

February 2018

SNT Newsletter

Stowmarket

You said...

There are a number of drivers driving their vehicles in an anti-social behaviour manner, conducting unsafe manoeuvres on public car parks and public roads. This is causing concern to road users and annoyance to local residents due to the noise this behaviour creates.

We did...

We are working alongside Roads Policing to address this behaviour, which appears to be occurring during the evening hours. The drivers are receiving warning letters if their registration number has been reported to police on more than one occasion. This is designed to educate the drivers and prevent further incidents. CCTV footage is viewed and enforcement is taken when witnessed by police. JANUARY 2018

Inspector Shawn Wakeling

STOLEN TOOLS = LOSS OF INCOME

GET TOOL S.M.A.R.T



Responding to issues in your community

We continue to receive reports of vehicle interference and theft from vehicles, mainly vans to target power tools. Stowmarket SNT have distributed a number of crime prevention packs to local businesses to share with their customers and direct to drivers. In addition to this we have circulated posters to Parish and Town Clerks for dissemination. We are urging members of the public to be vigilant, actively review their CCTV when they become aware of an incident and call 999 if they are witnessing a crime in progress.

The SNT regularly reviews incidents reported to Police. One village that saw a rise in crime over the Christmas period was Mendlesham, for which Christmas Light Decorations were tampered with and some broken. Two young people were identified and dealt with out of court. Both were referred to the Youth Offending Service for the consider of the Prevention Programme, designed to divert them from reoffending. Despite this positive outcome there continues to be crime in Mendlesham and therefore we urge you to be vigilant and report any crime in progress by calling 999.

The SNT were able to welcome the new Stowmarket Inspector, Shawn Wakeling, to those who attended the quarterly Public Partnership Meeting held on 6th February 2018. As a result of listening to the concerns raised in this meeting, reviewing the emails sent to the SNT and monitoring the calls we receive, Insp. Wakeling would like to remind you all that "we are a passionate, but small, team covering a vast number of parishes. Whilst we endeavour to always address any issues raised we ask, you, the public to be mindful that any problem raised will always be taken into account with the demands at the time county wide. Although this problem will no doubt remain significant to the individual's it may be at that juncture we are deployed elsewhere for something with a greater threat, risk or harm potential. This does not mean we will ignore your report, but it may delay the speed at which we are able to respond. We are appreciative of your understanding with this and will continue to do our best in supporting all communities we have responsibility for."

Making the community safer

"Ask for Angela"

This is a National initiative that is supported by Suffolk Constabulary. It is an innovative campaign which helps enable those who feel vulnerable on a night out to discreetly ask pub and club staff for help. The initiative aims to reduce sexual violence and vulnerability by providing revellers with a discreet phrase they can use to gain assistance from staff should they find themselves in a worrying or intimidating situation. Our Licensing SPOC within SNT, PCSO 3210 Brill, introduced this initiative to all Public Houses within the Stowmarket Locality ahead of the Christmas Period. He has since returned to obtain feedback which was very positive.

"Op Sceptre"

This operation is designed to encourage positive choices and raise awareness to the negative impact knife crime has; not only on the individual, but also on their family, friends and the community. PCSO 3098 Harvey, the Youth SPOC within Stowmarket SNT, will be attending all Secondary Schools in the Locality to deliver an educational presentation, enabling the young people to consider the consequences of the choices they make and provide information to help them make their choice about their future.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

A number of outbuildings have been targeted in recent months in the Stowmarket Locality, wooden sheds and accessible stables and farm buildings. Shed locks have been broken to gain entry but multiple victims have reported that no items have been stolen from within. However, if you store valuable items in your shed, such as power tools and pedal cycles due to the lack of access to a secure garage please consider the following crime prevention advice:

- 1) Secure shed doors by fitting a strong hasp and staple (also called a "padbar"). Secure this with coach bolts and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackle padlock
- 2) Secure shed door hinges with coach bolts or non-returnable screws
- 3) Replace any rotten door or window frames
- 4) Replace broken glass panes or use perspex or polycarbonate as a more secure alternative for shed and garage windows. Use a window lock along with a strong grille or wire mesh. Use curtains or netting so people cannot see inside. Screw windows shut if you do not use them.
- 5) Fit a good quality battery operated alarm to your outbuilding
- 6) Chain items such as bicycles, ladders and lawnmowers to a strong anchor point or to each other and use a closed shackle padlock.
- 7) Register your property at www.immobilise.com this is a free web based property registration service supported by Norfolk & Suffolk Police.

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, Fransden, Gedding, Gipping, Gislegham, 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, Onhouse, Pettough, Rattlesden, Redgrave, Rickingham Inferior, Rickingham Superior, Ringshall, Shelland, Somersham, Stonham Aspall, 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.

Future events

A county-wide crime prevention campaign to stop thefts from vans will launch in February 2018. More details to follow

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

The next Public Partnership Meeting will be announced in the March Newsletters. These meetings are open to representatives from Parish / Town Councils, Residential Associations & NHW to discuss ongoing issues.

PCSO 3098 Harvey will be in attendance at the 999 Emergency Services Day with the Mid Suffolk Beaver Scouts on Saturday 24th March 2018 between 1:30pm and 4:45pm at the Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell.

PCSO 3204 Smith will be supporting the Thurston Parish Council Surgery which will be held on Friday 16th February 2018 between 1-3pm at the New Green Parish Council Office, Thurston