

# Newsletter

## Ipswich West

### You said...

There was an issue around drug use in Whitehouse and the open spaces surrounding it.

### We did...

Increased patrols in the area with a tactical action plan that was implemented. There has been the use of plain clothes patrols and also a police dog. This has led to a number of referrals to the youth offending team and a reduction in needle finds in the area.

### Inspector Kevin Horton



### Responding to issues in your community

There has recently been a serious assault in Birkfield Drive which has led to a 48hr closure of a property. Work is being undertaken by the SNT to gather evidence with a view to seeking a full closure order on the property to protect those who reside in the area.

We have been made aware of potential drug dealing that has been taking place in Luther Road and have been working closely with the council to seek a possession order on a property. Whilst this process is being carried out due to the problems this causes some of the residents the SNT have been successful in securing CPN warnings. These will be issued to anyone that should not be at the property and will reduce the incidents of ASB that are linked to drug dealing and the users.

### Making the community safer

In November the SNT team took part in the Jasmine Close community clean up. This was an opportunity for a variety of different agencies to be present and meet with the local residents to discuss issues that they have. Along with the engagement the area had a tidy up which has increased the aesthetics for all those that live there. Hopefully this will be something that can be replicated in other areas of Ipswich moving forwards.

There have been issues raised to the SNT over rough sleeping and this has had an impact at Ipswich football ground. There has been lots of litter and waste that has been left and this is unsightly and has to be cleaned up by the staff. We have carried out intervention work identifying who these people are with one being arrested for an outstanding warrant. Work continues with the others sign posting them to other agencies to get them the help they need to be re housed.

### Future events

08/12/2017 - Homeless Sweep

13/12/2017 - Street meet at Downing Close 13:30hrs

## **Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB**

Hawthorn Drive continues to have incidents of ASB and as a result of this every effort is now being made to try and identify those that are the main instigators causing the issues. Once they have been identified they will be visited and spoken to with their parents to get them to see the distress that their actions are causing. We have been working with the CO OP ASB team as well in tackling the problems which has led to the area behind the shops where groups were attending having the fencing removed. The next thing to be done is to have the undergrowth removed making the area much more open and visible.

Christmas is a time of year for celebrating and spending time with your family and loved ones. As a result we are all out of our houses more and it is important to remember to keep doors and windows locked. If you have security lighting make sure it is working. Make sure you speak with your neighbours and look out for each other when you are not home.

Over the festive period Suffolk will be running a drink/drug drive campaign. There will be proactive stops of motorists so whether you are heading out to see friends or attending your work's party make sure if you are intending on drinking that you do not drive.

When you are out with friends make sure you stay as a group and have your taxi booked so you can get home safely.

Ipswich West priorities for December are as follows:-

- 1 - Vehicle crime North west Ipswich.
- 2 - Alderman Park/Handford Road/Portman Road - Drug activity and ASB.
- 3 - Shenstone Drive - Drug activity and damage.

All that remains is to say that from the Ipswich west SNT we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## **This SNT covers the following parishes**

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