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Constable's COUNTY



AN UPDATE ON POLICING
FROM THE EAST, WEST AND
SOUTH OF THE COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

Time marches on and sadly our battle against Covid-19 continues. I'm sorry to say we are now heading into autumn with the virus still very much amongst us. The rule of six is quite clear, we all know who we can meet up with, but that doesn't make it any easier to come to terms with. We are all making sacrifices to do all we can to keep ourselves, and our family and friends safe, and I implore you to carry on doing the right thing. We really do need to keep up the momentum; we can't give up now. We must all continue to wash our hands, cover our faces and keep a distance - it really does make a difference.

I know you will join me in thanking Suffolk Constabulary for its steadfast commitment to keeping us safe. Policing carries on and day-to-day officers continue to deal with crime and safeguarding in the county as well as having to deal with additional challenges this dreadful virus throws at them. Officers have additional powers to enable them to enforce the new Covid-19 regulations but as we would expect, Suffolk Police is continuing to engage, explain, encourage and enforce only as a last resort.

Since the last edition of Constables County, we launched a new countywide team dedicated to tackle criminal threats and

challenges that emerge in a particular local area. Known as the Kestrel team, this neighbourhood crime proactive team will provide targeted support to address high-volume crimes, drug crime and associated anti-social behaviour. I was very pleased to join our new Assistant Chief Constable, Rob Jones in Eye, to formally launch the team which is now fully operational and active.

The funding for the new seven strong Kestrel team has come from finance provided by the increase to the policing element of council tax precept for this financial year. When I made the decision to increase the precept I said this additional funding would address the issues raised by members of the public and I hope you agree this fits the bill. Your extra £10 a year (for a Band D property) has ensured the force continues to robustly tackle emerging criminality and this team will strengthen the force's proactive capability to respond to community concerns.

I am also very pleased to update you on progress on our new perpetrator scheme which will help reduce and prevent harm to vulnerable victims of domestic abuse. Your council tax precept has enabled us to provide additional resources to work with high-risk and frequent domestic



abuse offenders. Similar schemes have shown significant reductions in reoffending and reduced demands on police and the wider public sector.

Domestic abuse is a terrible crime and we need to continue doing all we can to support victims. Again, I hope you agree this is money well spent.

As the evenings draw in and weather takes a turn for the worse, please do take care of yourself, and those around you. I wish you well.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**

The Covid 19 pandemic has brought many challenges to our communities and the new laws on gatherings are another change we will all need to adapt to. As a Constabulary we continue to work with our partners and the public to ensure this new legislation around gatherings of no more than six people is understood and adhered to. Our focus will remain one of reassurance, looking to engage, explain and encouraging people to follow the new regulations. We will enforce only where necessary. Officers will always try to disperse people rather than use enforcement but they will act against those who choose to break the rules and disregard these measures, and put people's lives at risk.

The demands on the force are now at similar levels to before the pandemic, which makes it crucially important that we all take personal responsibility, protect ourselves and others and help prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

We need to remember that anyone can spread it, the Public Health England and NHS advice is there for a reason - please continue to abide by the rules to help us all save lives.

Tragic events earlier this month in Kesgrave and Sudbury

where we have had two major investigations (in Kesgrave the shooting of a teenage schoolboy, and in Sudbury the discovery of human bones in a river) have brought the value of reassurance into sharp focus for us all. As a police force we work hard to investigate, protect and reassure the public - we want to continue to make Suffolk a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest. Working together with communities is extremely important and brings us all together as one. Often when such major incidents occur there is a massive impact on not only the public, but also all of the emergency services, especially those who have had to attend the scene, and I would like to place on record my thanks to the air ambulance who responded so quickly to the Kesgrave incident, the students, teachers and parents at Kesgrave High School, our partners, members of the public who have helped officers with enquiries, as well as my own staff and Special Constables, all of whom dedicate themselves to working so hard.

So, as teachers and children return to school, businesses open, and staff return to work, the Constabulary looks ahead to the future, continually considering the best ways of preventing crime and supporting vulnerable



people through avoiding exploitation and entering into varying degrees of criminality. We work hard to become even more proactive to deny criminals opportunities and to ensure that those who we arrest we put before the courts.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**

EAST

Area Commander



Superintendent Paul Sharp

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Lowestoft SNT

Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay

It's nearly that time again where the clocks go back and our days shorten, so make sure you are thinking about your home security. It's important to have a check to ensure sensor/ security lights are working and your CCTV, if you have it, is working well day and night. Don't forget to help relatives or neighbours to do this as well if they cannot themselves. For more information see our [1st Principle documents](#).

As you can see from our photos the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and I have been out and about on foot patrol and with the mobile police station for our 'street meets' in Oulton, Beccles, Bungay, Lowestoft, Oulton Broad, Carlton Colville and Kessingland offering crime prevention and free bike marking which have been very popular. Future dates are advertised on social media and our direct and free messaging service Police Connect.

We have seen an increase in theft from and of motor vehicles, so ask yourself when you leave your van, car or bike if everything valuable has been removed? Have you secured your vehicle? Have you parked in a well-lit place? For motorbikes consider using a chain padlock and/or anchor system if you keep it at home. Do have a look at our [vehicle security leaflet](#) for more advice.

We have had reports of numerous 'spam' text messages in the area. Have you spotted a suspicious text message on your phone? Maybe it asked you to "verify" your personal details in order to unblock an account? Well, you can report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726. Why not have a look at - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Don't forget if you want to give the police information anonymously you can do so by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 who are an independent charity, you can also find them online - <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org>.



Inspector Nick Aitken



Engagement Officer PC Amy Yeldham

Halesworth SNT

Halesworth, Leiston and Eye

Since the start of the Covid restrictions in March, the role of the Community Engagement Officer has had to be adapted to allow engagement with our communities, while making sure we don't breach any Covid legislation or guidelines. This has presented a challenge and an opportunity to look at the way we engage. Under normal circumstances, many of our engagements are inside buildings, speaking to groups of people. Those buildings have (in many cases) been closed and groups not allowed to congregate. Since restrictions started to be relaxed, I have been taking the mobile police station to our towns & villages and 'setting up stall' with 'street meets', offering crime reduction advice and cycle security marking. The latter in particular has proven very popular. I'm sure you will have noticed the increase in the numbers of cyclists on our roads this summer.

Our 'street meets' have provided a very welcome and ideal opportunity for us to engage with our communities, with many cyclists taking the chance to chat about policing issues and ask police and crime related questions. Such has been the success, we shall be continuing them throughout autumn and beyond. The dates & venues are shown on the Halesworth police Facebook page in advance. You don't need a Facebook account just to look at the page; simply go to www.facebook.com/HalesworthPolice

If you haven't seen our Facebook page before, it's a great place to see what police have been doing in our part of Suffolk. The page carries information about how local officers have been keeping our communities safe, as well as providing early warnings about crime trends, appeals for witnesses to incidents and lots more information as well. Keep an eye on the page to see when we're next in your community with the mobile police station.



Inspector Mark Jackson



Engagement Officer PC Simon Green

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

IMAGES TAKEN FROM SUFFOLK POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



SOUTH

Area Commander



Superintendent
Kerry Cutler

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Ipswich West & Hadleigh

We have had another busy few weeks on the Ipswich West SNT. We held a number of 'street meets' to discuss any local issues. I have posted these events on Facebook and Twitter in advance and we have had several people discuss local issues. We've also started to hold crime prevention events such as cycle marking and catalytic converter marking in response to a trend of these type of offences across Ipswich. In addition to the security marking and recording details for www.immobilise.com we've been offering crime reduction advice in line with our 'First Principle' section on our website. If you cannot speak with us directly at one of our events, you can visit the force website and find lots of information on crime prevention. I am starting to work with our schools liaison team visiting some of our local primary schools as part of their ongoing programme of engagement. It has been really interesting to see how the schools are adapting to the new guidance on social distancing and overcoming the challenges that this presents.

Our main policing priority remains responding to reports of drug dealing and targeting addresses vulnerable to 'cuckooing'. During the week 14 September, we took part in the national County Lines week of action. In addition to several search warrants where two people were arrested, we conducted searches of wooded areas and completed a day of action with British Transport Police who were targeting the use of the rail network by County Lines gangs. As always, we rely on information from the public to target our response. If you are concerned about crime or ASB in your area, please report directly to us through our website or anonymously to our partners at 'Crimestoppers'.

Further to this we have continued working with partner agencies to address long and short-term community issues and tensions. This has largely consisted of meeting with various parties and trying to accommodate and agree a solution for everyone involved.

For example, ASB with vehicles in Copdock has been a priority and we've been working with residents and businesses to tackle the issue. Our roads policing teams, as well as deterrents agreed through meetings with business managers, seem to have assisted in reducing the ASB considerably and residents seem to have noticed a difference. There have been a number of warnings and fines issued to drivers using their vehicles in an anti-social manner.

Ipswich West SNT



Inspector
Kirsty Graefe



Engagement Officer
PC Mike Small



Engagement Officer
PC Sarah George

Ipswich Central

Ipswich Central SNT have recently been involved in the weapons sweep at Maple Park across the South, East and West SNTs. There has been a rise in knives and drugs found stashed in the Maple Park and Handford school area, so the Kestrel team recently conducted some targeted patrols in the area with MP Tom Hunt to discuss the crime and ASB issues that we are dealing with on a daily basis.

The team have also been targeting the local street drinkers and beggars in the town centre, issuing street drinking or begging warnings. Officers carry a sticker that can be completed on the street and just requires a few details of the person begging or drinking, which they have the opportunity to sign. This is then logged to keep a track of individuals and allows our ASB officer to gather the information required to issue a Community Protection Notice or escalate to a Community Behaviour Order for prolific offenders.

We have recently combined efforts with East and West SNT CEOs to provide some bike marking events and catalytic converter events around Ipswich, following a recent spike in cat converter thefts and bike thefts. Since lockdown there has been a tremendous rise in bike use and bike sales locally. With all the extra bikes around the town, thieves have been busy. In particular, there has been a number of thefts from NHS staff who cycle to work. See the update from my colleague Hannah Creasey on the right hand-side. We have also set up 'street meets' for bike marking on the Cornhill and with PC Mike Small at Whitehouse Park on Norwich Road. If anyone would like to have their bikes security marked then please feel free to contact me or any of the other CEOs who will be happy to help with marking your bike and register it for free with www.immobilise.com. This is a national database police use to help return recovered or stolen property which is registered.

Team 1 on Central Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) recently had an excellent result in detaining a suspect for an attempted robbery within three hours of the offence. Officers were able to identify the offender amongst the crowds on a busy public order night having been notified by CID the offender was wanted. The SNT officers are always happy to help other departments with locating suspects or identify them with their excellent local knowledge of offenders who operate in our area. The suspect has been remanded in custody for the offence.

Ipswich Central SNT



Inspector
Vicky McParland



Engagement Officer
PC Dominic Woodmansee

Ipswich East, Felixstowe & Woodbridge

Community engagement in Felixstowe and Woodbridge over the past two months has centred around high visibility patrols in areas experiencing ASB including the anti-social use of motor vehicles. In Felixstowe I have supported the Safer Neighbourhood Team with drugs warrants and more recently a search in Langer Park in relation to County Lines. In Woodbridge I have been liaising with Charsfield Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers who are actively involved in road safety by using speed devices to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through their village. The aim of the CSW is to address the problem of speeding through a partnership of the police, local community, parish councils and other partners. To join or set up a CSW scheme please email communityspeedwatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. I have also been working with PCSO Ellie Miles who is the part funded PCSO for Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew in relation to the youth services being set up in Kesgrave in the coming months. I will be continuing my Community Engagement in the coming months with local residents and business premises in relation to crime prevention as we head towards the winter months.

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In east of Ipswich I have been busy providing a number of 'street meet' style events. Most notably, I approached Ipswich hospital with a view to conducting a bike marking event on-site at Heath Road for employees. This was a really positive engagement where PC Woodmansee and I offered two opportunities for NHS staff to attend a free bike marking event. Having a number of bike thefts from the site this was a great opportunity to mark bikes, register the serial numbers on Immobilise and provide wider crime reduction advice.

Thanks to Hi-Q Garage on Woodbridge Road for their support this month in assisting us with catalytic converter marking events. These were publicised on social media and we had a great response. Hi-Q kindly gave us use of a ramp and a large area for vehicles to wait and let their engines cool. This allowed us to safely check and mark the vehicles with assistance from garage staff.

I have been fortunate enough to work with schools on the east and this work has resulted in me applying for and being successfully appointed as the School Liaison Officer for the area. Therefore, this is sadly my last article for Constable's County as Community Engagement Officer. This has been a great role and I am thankful to all those in the community I have met and worked with. PC Creasey.

Ipswich East SNT



Inspector
Soraya Francis



Engagement Officer
PC Rachael Partridge



Engagement Officer
PC Hannah Creasey

WEST

Area Commander



T/Superintendent
Simon Mills

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Mildenhall

Over the last few weeks I have been out and about in all three towns. I attended Brandon market offering crime prevention advice and speaking to local residents about their concerns. I saw a few people and was looked after by St Peters Church who provided the coffee to keep me going.

In Newmarket I was with PCSO Rackham we offered reassurance and some crime prevention advice. We spoke to quite a few people and Brad tackled a small bin fire in the High Street whilst we were there.

Myself and Pc GOLD have been out doing hi-vis patrols in Mildenhall covering the Market and residential areas. We have had some fun and Laura got a cuddle from 4-Month-old black Labrador called Domino. We have been carrying out patrols at the schools since they have been back in relation to protecting young people from County Lines.

We have been working with our partners on RAF Mildenhall in relation to theft from Motor vehicles owned by USAF personal. We will be carrying out join patrols in hot spot areas giving crime prevention advice to those cars where valuables have been left on display.

We are looking forward to welcoming our cadets back in October, with the increase in numbers we have some great things planned for them

Mildenhall SNT



Inspector
Mark Shipton



Engagement Officer
PC Helen Self

Bury St Edmunds

Our engagement with the Bury St Edmunds community continues with the backdrop of coronavirus remaining with us all. We have increased our presence with our licensed premises in order to support them through the relaxation of lockdown and the recent changes in rules allowing only 6 people to be together.

We have recently been supported in Bury Town Centre by a new countywide team that the service has at its disposal. The Neighbourhood Crime Proactive team or 'Kestrel' team supports local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and helps SNTs address issues which matter most to local communities.

In the case of Bury St Edmunds, one issue that I know you are keen for us to keep on top of is street drinkers. With that in mind, the Kestrel team have been in the town centre confiscating alcohol from these individuals. They've also been speaking to members of the public in the town centre as a visible, uniformed presence. We also had a productive catalytic converter marking session where around 30 vehicles were security marked. A big thank you to the Treadfirst Tyre Centre for hosting us.

We continue to offer crime prevention advice in person and via our website so you can all take steps to reduce the risk of potentially becoming a victim of crime. As the nights pull in and the clocks go back, we all need to be mindful of security measures to protect our properties and staying safe if you're out on a bike or walking near roads.

Bury St Edmunds SNT



Inspector
Matt Paisley



Engagement Officer
PC Jon Gerrish

Sudbury & Haverhill SNT



Inspector

Sudbury & Haverhill

In September in Haverhill we conducted disruption visits for the County Lines week of action. We also did some engagement work on the Clements and Chalkstone estate along with a session at Clare Country Park along with colleagues from the Special Constabulary. At future events we will be doing cycle marking. We have rural 'meet and greet' sessions arranged for the coming weeks in the villages and we've also increased our patrols in the villages due to some recent burglaries in the area. Since the last edition, we have undertaken several more engagement events such as on the Cordell estate in Long Melford, Sudbury Market and most recently at Canhams Road Co-Op in Great Cornard. We're also going to be at Sudbury's Health Centre on Churchfield Road - date and time to be confirmed. Each event has provided a valuable opportunity to liaise with our community, both young and old and despite the ever changing Covid-19 situation we pledge to keep these going as we enjoy them just as much as you welcome them. In the last few weeks, Sudbury has welcomed three new officers - so a big welcome to PC Rebecca McHugh, PC Stephen Coughlan and PC Olivia Spence. Additionally, A/Sgt Oliver Williams has taken over at the helm of Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team as of last month.

Finally, in amongst all of the usual business and calls that Sudbury officers have been attending to, PCs Moore and Butters attention was drawn to an e-scooter being erratically ridden a few weeks back. The rider, who was visiting Sudbury at the time, was found to be under the influence of alcohol and provided a roadside specimen of breath almost twice the legal limit. transport are deemed to be mechanically propelled vehicles and fall under the usual drink drive/ride regulations, the male was duly arrested and the matter is awaiting to be dealt with at court and could have serious implications to the gentleman's driving licence.



Engagement Officer
PC Darren Marshall



Engagement Officer
Chery Claydon

Stowmarket SNT



Inspector
Shawn Wakeling

Stowmarket

We have been enjoying getting out again and meeting people at our 'street meets' and other engagements in the last couple of months. We carried out a catalytic converter marking session in August which went really well, and we will update our Facebook & Twitter with future events.

Towards the end of August we took the mobile police station to Thurston on a couple of occasions, and we were very happy to be joined by a member of the parish council on each occasion.

We joined up with Suffolk Local Links, a Suffolk County Council project, and had a bike-marking event in the Northfield area of Stowmarket. We could only take limited bookings due to restrictions, but due to its popularity we will be planning more events in the future, and we got a few more in at our 'street meet' in Stowmarket the following Saturday.

Our next 'street meet' in Stowmarket will be on Saturday 10 October 9am-1pm, and will again include bike marking and other crime prevention.

We are arranging several 'pop up' street meets in the next few weeks, and are awaiting confirmation, but these will be advertised in advance on our Facebook and Twitter pages, and a message sent out on Police Connect, so we hope to see you at one of these.

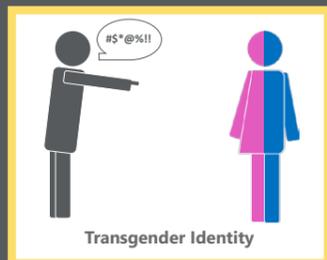
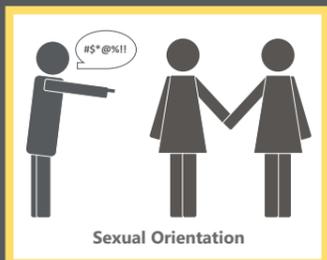
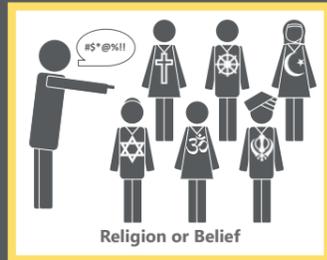
On 18 September we carried out speed enforcement session in villages around Stowmarket. The purpose of this was to raise awareness, educate and where appropriate enforce limits. 25 warnings were given, with one vehicle defect rectification ticket, and six traffic offence reports also issued.



Engagement Officer
PC Stefan Henriksen



Have **you** been a victim?



What is a Hate Crime?

A Hate Crime is any crime committed against a victim or a group because of who they are or what they believe in.

Police record Hate Crimes for these protected characteristics.

What is a Hate Incident?

A Hate Incident is when a victim or group are targeted because of their characteristics but the incident does not break the law. e.g. spreading rumours.

What options are there to report?



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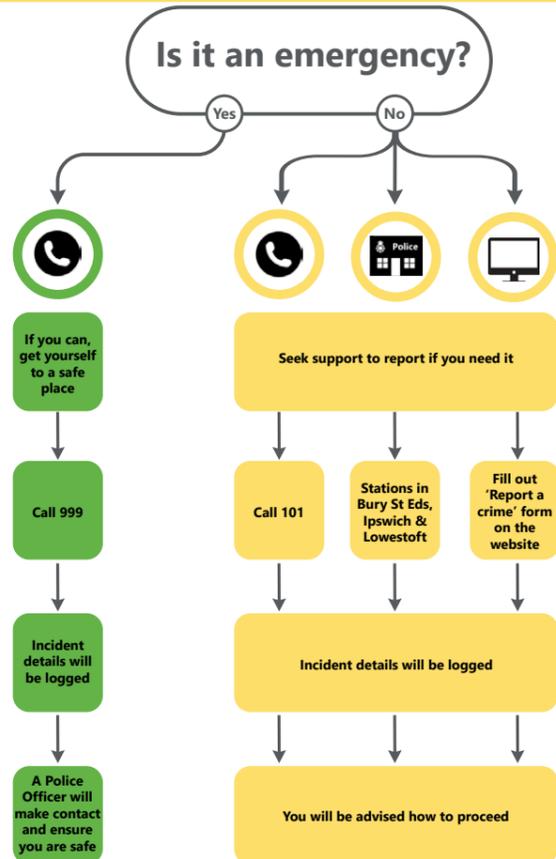
0800 555 111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care

0300 303 3706
www.nsvictimcare.org

Reporting a Hate Incident or Hate Crime to Police



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First Principle Crime Prevention



You can get support even if you don't report.

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If you target anyone with verbal, online or physical abuse because of their religion, race, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity – you may be committing a hate crime.

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