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INTRODUCTION

At this time of the year, the main focus of the Chief and I is to agree next year's budget and for me it's also about what level of policing precept I set in the council tax.

I have to take my proposal to the Police and Crime Panel for their approval and at its most recent meeting, the panel approved my proposal to increase the precept by £15 a year based on a Band D property.

I must admit I was rather surprised when the Policing Minister announced that all PCC's were given the green light to raise the precept by a maximum of £15 per year, based on a Band D property. However, deciding on the level of precept wasn't an easy decision because I appreciate how difficult this past year has been for everyone, especially those whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic. Conversely, I do believe this pandemic has also shown just how important policing is to us all.

I am grateful to the Police and Crime Panel for its support because this extra funding will see in the region of 75 additional police officers recruited to the force in the next financial year: which includes the 53 promised by Government as part of the national Operation Uplift initiative. This is the largest number of officers in

the force since I was first elected as PCC in 2012.

I have worked closely with the Chief Constable to agree how this funding will be allocated to ensure the force continues to deliver a high-quality service, catches more criminals and keeps us safe.

I believe our plans for the precept address some of the concerns that are raised with me on a regular basis, such as making it easier to contact the police; it will also boost investigation capability, provide more resources to tackle serious and organised crime and provide additional support for vulnerable people.

A major part of the decision-making process is the survey I conducted to gauge the views of the public. This year we received over 1100 responses and of those, 70% supported my proposal to raise the precept by the maximum amount allowed. I personally was humbled by this positive endorsement and the supportive remarks made by many of the recipients. It is very clear from the majority of comments, Suffolk residents really do appreciate the risks officers take on a daily basis to keep us all safe.

Last year's extra money for policing from the council tax has



been very well utilised and the increased focus on organised crime groups, county lines and illegal drug use has produced some stellar results. There is a page on my website which sets out exactly how last year's precept was allocated and the impact that it has had. I will be doing the same this year to show you exactly how your money will be spent in this coming financial year. Please take a look at www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**

I do hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing festive season under the present circumstances, and wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

Although there is hope on the horizon with a Covid-19 vaccine being rolled out, we are now at a critical point in the fight against the virus. However, as this new strain is more transmissible, it has necessitated us going into another national lockdown, and I fully understand how dispiriting it is for us all especially in the depths of winter.

Although our force sickness levels remain remarkably low, we alongside all other constabularies, have seen a dramatic rise in the number of our staff who have sadly contracted Covid. It is now more important than ever for us to continue to make sacrifices if we are to protect ourselves, our loved ones and the NHS. While my officers and staff will do their utmost to keep people as safe as possible, we must all take personal responsibility for our actions. Suffolk and its emergency services need everyone to stick to the restrictions and stay at home. We have been living with the virus since last March and there surely cannot be anyone now who does not know what they are being instructed to do. For our part, the constabulary will continue to

police using common sense as we have done over the past 10 months. We understand some people may have a momentary lapse of concentration or may make genuine mistakes where the rules are concerned. In those instances we will engage with them, explain the restrictions and encourage them to modify their behaviour. However, others who blatantly ignore the restrictions should be in no doubt that officers will enforce them through fixed penalty notices. So, my message is, look after yourselves and look after each other. Suffolk is a special place and we all need to pull together.

I am delighted to update you that Suffolk will have achieved its uplift of an extra 54 Officers allocated by the governments Police Uplift Programme, by March 2021. For year 2 of the programme (April '21- March '22) we have been allocated a further 53 officers in addition to the 25 officers proposed through the precept increase. These extra officers give us the ability to target the criminals causing most harm across our communities and to keep you safe. The national Uplift programme is the most significant change in policing for generations. It provides the service a once in a lifetime opportunity to focus on bringing diverse talent into the service, a more representative



workforce better equipped to understand and meet the needs of our communities.

We will soon be opening our recruitment lines with an ambition of bringing in a workforce of confident professionals, able to operate with the skills and capabilities required for a future in policing. You will see our recruitment campaigns over the coming weeks.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**



LOWESTOFT, BECCLES & BUNGAY

PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer

During December and January, the Kestrel team had deployments to the east of the county. This has been divided between Lowestoft, Bungay and Beccles. The deployments have involved tackling a number of emerging crime issues including anti-social behaviour and car crime in Beccles, and a series of bin fires in Bungay. Following reports of anti-social behaviour in the Beccles area during two nights in December they completed four stop searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act, all with positive results. One juvenile was found to be in possession of 12 grams of cannabis, another adult female in possession of over 30 grams of cannabis, and a further adult male in possession of a small amount of cannabis. Another adult male was detained under the Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) and was subsequently found to be in possession of a knuckle duster.

valuables left unattended in their vehicles and to ensure your vehicle is secure when unattended. For further information regarding vehicle security please go to our 1st Principle pages - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>



Last but not least thank you to the police officers who safely returned Britney (pictured) back to her owner after her great escape in the early hours of the morning!



The east Sentinel team stopped a vehicle in the Beccles area and the driver was searched under the MDA with 10 wraps of heroin located. The suspect was arrested and interviewed and admitted the offence.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team have been out on patrol in Beccles, Bungay and Lowestoft recently conducting speed enforcement, foot patrols and vehicle stop checks. They have conducted several warrants over the area, one of which was at the end of January in north Lowestoft under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act with a quantity of cannabis and cocaine were located. A male at the property was arrested.

We'd like to remind residents to remain vigilant with regards to vehicle crime and take extra care to ensure there are no



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Inspector
Nick Aitken

Inspector Nick Aitken is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay locality.



HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer

This is the time of year the farms in the Halesworth area will have ewes in lamb or with new born lambs. It is therefore even more imperative that dog owners who are walking their pets in the countryside take particular care to make sure their dog is under proper control so as not to worry not just sheep, but any livestock. In December last year, one of the most horrific dog attack incidents our Rural & Wildlife Policing Team (RWPT) have been made aware of occurred in East Bergholt, with over 40 sheep killed in a single incident. Not only is the result extremely distressing for the sheep's owner to discover, the financial cost can be crippling, often costing thousands of pounds to clear up.

Sarah was introduced to the Halesworth NHS 'Well-being' initiative, a mental health support group. At that time, there was no well-being support in the town, so Sarah, with the assistance of the NHS & the Halesworth Safer Neighbourhood Team, set up a group for Halesworth. She is now a Community Champion & Social Navigator for well-being, meaning she can tell her story to others and encourage those who might benefit from the support offered by the service to become involved. Sarah compiles a newsletter for the monthly Halesworth Community News and disseminates information locally via posters & social media, promoting well-being and is classified as an expert on providing experiential information in relation to her own mental health journey.

Halesworth officer, Kevin Stollery of the RWPT asks that dog owners ensure they always maintain proper control of their dog, keep it in sight when out walking in the countryside & keep it on a lead when passing livestock. Be mindful that, in relation to sheep in particular, it is an offence simply for a dog not to be on a lead when in a field where sheep are present, even if you believe your dog is under control.

Elsewhere, our Rural & Wildlife Policing Team officers receive much contact at this time of year from concerned but well-meaning people reporting the cutting of hedges in the belief it is an offence because of the disturbance to nesting birds. Just to make clear, it is not an offence per se simply to cut a hedge even if wild birds are nesting in or on it, unless the act of disturbance is intentional & the bird is a species listed under schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. A definitive list can be found at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1>

Sometimes, we are able to offer support & help just by being police officers. This has been the case for a 30 year old Halesworth resident, Sarah Warne, who developed a fear of police following an incident in 2005. As a result, Sarah sought professional help to try to overcome her fears and was recommended 'exposure therapy' - making informal contact with officers to enable Sarah to see police as normal people doing an unusual job. The therapy paid dividends and, ten years later,



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Inspector
Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Halesworth locality.



BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Jon Gerrish, Community Engagement Officer

I wish you all a belated Happy New Year and we hope that 2021 brings us better times after the challenges and sacrifices we all had to make last year

We are all naturally weary of the impact the Covid19 virus has had on our daily lives, but it is now more important than ever that Suffolk as a community remains resilient. We are continuing our engagement with local partners and community intervention team to support messaging around the Covid regulations and the 4Es of engagement, explaining, encouragement and using enforcement as a last resort.

In the run up to Christmas we had a strong visible presence in the town centre and I take this opportunity to thank you all for sticking to the rules. We are all keen to see the back of Covid and with the vaccine, continued focus on "hands, face, space", and being considerate to one another, let's hope 2021 will be a far more positive year than 2020

Elsewhere, we have continued our engagement presence in local parks and open spaces following increases in reports of anti-social behaviour and nuisance vehicles. We fully acknowledge the distress that such ASB can cause local residents and how it impacts the quality of life of residents, so I'd always ask you to let us know as soon as possible of any reports of ASB so we can assess it and attend as appropriate. It's important we gather the most comprehensive understanding of the situation and you can help by recording the registration details of the vehicles involved, along with a description of the vehicles and its occupants. In addition, anybody with relevant dash-cam footage should contact us or by using the online reporting tool <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

You can also report it to Crimestoppers, 100% completely anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via their Anonymous Online form at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

As you may have read earlier, police in west Suffolk are launching a new operation tackling acquisitive crime during night-time across the area. Operation Night Owl will

target criminality relating to motor vehicles crime, burglary and criminal damage in the key towns of the west of Suffolk, as well as the surrounding villages.

We believe that this proactive operation will proactively address the issue of acquisitive criminality, particularly in the hours of darkness. Our officers will be chasing down those who wish to cause our communities harm and use darkness as a cover for their criminality. We will be making it difficult for them to operate, regardless of the time of day.

This is the last article from Pc Jon Gerrish as he will retire from the Constabulary at the end of March. We want to take this opportunity to thank Jon for his commitment to Policing over the past 30 years. He has been trained in a variety of specialist functions including Search and TRiM (which is support for colleagues following a Traumatic incident) on top of his uniformed police officer role. He has dedicated the last few years of service to the Community Engagement Role in Sudbury & Haverhill and lately Bury St Edmunds. He will be missed and we wish him all the best for a long and Happy retirement.



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Inspector
Matt Paisley

Inspector Matt Paisley is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Bury St Edmunds locality.



MILDENHALL

PC Helen Self, Community Engagement Officer

Forest Heath officers have had a busy few months over Christmas and into the New year keeping you all safe.

Firstly, we have said goodbye to three of our colleagues. PCSO Bradley Rackham has left Newmarket as a PCSO but the good news is that she will be re-joining us as a police officer. Pc Keith Chittock has left us to transfer to another force. Prior to becoming a police officer, he spent many years on Brandon SNT as a PCSO for Lakenheath. We also said farewell to PC Carl Brandwood as he signed off for a final time. We wish them all well.



PC Helen Self and PCSO Ann-Marie Powell carried out patrols in Mildenhall and visited the COVID vaccination clinic at the Jubilee Centre. It was lovely to see so many people being treated by the staff from the Market Cross surgery. We have been busy carrying out other reassurance patrols across the area with patrols in Newmarket, Red Lodge, Brandon and Mildenhall and surrounding villages.



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Inspector
Mark Shipton

Inspector Mark Shipton is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon locality.

Elsewhere, we linked in with the homeless team in Brandon and Newmarket making sure that those who were living on the streets have found accommodation at this difficult time. PCSO Rachel Darvill and PCSO Rackham helped pack and deliver food boxes to support free school meal families in Newmarket.

In other positive outcomes officers recovered two stolen cars from a location in Brandon whilst out on mobile patrol and the investigations are still ongoing. Meanwhile, officers investigated an RTC near Moulton earlier in January. The driver has now been interviewed and reported to court for driving whilst disqualified, as well as for no insurance and having no MOT.

ASB patrols are also being carried out by the SNT in Mildenhall and Newmarket. They have been supported by the Kestrel team in this and they help local officers focus on local policing priorities which matter most to local communities.



WEST



SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

Last month, the Sudbury area was blessed with two of the county's initial Coronavirus vaccination sites. It has been a reassuring privilege to check in with the hard-working NHS staff and the fantastic volunteer stewards at the sites during my patrols.



These big-hearted community volunteers are working over four hour shifts, and outdoors at this, the coldest time of the year for the greater good of us all. Recently, I learnt that they are providing 400 vaccinations a day already and this is just a week into them being operational. I hope this news is heartening to you and is another step towards our wonderful communities being able to come together again soon in one way or another.



During the initial fortnight of 2021, the parish of Acton near Sudbury suffered a disproportionately high number of thefts from motor vehicles and vehicle interference offences. These types of crimes are often opportunist acts and there's a good chance that we wouldn't have been aware of this crime series had the victims not taken the time to review their home CCTV and camera doorbell systems. Due to the latest Coronavirus lockdown, many of us are not using our vehicles as much and I'd like to encourage you all to review what you have

on show in your vehicles, be they street parked or on private driveways. In addition, please always double check that your vehicle is locked before you walk away from it. I'm really pleased to report that owing to some sterling work by the Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team, on 14 January, a man from the Ipswich area was arrested in Acton for this crime series. He has been charged with nine offences and has been remanded in custody. We have been heartened by some kindly praise from the Acton community over social media channels which has been printed off and put up at the station for all to see. We will not rest on our laurels though and later this week I will be putting some of our brand new QR code crime prevention posters up in the community which will direct all that scan it on their mobile phones to appropriate vehicle crime reduction advice from our 'First Principle' collection.



Whilst on my patrols, I occasionally hear of your frustrations with our non-emergency 101 phone number and the time it can take at peak times to get through to us. A recent review of calls revealed that between 1 September 2020 and 15 December 2020, Suffolk Police took 58,377 101 calls which averages out at 551 a day. On the home page of our Constabulary website is a 'Report Something' button which dynamically offers up a range of topics for you to report to us without waiting at all. So, as long as you are not reporting a crime in progress, please feel free to use this option because we genuinely don't want to miss out on the information that you've taken the time and trouble to pass to us. Find this and more online at www.suffolk.police.uk

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Inspector Kevin Horton

Inspector Kevin Horton is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Sudbury and Haverhill locality.



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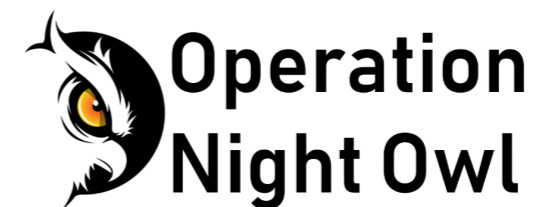
PC Cheryl Claydon, Community Engagement Officer

Congratulations to Suffolk Constabulary Special Inspector David Howse on his British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours List for voluntary service to policing. Thank you to David and to all our Special officers for helping to keep Suffolk safe. David does lots of hours to support us and does an amazing job.



We would also like to congratulate Special Constable Ella Sage on becoming a regular police officer and will start her training in February.

Elsewhere, we conducted a search warrant for drugs at an address on 17 December 2020 on Burton End in Haverhill. Cash, cannabis and phones were seized. One male was arrested on suspicion of supplying drugs and we are working in partnership with the local housing association on this matter.



Operation Night Owl - We have been experiencing a high number of thefts from motor vehicles which have mainly occurred overnight in all areas of the town plus some in the villages. There were 103 offences between September to January and two males were arrested in January. On 15 January we searched another address and found some suspected stolen property.

To tackle this issue we have been conducting foot patrols during the day to identify vehicles with valuable items left on display and speaking to the owner of the vehicles concerned, giving them security advice. We are also conducting foot patrols on late and night shifts to try and catch the offenders. Where appropriate, people have been stopped searched who have been out at night and we have highlighted to the local media and social media our security advice on vehicle security.



On 27 December 2020 this vehicle was reported stolen from Haverhill and located by police a short time later. One person was arrested for taking the vehicle without the owner's consent, driving without insurance and theft.

To give you some idea of our demand, here's a summary of what type of calls we get for a day for the Haverhill area:

From midnight – midnight for Christmas Day 2020 we received the following calls: Three calls to the prison, one report of suspicious people looking in vehicles in the day, one breach of health order, one call about a drug dealer going to a house, four domestic incidents, one common assault, three abandoned calls, one report of a drug driver, one theft from motor vehicle, one insecure building, and one report of a suspicious circumstance.

WEST

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Kerry Cutler



STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

Sadly, several of engagements in the lead up to Christmas had to be cancelled, however we did manage to get in one more 'street meet' in our regular spot on market day in Stowmarket, which we enjoyed with 'Stowie the Elf'. More 'street meets' have been planned with Stowmarket Town Council's help, however these are still on hold and will be advertised on social media when they can go ahead.

out speed checks, and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead.

Anti-social behaviour in Thurston has been raised and we are carrying out increased patrols and proactive days of action to target this. We continue to liaise closely with the parish council regarding this issue.



We managed to get along to 'The Mighty Oaks' pre-school and Freemans school to introduce police dog mascot Morse to the children which they loved.

I was very pleased to also get along to a 'Befrienders group' morning just before Christmas, adhering to social distancing rules but I forgot my Christmas hat unfortunately.... there is always next year!

We continue to engage with our communities through foot patrols in our local neighbourhoods, speaking with residents we meet about any issues or concerns.

Speeding remains a concern in several villages around Stowmarket, and in addition to our safety camera teams visiting, the SNT and response teams have been out, carrying

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Inspector
Neil McKay

Inspector Neil McKay is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Stowmarket locality.



IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Dom Woodmansee, Community Engagement Officer

Ipswich town centre is naturally quieter at the moment due to lockdown and has seen reduction in street begging and rough sleepers. The shops that do however remain open for essential shopping have seen an increase shoplifting as begging income has reduced due to there being fewer people in the town centre. Daily foot patrols in the town centre and reassurance visits to the stores continue to provide high visibility disruption and confidence to staff that we are here every day. It also allows us to update the stores with results of previous crimes they may have reported or be made aware of any issues the store is having with regular shop lifters.

over cash to beggars in the town centre and direct the funds to where they are put to better use.

Elsewhere, we have continued our targeted speed enforcement on the roads where we receive regular complaints from the public regarding manner of driving. High visibility speed checks have had a very positive response from the local residents when they speak to us or when we have shared it on social media.

The Kestrel team continue to have a positive impact when they are patrolling in our area, with stop searches disrupting drugs activities around the Maple Park area and the town centre. The SNT are always grateful to see the extra officers in the area and are glad to share the local intelligence regarding local issues. The members of public I meet in the town centre always comment how reassuring it is to see officers out on foot, especially in the evenings when they leave work. We never underestimate the positive impact parking up a patrol car near the town centre and doing even a few minutes of foot patrol or just having a chat with local businesses.

The Central SNT continue their great proactive work in dealing with our regular offenders and identifying and charging one of our most prolific shoplifters with several offences.

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Inspector
Vicky McParland

Inspector Vicky McParland is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Ipswich Central locality.



Emmaus Suffolk and Help our Homeless charities have installed a 'tap to donate' button in the window of the Emmaus store in the Sailmakers. Anyone wishing to support those experiencing homelessness in Ipswich can do so by simply touching their card on the button and £2 will automatically be donated to the appeal. Any money raised will be split between Emmaus and 'Help Our Homeless'. PCSO Justin Berry started the 'Help the Homeless' initiative a few years ago with partner agencies to try and reduce the need for homeless people to sleep rough and beg in the town centre. The charity is run by a board of members who oversee the day to day business. The idea behind the contactless donation option is to divert generous members of public from handing



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IPSWICH WEST

PC Mike Small, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector
Kirsty Graefe

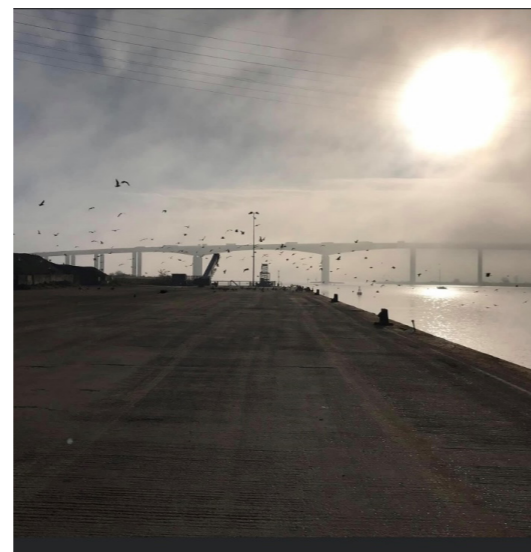
Inspector Kirsty Graefe is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Ipswich West and Hadleigh locality.

It is fair to see that it has been the strangest Christmas period for policing that I have ever experienced. With bars and restaurants closed, our normal festive policing was somewhat different this year. In Ipswich West, our priorities continue to be working with our partners to keep the community safe. Our main priorities remain responding to reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the supply and use of controlled drugs. Our Link Officers, PC Matt Milton and Denby Ablard, regularly meet in 'on-line' meetings with members from Ipswich Borough Council (IBC) environmental health, housing and ASB teams. An example of how this partner approach can be effective has been demonstrated in an area of Old Stoke where we responded to multiple calls of ASB at a block of flats. Following consultation with our design out crime team and IBC, some significant changes have been made to the entry doors and communal areas of the flats. This is already having a marked reduction in reports to us from that area. If you are concerned by similar problems in your neighbourhood, I would urge that you contact us through website or contact me directly at CEOipwesthadleigh@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

In relation to the supply of controlled drugs, I have previously referred to the term 'cuckooing'. This occurs when drugs are dealt from the property of a vulnerable person when their property is taken over by drug dealers, sometimes connected with County Lines. Our Link Officers again work really closely with our housing providers to deal with these situations. They conduct proactive visits to check on the welfare of the occupants where it is suspected that this is taking place. We have had two situations over the last few weeks where active drug dealing has been disrupted with this approach and a number of arrests and seizures were made. Again, you can report your concerns of these types of activity to us through our website or through our partners at 'Crimestoppers'.

We have welcomed two new sergeants to the SNT recently. We have been joined by Sergeants Colette Clark and Ben Townes. Both are very experienced officers and both are committed to supporting the Ipswich

West community in their new role. We also continue to welcome new officers on the SNT. Once our recruits have completed their initial training they join our team and work with one of our tutor constables. It is a really valuable insight for them to experience community policing first hand and the importance that this will have throughout their career.



HADLEIGH

PC Sarah George, Community Engagement Officer

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In the Hadleigh SNT area we continue to focus on reducing and preventing anti-social behaviour and in reducing rural crime. We continue to take reports of rural burglaries both to outbuildings and sheds as well as to dwellings. We have been conducting additional rural patrols to target these areas where we have seen rural crime. However, due to the very large area we cover, we rely on information from the public and I ask that you contact us to report suspicious activity that you witness in your community. If it is safe to do so, please record any suspicious vehicular activity and record any registration numbers where appropriate to us on our website under the 'Report Something' tab. We also ask that you check the security of your property and ensure that you lock all doors and windows. We have a crime prevention section on our website under 'First Principle' which is kept up to date with the latest crime reduction advice and information.

Our SNT officers work closely with various other teams across the force. We have been working recently with our colleagues from the Rural & Wildlife Policing Team, dealing with some reports of dogs worrying and attacking livestock. These investigations are still ongoing and I hope to provide an update in the next issue, but I urge all owners to keep their dogs under close control in areas where there are farm animals. When I speak to local farmers on patrol, this is an area of concern that they often raise with me.



When I am on patrol in the rural communities around Hadleigh, I regularly receive reports of excess speeding, especially with less

traffic on the roads at the moment during the current lockdown. Our safety camera team regularly patrol the Babergh area and there are a number of speed check sites around Hadleigh. We work closely with our volunteers from Community Speedwatch and I was out with the team that covers the Stratford St Mary area just before the Christmas break. If you are interested in setting up volunteer Speedwatch team in your local area, you can find information on how to do this at www.suffolkroadsafe.com. In our role as Community Engagement officers we work closely with our Citizens in Policing team who recruit and support our volunteers, Specials and cadets. Despite the recent challenges due to the COVID 19 restrictions, the team are looking at new ways to engage with and recruit new volunteers. If you are interested then please visit the Citizens in Policing section of our website.



I have been working with our School Liaison team looking at different ways that we can engage with schools and young people while most pupils are studying from home. We have contacted some of our schools as part of their 'PSHE' programme and are preparing some on-line question and answer sessions. We are looking for new ways to engage with our communities during these challenging times and we will endeavour to keep you updated through our social media pages. Please follow the links on this page for the latest updates from the Hadleigh SNT team.

SOUTH



FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

PC Rachael Partridge, Community Engagement Officer

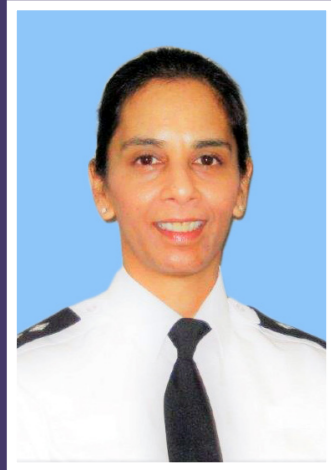
Felixstowe and Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood and Response Teams continue to deliver core services to the public and respond to emergencies. Officers have been carrying out proactive patrols with a number of stop searches on the street resulting in quantities of Class A and B drugs, weapons, cash and mobile phones being seized.



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Inspector
Soraya Francis

Inspector Soraya Francis is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Ipswich East, Felixstowe and Woodbridge locality.

In Felixstowe a number of vehicles have been stop checked in Brightwell following the anti-social use of motor vehicles and the use of off-road bikes where motorists have been dealt with for traffic offences. Heavy goods vehicles have been deterred from parking on Candlet Road due to weight restrictions, and this follows 33 vehicle offences being recorded. Speed checks are being carried out in various areas in Felixstowe in order to reduce speed and deter the anti-social use of vehicles in the town.

A Community Speed Watch site assessment was carried out in Orford with local volunteers who will be actively involved in reducing the speed of vehicles entering and exiting the village with the use of speed detection equipment. The aim of Community Speed Watch is to raise awareness of road safety and anti-social road use and to reduce serious injury collisions. A visit was also made to Charsfield village where the Community Speed Watch volunteers remain committed to reducing the speed of vehicles through their village. If you are interested in setting up a scheme in your town or village or joining an existing scheme Email communityspeedwatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



IPSWICH EAST

Hannah Canning, Community Engagement Officer

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, I am PC Hannah Canning, and I moved into the role of East Ipswich Community Engagement Officer in January this year. It is quite a number of years since I last worked this area of Ipswich, so I have been out and about as much as I can, getting to know my new patch. I'm really looking forward to being able to meet more members of the community at engagements and events as the year progresses. A big thank you to the other CEOs working in the area and my new colleagues on the SNT for helping me to find my feet.

In the last few months, Link Officer PC Sam Gilkes has been carrying out proactive vehicle checks alongside colleagues from Ipswich Central SNT and Ipswich East SNT with the aim of preventing opportunistic vehicle crime. Since November 2020, over 1500 vehicles have been checked for insecurities and/or valuables left on display. Checks have taken place across various areas including Nacton, Ravenswood and St John's. Where vehicles have been found to be insecure, owners have been located and spoken to in order to prevent them becoming victims of vehicle crime. This ties into one of our current priorities – theft from motor vehicles in east Ipswich.

also help to deter those who are using vehicles in an anti-social manner in the area. SNT officers are continuing to make regular checks on vulnerable individuals and possible 'cuckooed' addresses, with the aim of protecting members of the community who may be at risk and disrupting potential drug dealing from addresses in the area. We have also been patrolling local drug and anti-social behaviour hotspots to disrupt and deter activity.

During my patrols I have visited a 'pop-up' shop run by a team of volunteers at one of the local churches, that provides bags of groceries and home essentials for a small donation and offering a valuable service to the community in these times. I have also been spending time on foot in local parks, open spaces and shopping areas where I have been engaging with members of the public, staff, and local business owners, finding out about what is important to those living and working in this area of Ipswich.

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Work has also been taking place to target those using vehicles without insurance or committing vehicle offences. In the last three months, East Ipswich SNT Team 3 has seized nine vehicles being driven without licence or insurance, issued 32 Traffic Offence Reports and issued nine Vehicle Defect Rectification requirements. Proactive work like this can



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