

JANUARY 2018

SNT Newsletter

Stowmarket

You said...

- 1) There continues to be a concern surrounding drug use and supply in the locality, being brought in from out of area via the good public transport links
- 2) Anti-social behaviour appears to be on the rise in and around licensed premises, including public houses and hot food outlets

We did...

- 1) Proactive drugs warrants and patrols have been conducted. Intelligence teams are building evidence packages and the Safer Neighbourhood Team have adopted a number of locations for 'High Visibility Patrols'. These patrols have been designed to act as a deterrent, enhance intelligence and identify crime.
- 2) PCSO 3210 Brill has been working with the Licensing Teams in Suffolk Constabulary and Mid Suffolk District Council in order to ensure each Licencee is upholding the conditions described in their licence. This is having a positive impact on Night time economy and improving the quality of life for local residents.

Inspector Chris Galley



Responding to issues in your community

THEFT FROM VANS

There have been numerous vans targeted for tools over the past few months all over Suffolk. In the Stowmarket Locality alone there have been 99 reports of theft from vehicle within the last 4 months. A number of investigations are live and we have appealed to local residents via leaflet drops and press releases to come forward with information. The information we seek include vehicle descriptions, including registration plates, and person descriptions.

Tips on how to protect your vehicle:

- Physically check you have locked 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

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Making the community safer

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PERSONS

Vulnerable persons can include individuals with additional learning needs, mental health issues, victim of domestic violence and looked-after children. Suffolk Police have witnessed a number of vulnerable persons fall victim of crime by individuals exploiting their vulnerabilities.

We have been working with victims in order to improve their personal safeguarding and risk awareness and also partner agencies to ensure a victim-focused approach is undertaken designed to provide the best support, advice and guidance for each individual victim.

The partner agencies we routinely work alongside to provide this support include Social Services, Integrated Delivery Teams (Mental Health), Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and Housing Associations

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

The Cafe located on the Recreation Ground, Stowmarket, continues to be the victim of damage. The toilet cubicles attached to the cafe are the latest to be damaged. This investigation is live. Interviews are underway in which officers are able to present external CCTV footage. The Town Council and Suffolk Police are keen to identify the offender(s). The Cafe is well appreciated in the town by parents and families whose children enjoy the play area and skatepark. This is also a location well used by local teenagers to escape the cold and socialise with friends.

Since issuing a Community Protection Notice in December 2017 the amount of alcohol-related incidents and reports of litter has declined.

The Recreation Ground remains a priority for the Safer Neighbourhood Team and foot patrols are set to continue.

This SNT covers the following parishes

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

Future events

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

Public Partnership Meeting -
These meetings are open to
representatives from Parish / Town
Councils, Residential Associations &
NHW to discuss ongoing issues.
Our next meeting at Stowmarket Police
Station is:
Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 10am
Due to limited space please contact the
SNT via email or phone if you wish to
attend either.

Police Surgery with Natwest Bank
Advisor designed for customers to
discuss online safety, fraud prevention
and bank security at Stowmarket
Library on 23rd January 2018 between
09:30 and 12:30