

October 2018

# SNT Newsletter

## Stowmarket

### You said...

1. Vehicle/Person ASB in Elmswell, especially around Blackbourne community centre.
2. ASB at Cedars Park, Stowmarket

### We did...

1. High visibility patrols, Liaise with local partners, and robust action against persons causing ASB.
2. High visibility Patrols and robust enforcement against those causing ASB. Work with Partner agencies to ensure 'designing out crime' works are completed.

### 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).

This month our HVP's are Elmswell (particularly Blackbourne community centre) and Cedars Park, Stowmarket, responding to the issues detailed above.

Owing to proactive patrols in Elmswell, we have arrested two people for drugs offences, and seized a vehicle for no insurance.

We continue to work closely with our partner agencies to address issues at the Park in Cedars Park, and several works will hope to be completed in the near future. We have altered the CPN (Community Protection Notice) of one ring leader, to ensure that he cannot go anywhere near the area (or indeed, enter Stowmarket at all now!)

Tuesday 18th September saw a week of action for Op Sceptre (Knife crime). This included proactive work with British Transport Police, numerous 'Stop Searches', and the High schools in the area were visited, and students spoken to and made aware of the consequences of knife crime.

To report anything suspicious contact Suffolk police on 101, or an emergency, or if an immediate response from us is needed, 999.

### Making the community safer

In September, we have carried out a number of engagements within our community, to make ourselves more accessible and visible, and enable us to listen to our communities. These included; The Beach Party in Stowmarket, Elmsfest, Countryside Fair at Stonham Barns, Parish council meetings, we have visited several schools offering safety advice etc.

Stowmarket SNT tried out our first Police surgery at the Saturday market, in Stowmarket. It was a busy day, but very rewarding. It involved lots of Crime prevention goodies being given out, advice given, and bikes being postcoded. This gave us the opportunity to talk to the community and discuss concerns.

### Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

From 8th October its 'County line' national week of action!!

What is county lines?

Criminal exploitation is also known as 'county lines' and is when gangs and organised crime networks exploit children to sell drugs. Often these children are made to travel across counties, and they use dedicated mobile phone 'lines' to supply drugs.

Gangs are deliberately targeting vulnerable children – those who are homeless, living in care homes or trapped in poverty. These children are unsafe, unloved, or unable to cope, and the gangs take advantage of this. These gangs groom, threaten or trick children into trafficking their drugs for them. They might threaten a young person physically, or they might threaten the young person's family members. The gangs might also offer something in return for the young person's cooperation – it could be money, food, alcohol, clothes and jewellery, or improved status – but the giving of these gifts will usually be manipulated so that the child feels they are in debt to their exploiter.

If you think a young person you know could be in danger call 999, or if you have non-urgent information to share with the police, call 101, or you can anonymously contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, contact your local social care department. We also have a guide for parents who may be concerned about their child. Because no child should feel alone.

### Future events

9th October - Finningham Parish Council meeting.

Police surgery at Stowmarket Saturday Market - date TBA, and will be advertised from our Facebook page (@StowmarketPolice).

15th October - Hate Crime vigil at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral.

29th October - Offton & Willisham Parish Council meeting.

30th October - Visit to Helmingham NURSERY and Primary School.

31st October - Visit to coffee afternoon at Community shop in Somersham.

### 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, Framdsen, 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, Pettaugh, Rattlesden, Redgrave, Rickinghall Inferior, Rickinghall Superior, Ringshall, Shelland, Somersham, Stonham Aspell, Stonham Earl, Stonham Parva, Stowlangtoft, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Thornham Magna, Thornham Parva, Thurston, Tostock, Walsham-le-Willows, Wattisfield, Westhorpe, Wetherden, Wickham Skeith, Willisham, Woolpit, Wortham, Wyverstone.