

SNT Newsletter

Stowmarket

You said...

There have been concerns raised regarding anti social behavior from young people in the area of Haughley, mainly outside the local village shops and the skate park area.

We did...

The local team carried out directed patrols in the areas affected, engaging with local youths to identify the persons responsible, with an arrest being made for a public order offence committed against a member of the community which resulted in a caution being given to the person.

Inspector Shawn Wakeling



Responding to issues in your community

The Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) hold weekly meetings and each month appoint locations for 'High Visibility Patrols' (HVPs). These locations are selected by analysing the data and liaising with local residents. This month our HVP's are The Recreation Ground and Cedars Park.

'The Rec' - following the report of a serious sexual assault in the area on the 1st April Police have increased patrols to offer re-assurance. a witness appeal has been conducted and Police urge members of the public to remain vigilant when out at night, to plan journeys home and to avoid going off alone.

Cedars Park - there have been a number of anti social behavior incidents reported to Police. Most of these reports involve the anti social use of vehicles and drug use by large groups of youths.

Making the community safer

Police are warning farmers or smallholdings with livestock to be vigilant to suspicious activity as officers believe offenders, who slaughtered sheep on two previous occasions, may still be operating in Suffolk. The first discovery was made on Saturday 23 December about 5pm in Sproughton by the owner who found the remains of one of the sheep by a stream. The carcass had been taken, leaving the remainder of the animal behind. The second incident happened at some point between Wednesday 21 February and Thursday 22 February, when an unknown offender had cut the throats of three sheep that were grazing in a field situated off Berners Lane, near Chelmondiston, before removing the carcasses and leaving them in a small wooded area next to the field where two of three sheep were also left partially skinned. Yesterday, Monday 9 April, officers recovered a bag close to a flock of sheep in Tattingstone and believe the contents within may be linked to this type of illegal activity. Anyone living in areas where sheep graze should report any out of the ordinary activity such as individuals handling livestock. Members of the public should also be mindful of being offered meat for sale in suspicious circumstances.

To report anything suspicious contact Suffolk police on 101.

Future events

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

The next Public Partnership Meeting will be held on the 9th May at Stowmarket Police Station at 10am. These meetings are open to representatives from Parish / Town Councils, Residential Associations & NHW to discuss ongoing issues.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

Rogue Traders
Rogue traders trick people, often by pretending to be builders and charging very high prices for unnecessary or shoddy work. They will often call without an appointment which is known as 'cold calling'.

To avoid becoming a victim of rogue traders, follow these simple steps:

- Lock your back door before answering the front door.
- Never agree to have work done by somebody who has knocked on your door.
- Use a spy hole, chain or window to have a look at the caller before answering the door and keep the chain on. If you do not recognise the caller then speak through the closed and locked door.
- Always ask for proof of identity. Take it from the person (through the letterbox) and read it carefully before deciding what to do.
- Never use a phone number provided by the caller as it could be a false number to an accomplice.
- Avoid going outside so they can show you what needs doing as they will probably have an accomplice who will enter your house while you are distracted to steal from you.
- Never pay for work before it is completed. Always agree a final price in writing and get an invoice and receipt as proof of payment.
- Do not accept any offer to drive you to the bank to withdraw money or give them your bank details.
- If you need work done, then visit www.checkatrade.com or contact your local council's Trusted Trader Service.

This SNT covers the following parishes

Ashbocking, Bacton, Badley, Badwell Ash, Barking, Battisford, Baylham, Beyton, Botesdale, Burgate, Buxhall, Coddenham, Combs, Cotton, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Darmsden, Drinkstone, Elmswell, Felsham, Finningham, Framsdon, Gedding, Gipping, Gisingham, Gosbeck, Great Ashfield, Great Bricett, Great Finborough, Harleston, Haughley, helmingham, Hessett, Hinderclay, Hunston, Langham, Little Finborough, Mellis, Mendlesham, Needham Market, Nettstedd, Norton, Offton, Old Newton with Dagworth, Onehouse, Pettough, Rattisden, Redgrave, Rickinghall Inferior, Rickinghall Superior, Ringshall, Shelland, Somersham, Stonham Aspell, Stonham Earl, Stonham Parva, Stowlangtoft, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Thorham Magna, Thornham Parva, Thurston, Tostock, Walsham-le-Willows, Wattisfield, Westhorpe, Wetherden, Wickham Skeith, Willisham, Woolpit, Worham, Wyverstone.