We continue a good working relationship with the various store security staff, sharing information and identifying offenders which can help deter their offending.

Street drinkers seem to have decreased in number but with the better weather it is expected to rise. One of the key attractions for problematic drinkers is high strength, individually sold beers and ciders. We have engaged with the local stores to advise them of the adverse effect this can have on the community. A recent visit to one of the offending stores revealed they were also selling cannabis derivative products like cannabis and vodka laced fizzy drinks which were located in the soft drinks section and accessible to children. Also, on sale were cannabis cookies, jelly beans, tea bags and even cannabis flavoured condoms. All items have been seized and sent for testing.

We are all looking forward to coming out of lockdown, which will no doubt bring a new set of challenges for all our officers, who will be ready and willing as always to step up to the plate.



Neighbourhood Response Teams and Op Shere officers are often called upon to support and bolster numbers and always willing to join the team effort, which is

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**Inspector**  
Vicky McParland

Inspector Vicky McParland is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Ipswich Central locality.

# SOUTH



## IPSWICH WEST

PC Mike Small, Community Engagement Officer

On Ipswich West SNT, we have seen an increase in demand as we start to move out of lockdown. Our officers have been dealing with a range of crimes and have seen an increase in internet-based offences. These have included investigations into allegations of harassment and the sharing of images between young people. We have a section on our internet page devoted to crime reduction advice under the title 'First Principle'. For the latest information and advice on avoiding becoming a victim of cybercrime, please visit these pages and also our partners at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).



the scratching of paint and wing mirrors. We are continuing to investigate and urge anyone with information on this to pass this to us via our website under the 'report now' tab. On a positive note, I reported last month about a series of moped and motorcycle thefts. Three people have been charged and will be going to court in the near future.

One of our key policing priorities remain 'Operation Response' which is dealing with breaches of the COVID regulations. We regularly speak to members of the community who still seem not be aware of the latest guidance. There will be several changes to the legislation over the coming weeks and we ask people to follow our updates on our social media pages to stay up to date or the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) website. Our link officers continue to focus on 'cuckooed' address where drug dealing is taking place from the home of a vulnerable person. Through working with our partners at Ipswich Borough Council, we have identified several locations over recent weeks where this has been taking place and a number of arrests have been made. Please report any suspicious activity of this nature to us and follow our regular updates on social media.

I recently went on patrol with our new area commander Superintendent Jane Topping. We attended several key locations across the area and visit Chantry Academy and spoke with staff and children in the school. Jane replaces Kerry Cutler who is moving to a post within our Police Headquarters at Martlesham and we wish Kerry all the best in her new position.

Domestic burglaries continue to be a concern across Ipswich with several occurring across our area since the Christmas period. Our CID officers are investigating the series and following several lines of enquiry. These offences often occur during the day where the suspects have smashed windows to gain access into the properties. I would ask all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us. Please ensure that you secure your house when you leave and that all windows and doors are locked. On the Chantry estate we have been investigating a series of damage to motor vehicles. These have involved the slashing of car tyres and

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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 Sarah George, Community Engagement Officer

As I write this spring is definitely upon us and undoubtedly, we will see an increase in activity across the Hadleigh and Babergh areas over the coming months. Our police officers and Community Support Officers will be patrolling our many beauty spots across the area which will see an increase in visitors as we move out of lockdown in the coming weeks. One of the areas of concern that residents reported to us last summer was the use of pleasure craft on our many waterways. There were several reports of ASB and inappropriate use of paddle boards and canoes. I would urge anyone about to take to the water to check the current legislation and whether a permit or licence is required for the stretch of water they are using and that the craft is suitable for purpose. Please respect local residents when parking in the areas used to access the waterways.

Over the last two months since Christmas we have seen a number of domestic burglaries in rural areas. Our CID officers continue to investigate these crimes and arrests have been made following forensic evidence identified at the scene of some of the break-ins. If you live in one of our rural communities, please check your home security and ensure you lock your sheds and outbuildings. For guidance on home security, please visit our website and look for 'First Principle' crime prevention advice. Please report any suspicious activity and always dial 999 if you believe a crime is in progress. We are also investigating a number of vehicle crimes.

These include the theft of catalytic converters and items taken from vehicles. Please do not leave valuables in your car overnight and make sure you lock the vehicle and set the alarm if it has one. Our SNT officers arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of number plates which were then placed on a vehicle to steal fuel from petrol stations in the area. Enquiries continue into this and other linked crimes.

I have been working with several of our Community Speed Watch Teams as they are soon to resume after the recent lockdown period. Speeding remains one of the main concerns from our residents, particularly through our villages. Our Safety Camera

Partnership Team continues to operate across the region and target areas where speeding is a major concern. If you would like to set up a 'Speed Watch' in your community, visit our website for further information on how to do this.



We have started to visit some of our community groups and schools as the situation changes with regards to the current Covid guidance. I have visited Chelmondiston Primary School with PCSO Louise Manning and we spoke to all of the children. We talked about how to stay safe and how to contact someone for help in an emergency. It was a very positive morning and it was really fantastic to be able to visit a school again and engage with the younger members of our community.



On a personal note, I will be taking over the engagement officer role for the Hadleigh Sector from PC Sarah George. Sarah is moving to different role within the SNT at Landmark House in Ipswich. I wish Sarah all the best in her new role and thank her for the work that she has done in the Hadleigh area over the last few years. - PC Mike Small

# SOUTH



## FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

PC Rachael Partridge, Community Engagement Officer

With spring in the air your local policing teams have been committed to high visibility foot patrols in priority areas of Felixstowe and Woodbridge to prevent anti-social behaviour and crime. These priority areas included parks, open spaces following a number of criminal damage reports where graffiti has been found at Brackenberry promenade in Old Felixstowe and in areas of Kesgrave.



Your Community Engagement Officer PC Rachael Partridge has been using social media to keep local residents up to date with crime prevention information, specifically relating to fraud. Have you been a victim of the Royal Mail text scam? Residents have reported receiving a text message with a link requesting payment via a fake website for unpaid shipping on a package. Do not click on the link as this will request payment details which will be used fraudulently. Report all scams to Suffolk Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08082231133.

The increase in fly tipping has been highlighted by Graham Miles, Rural Agricultural Chaplain for Suffolk. He explained how fly tipping has impacted farmers and land owners in rural areas during the pandemic. Report fly tipping to your local authority or if you witness fly tipping report to Suffolk Police via [www.suffolk.police.uk/connect-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/connect-us/report-something) with vehicle and person descriptions.

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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

Over the last couple of months, I have been continuing to make links in the community, with the University of Suffolk and Athena Hall student accommodation, and groups such as local 'Good Neighbours' schemes, Friends of Murray Park and our local pop-up shops amongst others. It's great to hear about all the exciting plans that are in progress to benefit the east Ipswich community over the upcoming months. We've also been making use of technology where face to face engagement hasn't been possible.

For example, getting involved in filming videos for local schools and responding to questions posed by the students about the police. Recently, I took part in an online meeting organised by the Suffolk Learning Disability Partnership Self-Advocacy Group, answering questions from members of the group, hearing and responding to their concerns and talking about day to day work in the police.



Patrol of parks and open spaces has continued, targeting local hotspots for drug use or supply, or where anti-social behaviour is a particular issue. Officers have been out on patrol in all weathers, rain, sun and snow, speaking to the local community and offering advice where needed. We've also been down to our local vaccination centres to provide reassurance and engagement, supporting volunteers, staff and service users.

East Ipswich SNT officers, including PC Samuel Devereux and PC Oliver Pooley, have been busy with proactive vehicle enforcement work, carrying out speed checks in areas that



have been raised as a concern, and dealing with vehicles found to be uninsured. A number of vehicles have been seized as a result and numerous individuals have been reported for traffic offences.

We continue to support anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse, and PC Frances Barnard was involved in some excellent partnership work around this, applying for and obtaining a Domestic Violence Protection Notice following an investigation into coercive and controlling behaviour. This was served on an offender with assistance from colleagues in another force. Meanwhile, through the good work of the IDVA service a non-molestation order was served on the offender.

Coming up in the next few months, we have Op Sceptre - a national campaign around serious violence and knife crime and local day of action is also being planned.



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