

January 2018

SNT Newsletter

Hadleigh

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

We did...

On going monitoring of situation and zero tolerance approach to those involved. Reports of ASB have reduced in the last month.

Ongoing patrols of Capel St Mary and intelligence being submitted.

Meeting held with the new land owners and joint advisory letter to motorcyclists drafted.

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 southern area meet and discuss issues in their area which includes the victims/offenders and locations which are most vulnerable/causing the most harm to the community. At the meeting this month it was decided to include Capel St Mary in the priorities due to a number of burglaries and theft from motor vehicles in recent weeks. Extra patrols are being carried out and a large amount of intelligence is 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 vulnerable 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.

The team are still dealing with the issue of off road motor cycles and Pc Chris Garrod is the lead on this. A meeting has been held with Pigeon Investments who now own a lot of the land which was very productive. 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 I am very positive about the future of this area.

The problem of illegal off road motorcycling 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 fully supportive of producing a joint warning / advisory letter with the Suffolk Police. This will be served by hand to riders found at this location and/or sent to the registered keepers of vehicles used to transport off road motorcycles to the location. So far we have done this either directly or by leaving notes on the vehicles for owners to call me back. So far we have had about a 50% success rate of people calling back and taking our advice on board.

We are looking at producing new permanent signs to be placed on the access points making it clear that no access is granted. Then working with Pigeon investments, 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 urge people affected to continue to contact the police when people are there and to report any descriptions/registration numbers of vehicles so these can be followed up on.

Future events

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

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.
 - Park 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 locks/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.
People:- how many, description, clothing.

Improving your security can reduce the opportunity of crime occurring locally.
For security advice visit www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z

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