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YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM REPORT

Ipswich Central SNT

Westgate Ward
Alexandra Ward
St. Margaret's Ward

COVERING

1178 INCIDENTS RECEIVED

547 INVESTIGATIONS RECORDED

YOU SAID...

1. Target drug related ASB within Alexandra Ward, and Christchurch Park.
2. Target ASB associated with street drinking / rough sleeping
3. Target town Centre retail theft

WE DID...

1. Officers from Ipswich central SNT continuing to concentrate patrols in areas where IBC indicate the greatest concentrations of drug related litter and sharps are being found. Ongoing work to gather intelligence to support drug warrants and action from the constabulary's drug team.
2. Continuing to work in partnership with local housing and homelessness charity groups. Continuing to target street drinking by alcohol seizures in locations where problem is most concentrated-21 alcohol seizures within the last 4 weeks.4 x CPN warnings issued.
3. 4 prolific shoplifters arrested on town centre-1 sentenced to 28 days imprisonment.

STATISTICS

SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES

FIGURES FOR October 2016

Burglary Dwelling

10

Robbery

5

Violence with Injury

42

Serious Sexual Offences

2

Drug Trafficking

2

Anti-Social Behaviour

110



FUTURE EVENTS

7th December....Suffolk New College Seasonal safety event for students 11.30-14.00
17th January 2017....Holly Lodge, Bramford Lane, Ipswich. Security workshop. 10-12.00
20th January 2017...The Key, St Margarets Plain, Ipswich. Security workshop. 11-13.00



FURTHER INFORMATION

One of the local policing priorities for Ipswich central SNT includes dealing with ASB related to begging, within the Town Centre area and along the waterfront. Many of those who give money to individuals do so in the belief they are giving to someone who is homeless. However, just as not everyone who is homeless begs, not everybody who is begging is actually homeless. There are those who will exploit the goodwill of others and give the impression they are homeless, in order to obtain money from passers by.

Officers from central SNT have been working in partnership with local agencies such as IHAG and ILHP, to help those vulnerable members of our community, who are homeless and at risk on the streets of Ipswich. Homelessness is an all year round issue, but with the plummeting temperatures this time of year, those who are rough sleeping are at even greater risk.

For the last 5 years in Ipswich, churches and volunteers have been working together to run the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter (IWNS). Working on a "rolling church" model, a different church offers shelter each night of the week. These host churches work as one Night Shelter. This year, the IWNS will open on Thursday December 8th 2016 and run every night until Sunday March 12th 2017. They will also open on Sunday afternoons




They provide guests with a hot nourishing evening meal, a warm and safe place with friendly company, a clean and comfortable bed and a hot breakfast in the morning.

Rather than giving money directly to those begging in the street, the public are encouraged to instead consider assisting groups like IHAG/ILHP/IWNS by donating items for use by the charities and their partners. Donations can range from foodstuffs, toiletries, to clothing/bedding. Those who would like to provide more practical assistance would be welcome as volunteers.

Giving in this way ensures your donation goes directly to those who are in real, genuine, need.
More information can be obtained from www.ilhp.org.uk or www.iwns.org.uk.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

As the Christmas Shopping period now starts in earnest, this time of year provides thieves with ample opportunity to ruin Christmas for many families. Please take a few extra moments to consider the security of your property and valuables when in crowded places. Some simple steps can help deter even the most determined thieves:

- If driving to the shops, park your car in a car park or area which will be well lit if you're returning to the car after dark.
- Never leave anything on view in the car, including coins for parking meters. Keep valuables and your shopping out of sight in the boot. Remember to remove Sat-Navs from the windscreen and also secure them out of sight.
- Make sure you close all the windows and fully lock the car so that the alarm is set. Double check the door handle before walking away from the vehicle.
- Have your keys ready in your hand when you get back to the car so you're not fumbling with bags and pockets
- It's not a good idea to openly wear expensive jewelery and watches in crowded places.
- When using debit and credit cards, try to keep them in a convenient part of your purse/wallet so you do not have to search through an open handbag or wallet trying to find them.
- Keep a record of the card numbers and emergency telephone numbers in your bag or deep pocket, so you can call the companies to cancel the cards quickly should you lose them.
- Be aware of very crowded places, which are ideal for pickpockets and bag thieves. Ladies should hold handbags close and with the catch towards the body. If walking beside a friend or partner you could carry the bag on the side closest to the other person. Gents should carry a wallet in a front trouser or jean pocket. Try to avoid carrying it in a rear pocket or outer jacket pocket.
- Limit the amount of cash you carry or split it up so it's not all in one place to be lost in one go
- When having a lunch or coffee break, avoid hanging your handbag on the back of a chair. Instead, put it on the floor in front of you and put a chair leg over the strap. Try to keep your shopping bags in front of you if possible. Think about making expensive purchases last so you can head straight home with them. Some stores might hold onto them so you can pick them up on your way back to the car.
- Take care when using Cashpoints (ATMs). When entering your card's PIN always cover the keypad with your other hand and be aware of who's around you.

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