February 2018

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 Bobbits 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.

Responding to issues in your community

Our patrols 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.

What we have seen a decrease in the anti-social behaviour reported in the evenings in the area of the High Street shops, and Montevideo. 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.

In response to reports of anti-social behaviour and repeat occurrences of nuisance in and around our villages, we have engaged our Neighbourhood Policing Teams to liaise with local councillors and residents. We have targeted our patrols of these areas in an attempt to catch repeat offenders and to build intelligence back into the relevant Force wide departments. Please continue to report any suspicious vehicles or activities to us. We continue to offer Citizen Protection units to business owners or businesses who may wish to increase security with us. Most thieves are opportunists and simple steps such as locking doors, gates, vehicles and outbuildings and removing valuable items from the sight can go a long way to preventing crime. As the weather (hopefully) warms up, please also remember to secure ledges 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.

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This SNT covers the following parishes
Alton, Berners, Brook, Dodnash, Hadleigh North, Hadleigh South, Holbrook, Lower Brett, Mid Samford, Nayland, Pinewood, South Cosford

Making the community safer

Following on from last month's 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 savings 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 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 and for more information about their account. Please remember that your bank and the police will never ask you to withdraw money or purchase items.

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.

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.

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