

SNT Newsletter

Ipswich West

You said...

Garrick Way - Complaints about ASB

Grebe Close - Ongoing complaints about class A drug dealing and ASB in the area

We did...

SNT officers have worked tirelessly to obtain most of the outstanding evidence and are now in a position to start interviewing the youths who have been causing the ASB

Officers from the SNT have delivered Community Protection Notices to certain residents in Grebe Close and are working with IBC who have already made a big impact in opening up the area

Inspector Kevin Horton



Responding to issues in your community

Officers from the SNT were in Garrick Way on 2nd October and spoke to all the shop keepers. All stated that there had been no recent issues relating to the youths that had previously been causing a lot of the problems in the area and that must be seen as an improvement. Officers from the SNT have been busy pulling together all of the investigations that relate to these youths and are now in a position to start dealing with them for the offences they have committed over the past few months. Arrests and interviews have already started and we will keep you updated on the progress of these as they develop. In the mean time, we will continue to work with Ipswich Borough Council and other partner agencies to address the issues in the area.

Ipswich Borough Council have now started to implement the changes in Grebe Close that were identified in the walk around on 21st August. The trees, plants and bushes that were providing areas for people to hide in/behind have now been removed and the whole area has been opened up. More work is still to be done by IBC in relation to the wall removals but they have made a speedy and positive start to the clear up.

As mentioned in last months newsletter, Police have now conducted a street meet in Sagehayes Close after complaints were received about ASB. A Tactical Action Plan for the area will now be drawn up and Police will look to work with partner agencies where applicable to tackle the issues identified.

Future events

29th October - Community Clean Up day focusing on Bell Close, Vernon Street and Austin Street.

Making the community safer

As the longer winter nights are drawing in, remind yourself how to stay as safe as possible when out and about

- Plan ahead before you go out. Know where you're going, how you'll get there, and how you'll get back. Let someone know where you're going, and be prepared for a change of plan
- Keep your purse or wallet and keys close and secure. Only take out essential items, and if you can leave valuables at home, do
- When you're out, always walk with confidence, and stick to well-lit, busy areas, using the route you know best
- Avoid quiet or badly-lit alleyways, subways or isolated car parks. Walk down the middle of the pavement if the street is deserted
- Remain aware of your surroundings – don't walk along texting, making a phone call or listening to music. As well as being distracting, this advertises your valuables to criminals
- Trust your instincts – if you don't feel safe then change your route, remembering to stay in well-lit and busy areas. Don't be tempted to take short cuts
- Be a good friend and stay safe by sticking together. Always avoid walking alone at night
- If you regularly walk home in the dark, get a personal attack alarm – they are widely available and inexpensive
- If you regularly jog or cycle, vary your route and times you go out, particularly if you go alone. Try to avoid wooded or remote areas and stick to well-lit roads, or main paths and open spaces. Stay fully alert of your surroundings and don't use headphones

Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB

As Halloween creeps closer, Suffolk Constabulary is reminding people to keep their tricks within the law and treat residents to a show of respect.

Operation LUNAR is the Constabularies response to the ASB that normally accompanies Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Halloween should be a fun celebration, with children enjoying dressing up as ghosts, witches or other assorted monsters, and visiting neighbouring householders who are happy to hand over sweets to, as superstition suggests, ward off evil spirits.

However, occasionally groups of people knock at every door whether they know the residents or not, demanding some sort of gift or payment. For the vulnerable or older members of the community this can be both a distressing and intimidating experience.

On 31 October last year, Suffolk Police received 789 calls - this is something we are keen to reduce this year.

Suffolk Police will step-up patrols across the county and is working with residents, partner agencies and local businesses to ensure that celebrations are safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Retailers across the counties are being encouraged to restrict the sale of eggs and flour to young people in the run up to Halloween, and are being reminded of the legal requirements when it comes to selling fireworks as Bonfire Night falls in the same week.

Tips for having a good Halloween:

- Never go trick or treating alone or split up from your friends.
- Always check with your parents or carer first.
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know who lives there.
- Don't talk to strangers on the street or go off with them
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Ensure you can be seen by wearing reflective clothing and carry a torch.
- Take care when crossing roads - it may be hard to see so well in a costume.
- Although Halloween is about looking spooky, be careful not to frighten those who do not want to take part.
- Eggs and flour make a mess - most shops won't sell them to under-16s over Halloween.

Two Halloween posters are available to download from the Suffolk Police website for members of the public to display, indicating whether they welcome trick or treaters and these, along with others including ones for shops, can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/dont-be-little-monster-halloween>

On 29th October, officers from the SNT will be joining up with our partner agencies in a Community Clean Up Day. Last year, a Community Clean Up Day was successfully completed in South West Ipswich, focusing on Jasmine Close and this year we are looking to do the same but focusing on Bell Close, Vernon Street and Austin Street. The objective of bridging gaps of communication between the council and residents, engagement and the importance of maintaining cleaner neighbourhoods remain the same as last year and will be the priority for the event. Ipswich Borough Council will also be looking at potential estate improvements that can be made within these areas.

Ipswich West priorities for September are as follows:-

- 1 - Garrick Way - ASB
- 2 - Grebe Close - Class A Drug Activity and associated ASB
- 3 - Ulster Avenue - Class A Drug Activity and associated ASB

This SNT covers the following parishes

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