

SNT Newsletter

Ipswich West

You said...

There is a problem with ASB around Stoke Quay which still remains a priority for the SNT. There have been reports of drug activity in the area as well which we are keen to address while the area is subject to a tactical action plan.

We did...

There have been increased patrols of the area to disrupt any activity that is taking place and intelligence is being fed back to get an idea of the full picture and identify those that are involved.

The SNT are still in close contact with the residents in the area to monitor the situation and continue to work with the housing provider to make the area safe for the residents.

Inspector Kevin Horton

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Responding to issues in your community

Within the SNT now that we are moving towards the spring and the clocks changing we are looking at what we can do to keep public open spaces safe and usable for all. Our Pc's are currently undertaking work to identify the park areas that are in the West of Ipswich and then to incorporate those where there are problems into their patrol plans. This will give us the ability to identify and deal with problems and offenders as soon as possible. This can include plain clothes patrols.

As part of this we will be looking to make contact with allotments on the West as well so that we have access to sites and can incorporate them within our patrols. If you do have an allotment we would urge you not to leave valuable items within your sheds and where possible take them back home with you.

Making the community safer

Since our last update there is an offender that has been sentenced to 18 months for a range of crimes. They were responsible for a large number of vehicle crimes with multiple victims. Since their arrest there has been a reduction in the number of theft from motor vehicle incidents that we have seen. The SNT have been contacting the victims with the good news and continue to tackle vehicle crime as one of its ongoing priorities.

February has seen a week of action in relation to knife crime under Operation Sceptre. Part of the operation was to carry out searches of open spaces in Ipswich. 2 of the areas that were searched were Jubilee Park and Alderman Park. The result of the search was that there was one knife recovered and also a broken pool cue.

The knife amnesty bin was also emptied at the start of the campaign and there were 495 items that were removed. This included a selection of knives ranging from pen knives and razor blades to decorative swords.

Suffolk Constabularies stance on knife crime is zero tolerance and the message is clear that if you carry a knife you are more likely to be involved in serious crime so please make use of the bin that is located at the fire station on Princess Street.

Future events

14/03/18 - Careers Fair St Josephs college 14:00 to 18:00.

From the 15/03/18 the YMCA youth bus will be visiting Chantry Academy every Thursday night.

Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB

Hawthorn Drive shop area and the library continue to be a priority for the SNT and is currently subject to its own tactical action plan with a problem owner.

There have been issues around ASB related to groups of youths that have been gathering and then causing issues for the shop workers and members of the public. This plan has seen a refresh recently with key people being identified and ASB letters have been issued along with the parents of those being involved being spoken to. There has been close working with the library to agree a response to ASB when it occurs with points of contact for those using the library being taken for parents.

Hawthorn Drive has been an ongoing issue and the SNT are keen to be identifying offenders at the earliest opportunity so that action can be taken prior to the summer. This sends a clear message that it will not be tolerated.

Work continues and hopefully there will be the opportunity for funding for a youth shelter as well as getting the basketball light turned back on and the YMCA bus to visit the area. We will keep you posted as when arrangements are finalised.

The SNT were recently given 10 Ring doorbell cameras. These have small cameras located in the doorbell that record activity when motion is sensed or the bell is depressed. These doorbells have been used to good effect and have helped secure prosecutions. The doorbells that were donated have been issued to those that are repeat victims of property based crimes in a bid to detect offences and bring those responsible to justice.

If you are thinking of adding security to your home these are very good devices and will be worth looking into.

Ipswich West priorities for March are as follows:-

- 1 - Vehicle crime West Ipswich.
- 2 - Alderman Park/Handford Road/Handford Cut/Portman Road - Drug activity and ASB.
- 3 - Rough Sleeping/ Homelessness and related ASB-South West Ipswich

This SNT covers the following parishes

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