January 2018

**BURY ST EDMUNDS**

**RESPOND**
During the past month we have been responding to calls regarding hare coursing in our area together with our dedicated rural policing team. This newly established team has been set up to deal with many challenges in our rural areas such as heritage crime and game, sports and wildlife crime. We also have a local rural champion, PC DeJongh. We would encourage members of our rural communities to contact police with any information. Using 999 when a crime is in progress and the non emergency 101 or your SNT contacts.

**MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFER**
Throughout the festive period and looking forward we are assisting in the safeguarding vulnerable persons. A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances, they are unable to take care for or protect themselves or others from harm or exploitation. Our licensing officers have been engaging with licensed premises to raise awareness of the safety of their customers, to minimise risk and prevent future incidents.

We have the pleasure of introducing two new members of our team; PC Carl EDLEY who will be the point of contact for young persons and PCSO Amanda POOLEY covering anti social behaviour.

**PREVENTING, REDUCING AND SOLVING CRIME AND ASB**
A Public Spaces Protection Order is now in place in the town centre of Bury St Edmunds to deal with behaviours which can have a detrimental effect on the local community. They can help by giving local councils and police additional powers to tackle antisocial behaviour. The conditions are:
* No person shall within the restricted area, refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over containers, sealed or unsealed which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officers, to prevent public nuisance, anti social behaviour or disorder
* Persons within the restricted area will not approach another person either in person or verbally in order to beg from the other person
* Persons within the restricted area will not sit or loiter in a public space, with any receptacle used to contain monies for the purpose of begging.

It is a criminal offence if a person without reasonable excuse fails to comply with the requirement of a constable or an authorised person. Full details of the restricted areas are available on the West Suffolk council website.

We are working with our partners at the council to support the newly opened winter night shelter, assisting those in need to find appropriate accommodation and reduce demand.

**FUTURE EVENTS**
The future events that your SNT are involved in, and will give you an opportunity to chat to them to raise your concerns are:

8th January - PC Fox will be at the Sapiston Village Hall for the Parish council meeting

10th January - PCSO Crompton will be a the Quaker meeting House for a safety/hate crime talk

24th January - PCSO Pooley will be a the Bury hard of hearing centre for a awareness/safety talk

2nd February - PCSO Dodd will be at Lacy Court residential home for a safety talk