

August 2018

SNT Newsletter

Ipswich West

You said...

Grebe Close - complaints about class A drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in the area

Burrell Road - complaints about ASB and intimidation

We did...

A drugs warrant was executed at an address in Grebe Close and a street meet was carried out to establish the full extent of the problems

A street meet has been planned for the 8th August to identify the full extent of the problem

Inspector Kevin Horton



Responding to issues in your community

To expand a bit more on the Grebe Close drug dealing and related ASB concerns, a multi-agency approach has been adopted to tackle the issues identified with Police carrying out a street meet accompanied by a housing officer from Ipswich Borough Council. Due to the concerns raised about ASB, it has been agreed to leave the street lights on during the night for a trial period of 3 months and as part of Operation Parkland, extra patrols have taken place in the area. A Community Protection Notice, aimed at preventing unreasonable behaviour which is having a negative impact on the local community's quality of life, has been served to a local resident with another waiting to be served.

Concerns have been raised about drug activity in Cromer Road and the surrounding open spaces and this area has seen an increase in patrols as a result in an attempt to tackle the problem.

Barnard Square continues to have ASB related issues and as such, letters have been delivered to residents, the street lights are being left on at night and extra patrols are being carried out in the area.

Making the community safer

Operation Parkland, the Constabularies initiative in South Suffolk to tackle ASB and associated criminality in the Summer months continues with SNT officers tasked to carry out patrols of various locations. Officers from several SNT's have been involved, all working together to target locations in Ipswich and wider afield in Hadleigh and the surrounding villages.

There have been a number of residential burglaries across the area in the past month, many due to insecurities where people have left doors and windows open due to the hot weather. Please see below for basic crime prevention advice.

With allotments also currently being targeted, extra patrols are now in place to try and address this. Sheds are being broken into with tools and other gardening equipment being stolen. Where possible, please keep valuable tools and equipment at home and if this is not possible, please mark them accordingly and make a note of any serial numbers which could aid in their identification if they are stolen.

Future events

Suffolk Constabulary's Chief Constable Gareth Wilson and the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore begin their tour of Suffolk.

They will be in town centres across the county between 11:30am and 1:30pm to talk directly to you about the policing service we provide to you and the nearest two to Ipswich West will be as follows:

Wednesday 15 August - Ipswich
Giles Circus, Ipswich

Thursday 16 August - Woodbridge
High Street, Woodbridge

Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB

More residents are set to benefit from the use of smart technology as Suffolk Constabulary has once again joined forces with RING, the home security company, in a bid to tackle burglaries in Ipswich and beyond.

In the past year alone, two prolific burglars have already been caught and subsequently convicted in Suffolk thanks to footage obtained through a RING Video Doorbell

The Constabulary has secured a number of RING video doorbells which can be applied for by residents in Suffolk free of charge and can act as a deterrent to potential burglars. This is a great initiative and opportunity and would allow people to feel safer when away from their property. To register an interest please e-mail: doorbell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Following on from the RING video doorbells, we would like to remind you of some basic crime prevention advice:

LOCK

- Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house.
- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.
- Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.
- Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.
- Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

LIGHT

- Make your home look lived in – use timer switches if you're not home.
- 'Dusk-to-dawn' sensored security lighting is a cheap, low cost way of making sure the front of your home or shed/outbuilding is well-lit.
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- You could also consider installing a Ring doorbell camera in order to potentially film an opportunist burglar in action
- Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

HIDE

- Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.
- Never leave spare keys in an open place. Be aware, burglars know all the usual hiding places so never leave a spare key under the doormat or under a garden gnome.
- Keep dustbins and wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or used to escape.
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.
- Don't leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight

Ipswich West priorities for August are as follows:-

- 1 - Op Parkland - Summer ASB
- 2 - Grebe Close - Class A Drug Activity
- 3 - Cromer Road / Bramford Lane - Class A Drug Activity

This SNT covers the following parishes

Bridge, Castle Hill, Gipping, Sprites, Stoke Park, Whitehouse, Whitton