

DECEMBER 2017

SNT Newsletter

Stowmarket

You said...

- 1) There are a number of concerns regarding both adults and youths becoming involved in the supply and use of illegal substances in Stowmarket.
- 2) The Stowmarket Police Cadets have been visible in the community, conducting surveys on the Recreation Ground and marching the local streets. The Cadets have been described as a credit to themselves and the Constabulary and they deserve recognition.

We did...

- 1) Week commencing 6th November 2017 Stowmarket Response Officers and Stowmarket SNT conducted a drugs operation. As a result 5 Youths were found in Possession of Class B drugs, 2 Adults were found in Possession of Class A and B drugs, 1 adult will be investigated for Possession with Intent to Supply and a Police Caution was issued to allow the use of their property to use illegal substances. A number of tenancy warnings were issued as a result of information sharing during this operation. In addition to this, valuable intelligence was obtained which will assist ongoing efforts.
- 2) On 4th December 2017 Stowmarket SNT held an Awards Evening to celebrate the Police Cadets achievements. Awards were received for completing the induction programme, one year service and the dedication displayed by cadet leaders. The evening was supported by Cedars Primary School and Tesco.

Inspector Chris Galley



Responding to issues in your community

Theft from Motor Vehicles:
Between 1st November 2017 to 1st December 2017 there have been 32 investigations in the Stowmarket Locality surrounding Theft from Motor Vehicles. Thieves have been targeting tools and equipment, accounting for 15 of the reports, and valuables, accounting for 12 of the reports. PCSOs from Stowmarket SNT have been liaising with victims, Parish and Town Councils, the media and the community safety team in order to provide crime reduction advice and encourage residents to: "See it, Hear it, Report it". Please remember, if you are witnessing a crime in progress please don't hesitate to call 999. This will give officers the best opportunity to apprehend the offender.

Tips on how to protect your vehicle:

- Park your vehicle in a secure area i.e. in a garage or behind a locked gate
- If you park it on a driveway, consider installing motion activated lighting and CCTV. Otherwise, park in a well lit, populated area.
- Where possible, empty your vehicle every night and lock your equipment away in a secure place
- Forensic security marking kits are available to mark your property and parts on your vehicle
- Fit vehicle security equipment within your vehicle
- Use high visibility signage to deter thieves by stating that no valuables are stored in the van overnight
- Be aware of people acting suspiciously nearby

You reported Anti-social behaviour, such as knock and run and acting in a drunk and disorderly manner, is affecting the quality of life of many residents in a particular areas within the locality. As a result a number of assemblies have been delivered to Primary and Secondary School following these reports of ASB. We have also issued a number of Community Protection Notices to address disorderly behaviour. A CPN can be issued to anyone at the age of 16 years and over.

Making the community safer

Purse / Mobile Telephone Security:
Stowmarket SNT has noticed an increase in the amount of reported Purse/Mobile telephone thefts within Stowmarket town centre recently. Research shows 1st October - 4th December 2017 there have been 20 thefts recorded. PCSOs 3210 Brill and 3067 Murton are working closely with the shops and targeted victims to help reduce this trend.

The following steps may help you protect your purse, wallet or bag from thieves

- Keep your bag closed and close to you at all times. If possible place the opening of your bag towards your body.
- Close your purse and put it away before you leave the till.
- Try not to overload yourself with bags and coats.
- Avoid carrying your wallet or purse in a back trouser pocket.
- Keep cash secure and out of sight
- When you put money in your handbag, don't let people see where you put it – especially when you are using an ATM.
- Do not leave your handbag, pushchair or shopping trolley unattended.
- When packing groceries in your car, never leave your handbag on the boot or roof of your car.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

Lead Thefts:

There have been a number of reports regarding suspicious behaviour in many Suffolk Church Grounds, including Elmswell, Woolpit, Monks Eleigh and Lavenham. The Church at Elmswell has been subject to a Lead Theft, stripping the lead from the roof. Both the alarm systems and lighting were damaged. We are asking Church Wardens and local residents to be aware of alarm activations, damaged lighting and suspicious behaviour on the Church Grounds.

Over the course of the year the Public Partnership Meetings have generally been very well attended. We have welcomed representatives from the Parish and Town Council, Residential Associations and NHW Coordinators to discuss ongoing issues. The last meeting for the year was held on 5th December 2017.

The SNT have attended 18 Parish/Town Council Meetings this year to discuss ongoing community issues and offer crime reduction advice. The SNT invites the Clerks to send their list of Meetings for 2018 please.

This SNT covers the following parishes

Ashbocking, Bacton, Badley, Badwell Ash, Barking, Battisford, Baylham, Beyton, Botesdale, Burgate, Buxhall, Coddensham, Combs, Cotton, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Darmsden, Drinkstone, Elmswell, Felsham, Finningham, Framsdon, Gedding, Gipping, Gissingham, Gosbeck, Great Ashfield, Great Bricett, Great Finborough, Halesdon, Haughey, Helmingham, Hessel, Hinderclay, Hunston, Langham, Little Finborough, Melis, Mendlesham, Needham Market, Nettlesed, Norton, Offton, Old Newton with Dagworth, Onehouse, Pettaugh, Rattlesden, Redgrave, Rickingham Inferior, Rickingham Superior, Ringshall, Sheldall, Somersham, Stonham Aspell, Stonham Earl, Stonham Parva, Stowlangtoft, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Thornham Magna, Thornham Parva, Thurston, Tostock, Walsham-le-Willows, Wattisfield, Westhorpe, Wetherden, Wickham Skeith, Willissham, Woolpit, Wortham, Wyverstone.

Future events

Stowmarket Police Cadets -
Stowmarket High School -
Saturdays 10:00-12:00 during
term time.

Spring Dates for Public
Partnership Meetings will
displayed in the New Year.

The SNT wish you a Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year.