January 2018

Newsletter

You said...

Reports of ongoing anti social behaviour in Hadleigh

Capel - Crime prevention/reassurance

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

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Inspector Kevin Horton

Responding to issues in your community

Happy new year to you all. Those of you who attend the Parish Forums are aware that I attend a monthly priority setting meeting where all the SNTs across the country meet and discuss issues in their area which include illegal off road use and in Hadleigh this year we are now aware that the problem is ongoing.

The team are still dealing with the issue of illegal off road motorcycle use for example our regular patrols at Bobbits Lane in Capel St Mary which have been countered a number of times. We now have a meeting with the new land owners of Bobbits Lane and have been informed that plans are afoot to develop the land in the near future. This is a very positive news story.

It is evident that a long term approach is needed to tackle the problem of illegal off road motorcycles and we are also looking at restricting / removing the access points to the area long term. This is a long term issue which will not be solved overnight but urging people to lock up your tools, shut your window as tight as possible and remember to lock your garden shed and store tools and ladders securely inside; this stops burglars using your tools to break into your home.

The problem of illegal off road motorcycles is one that will need to be addressed from various angles. One angle will be via education of the riders themselves. Many of whom we have spoken to, either believe that they are allowed to ride there or have been told that they can by other riders. This is clearly not the case. Both Pigeon Investments and The Greenways project are keen to develop the area with both residential, commercial developments whilst maintaining the balance with the natural habitat. We are in the very early stages and there are no formal plans or planning applications in place as yet. There will be a consultation process with local residents and businesses for any development in the area. However, from the initial discussions, I have to say that I am very positive about the future of this area.

The team are also aware of a large amount of intelligence being submitted. Please report any suspicious vehicles or activity to the police as this may assist in ongoing investigations. If you are concerned about your property being vandalised then please contact the SNT and we would be happy to attend and carry out an individual crime prevention/home security check of your address and recommend further ways to keep your home and property safe.

General advice to home owners is to leave a light on when you are not at home, or put your lights on a timer and leave the television or radio on. Ensure all doors, windows and gates are locked and remember to lock your garden shed and store tools and ladders securely inside; this stops burglars using your tools to break into your home.

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Making the community safer

There is currently an issue with theft of tools from vans both during the day and overnight and this is across the whole of Suffolk. There is currently a police operation in place called Operation Winston. Please take a look at the below information on security of your vehicle. If tools are registered on Immobilise.com then this makes it much easier to reunite owners with their property should it be found/recovered.

General Van security

- Always lock all doors & shut windows, physically check van doors are locked.
- Do not leave any items on display.
- Lock in a garage or secure area where possible.
- Park with the doors against a wall.
- If you park on your driveway consider installing motion activated CCTV.
- Remove tools from the van if possible.
- Remove copper piping from the storage tube on your van.
- Register tools for free at www.immobilise.com
- Mark all tools (with a forensic marker) such as Smartwater (www.smartwater.com) or Selecta DNA (www.selectadna.co.uk).
- To increase the security of tools, you can bolt either a cage or box to the base of the van which should be secured with a sturdy close shackle padlock to reduce and deter further incidents.
- Setting an alarm or immobiliser will make it more difficult for the offender.
- Consider upgrading lock/fitting additional protection.
- Information on Police approved products can be found at www.securedbydesign.com
- If you witness suspicious activity around vans please report it immediately.
- Taking as much detail as possible: vehicle colour, registration, make/model.
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Future events

Police and Parish Forum -
14th February 2018 - 19:30 -
Pinewood Community Centre.
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. The number of calls to police around ASB has reduced significantly but this also coincides with the colder weather and darker evenings. ASB has remained a priority and the team are still speaking with and encountering youths when out on patrol. I am in regular contact with the Porch Project in Hadleigh who we share information with to try and reduce crime and protect vulnerable people.

The team are carrying out high visibility patrols in Capel due to recent burglaries and vehicle crime in the area and work is continuing to gather and develop intelligence as to who may be committing these crimes.

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