

SNT Newsletter

Lowestoft

You said...

Anti-social behaviour in residential areas are causing a number of residents harassment and is having a detrimental effect on the community

We did...

Extensive foot patrols by PCs and PCSOs during all times enabled the reporting of those responsible. Incidents have stopped and those responsible will be dealt with accordingly.

Inspector Liz Casey



Responding to issues in your community

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been contacted by members of the public expressing their concerns about drug activity in specific areas of Lowestoft. The community have been really helpful in making us aware of this activity so we as a team are able to link the intelligence to the bigger picture and enable the right action is taken to eradicate this type of criminal activity. The Safer Neighbourhood Team works closely with Waveney District Council to ensure that both agencies are fully aware of the extent of a certain issues and are able to follow procedures to safeguard and support local residents.

Making the community safer

There has been a crime series across the East of Suffolk where vans have been broken in to and tools stolen. There are steps you can take to make your property more secure and reduce the chance of being a victim of crime. PCSO Sandeno will be on hand at Wickes, Lowestoft on the 14th May and at Screwfix, Lowestoft on the 21st May to discuss vehicle crime prevention and tool marking. So why not come along and see him? Alternatively you can find crime prevention advice on various subjects by visiting the Suffolk Police website. Lowestoft SNT have been working hard tackling Theft of push bikes in Lowestoft. Since our intervention a number of offenders are under investigation, lots of cycles recovered and we have seen the number of offences plummet to low numbers. We held an open weekend during April which successfully saw many members of the public come to Lowestoft Police Station and view our recovered cycles with some being able to identify their cycle. Although offences have dropped; please continue to be vigilant and report anything suspicious or if you have information either call 101 or tell us anonymously via crime stoppers. Make sure you secure your bike using a good quality lock. Take photos of your cycle and make a note of the frame number.

Future events

Thursday 26th April Oulton
Broad Sea Scouts 18:00-19:00
PC Green SC Levett.

Monday 14th May. AM.
Screwfix Crime prevention and
tool marking PCSO Sandeno.

Monday 21st May. AM.
Wickes Crime prevention and
tool marking PCSO Sandeno

Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB

Since the end of summer last year, the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been investigating the ongoing criminal damages to vehicles in south Lowestoft. Covert Authorities working in partnership with the SNT and 2 covert cameras were installed in a property that overlooked where the incidents were happening. Officers regularly collected and reviewed the footage each time a crime occurred to make attempts to identify a suspect but to avail.

Not long after cameras were installed, identical damages started occurring on seafront buildings and signage. The operation resources were then increased and officers were regularly deployed, day and night to perform both high visibility patrols and plain clothed patrols.

Reassurance was given to the residents of those affected and members of the public were extremely helpful by giving us vital information about when the criminal damages were being done.

After extensive police patrols, the suspect was caught in the act and will be dealt with accordingly. This investigation was a good example of how the SNT works with other agencies and departments to offer the best possible support for those affected and to identify those responsible.

North Lowestoft saw similar tactics deployed to intervene in the ongoing anti-social behaviour of youths in a residential area. Vulnerable victims were persistently targeted where eggs were being thrown at a number of properties.

Again, the Covert Authorities team were contacted and covert cameras were installed to gain as much intelligence of when incidents were happening and who was responsible. Suffolk Highways were also contacted so street lights could remain on during this time.

The night before the cameras were installed, a plain clothed officer was patrolling the area in a plain vehicle and caught 2 suspects in the act. The officer gave chase and caught up with the suspects and they were both dealt with for what they had been seen doing.

Incidents like this have now decreased in these areas and after successfully dealing with the two suspects, it puts a stern message out to those that we will catch you and deal with you if you are harassing and targeting residents in this area.

This SNT covers the following parishes

Wards of Kessingland, Pakefield, Carlton Colville, Carlton, Whitton, Kirkley, Harbour, Oulton, Oulton Broad, Oulton, St Margarets, Normanston, Gunton, Corton, Lothingland, Barnby, Blundeston, Pakefield, Lound, North Cove.