

February 2018

# SNT Newsletter

## Hadleigh

### You said...

Reports of ongoing anti-social behaviour in Hadleigh

Rural areas - Crime prevention/reassurance

Anti social use of off road motorbikes in the area of Bobbitts Lane

### We did...

Continued engagement with schools, parents and Social Services. Patrols of the town at key times, and positive action taken in response to reports of truancy.

Rural patrols with intelligence submitted. Surveys offered to homes and businesses.

Ongoing proactive patrols of affected area at key times.

### Inspector Kevin Horton

**STOLEN TOOLS = LOSS OF INCOME**

**GET TOOL S.M.A.R.T**



### Responding to issues in your community

Our priorities this month remain broadly similar to those highlighted in our previous newsletter, as we work to find long-term solutions to issues affecting both quality of life and security of the community.

Whilst we have seen a decrease in the anti-social behaviour reported in the evenings in the area of the High Street shops, and Morrisons/QD, we continue to work with a small number of young people in an attempt to address behavioural concerns. Our approach incorporates liaison with schools, parents and guardians, Social Services, and our own specialist Youth Offending Officers.

We continue to receive reports of crime and suspicious activity in rural and often isolated areas. We have stepped up our own patrols of these areas in an attempt to both deter offenders and to feed intelligence back to the relevant Force-wide departments. Please continue to report any suspicious vehicles or activity to us. We continue to offer Crime Prevention visits to homes or businesses who may wish to discuss security with us. Most thieves are opportunists and simple steps such as locking doors, gates, vehicles and outbuildings and removing valuables from the sight can go a long way towards preventing crime. As the weather (hopefully) warms up, please also remember to secure ladders and gardening/hand tools - though they may be of little monetary value, they are often used by thieves who prefer not to 'go equipped' themselves.

The team are still dealing with the issue of off road motor cycles at Bobbitts Lane and Pc Chris Garrod is the lead on this. An advisory warning letter and accompanying map are being finalised and will shortly be ready to serve by hand to riders at the location or send to the registered keepers of vehicles located there. PC Garrod has recently encountered a number of off-road riders, who have been dealt with accordingly.

### Making the community safer

Following on from last months advice regarding security of vans and theft of tools the team now have a number of stickers aimed at deterring those responsible for the thefts. There is still a lot of work going on to identify the offenders for these crimes across the county. If you would like any crime prevention advice or would like some stickers then please get in touch with the SNT.

We would also like to make you aware of a telephone scam where people are being contacted by someone purporting to be from the fraud department associated to your bank and claiming that your accounts are being targeted by rogue bank employees. The caller asks for the person to move their saving to a different 'safe' account. Time pressure is applied to the victim and they are advised on what to do online or in their local branch to carry out the necessary transfers. Trust is often gained by the caller claiming to know the bank procedures and information about their account. Please remember that your bank and the police will never ask you to withdraw money or purchase items. Your bank and the police will also never ask you for your PIN, bank card or bank account details over the phone - never give these out. For advice on keeping yourself safe against scams please visit: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z> and for more information on this type of crime please visit: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/alert-fraudsters-claiming-to-be-from-hmrc-jun17>.

### Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

The team review all calls to police in our area on a daily basis and then identify any that may need further contact from a local SNT officer. A significant number of reports of Anti-Social behaviour involve disputes between neighbours. These can be triggered by relatively minor incidents, but can quickly escalate. Police will look to signpost complainants to other agencies where appropriate (Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords, medical professionals, etc). Many such incidents are purely civil and complainants are advised to take independent legal advice, nevertheless, such reports can take up a lot of time and resources to deal with.

On 24th January 2018 a 19 year old male was arrested and charged with burglary and driving offences in Barham, a dedicated team will be further interviewing the male around other crimes in the area.

On 8th January 2018 a 16 year old male was arrested on suspicion of a burglary in Henley, he has been released under investigation whilst police continue their enquiries.

### This SNT covers the following parishes

Alton, Berners, Brook, Dodnash, Hadleigh North, Hadleigh South, Holbrook, Lower Brett, Mid Samford, Nayland, Pinewood, South Cosford

### Future events

A county-wide crime prevention campaign to stop thefts from vans will launch in February 2018.

More details to follow

Police and Parish Forum -  
14th February 2018 - 19:30 -  
Pinewood Community Centre.