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You said...
There’s persons driving around Haverhill with no insurance and possibly under the influence of drugs

We did...
Over the course of one week 3 vehicles and their drivers were researched by officers and then subject to proactive patrols and stopped. All 3 vehicles were seized and drivers reported for offences with 1 driver arrested following a positive drugs wipe.

Responding to issues in your community
The newsletter will contain information on current crime trends within the locality and provide updates on the work being done to tackle them. If required more detailed information on figures is available from the website www.police.uk

With Haverhill and Clare, together with many of the villages now implementing VAS signs warning motorists of their speed, where possible officers are getting out there with their own speed devices. A speed check was carried out in Gt Bradley in January with a Traffic Offence Report issued for driving at 40mph and 8 verbal warnings. Another officer completed a check in L. Thurlow with 1 TOR issued and 2 verbal warnings.

Officers have also been in the following locations - Stoke rd Clare; Couplats Rd, Chiswells Way and Shop Hill Wickhambrook culminating in a TOR and 5 verbal warning issued. WATCH THAT SPEED

Making the community safer
Following reports of 3 robberies in the Mill Rd area of Haverhill, officers from the team have been on foot patrol for reassurance and also in the hope of trying to identify the suspect. At the time of typing no one has been arrested in relation to any of these offences and enquiries continue.

If you wish to discuss making yourselves safer officers are happy to be approached and will advise. A couple of pointers to assist - do not have your purse/wallet visible in bags; if carrying a handbag try to have it across your chest and keep your hand over the fastening; avoid short cuts and stay on roads that are well lit and relatively busy, and beware of your surroundings and if followed go into a shop and stay there until you’re safe.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB
Op Barnstable which was the investigation involving youths causing ASB with racial undertones at the Chinese takeaway in Leiston Rd Haverhill has now been finalised after a number of youths were subject to Restorative Justice by our partners at the Youth Offending Team.

There were 3 daytime burglaries on 6th Feb in Haverhill which are being linked. Up to 3 suspects seen approaching one of the properties alighting from a grey coloured saloon vehicle. CID officers are currently investigating.

Taking a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary -
- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you’re just in the garden
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property where many burglaries occur
- Install a visual burglar alarm
- Store valuable items out of view, preferably in safe, or just hidden.

This SNT covers the following parishes
Clare, Kedington, Cavendish, Poslingford, Stansfield, Denston, Hawkedon, Brockley, Chedburgh, Chevington, Redenh, Whetstead, Hawstead, Hargrave, Depden, Hundon, Stoke By Clare, Wixoe, Barnadiston, Stradshill, Wickhambrook, Lidgate, Ousden, Cowlinge, Withersfield, Great Bradley, Little Bradley, Great Wratting, Little Wratting, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow and Haverhill.

Future events
A county-wide crime prevention campaign to stop thefts from vans will launch in February 2018.
More details to follow

Various dates - Throughout the month of February officers conducting speed checks in Haverhill and surrounding villages.

21st Feb - Officers will be assisting pupils at Stour Valley school for their Safety day.

Officers will be attending Upper schools throughout the locality providing an input on preventative knife crime to coincide with Op Sceptre.