

CONSTABLE'S COUNTY

An update on
policing from
the East, West
and South of the
county.

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INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to report that Suffolk Constabulary is currently rated among the top five police forces in the country for the lowest levels of recorded crime. This is excellent and something, as a community, we can all be proud of.

Figures released recently by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) showed that there were 62.4 crimes per 1000 people, a decrease of 9.2% compared to the previous 12 months. From October 2022 to September 2023 domestic burglary, robbery, theft, stalking and harassment, vehicle crime, knife crime and drug offending all saw drops in recorded crimes, compared to the previous 12-month period.

So, based on these figures, the force is ranked fifth for the lowest levels of recorded crime in the country. These latest figures show continued improvement - three years ago Suffolk was in 13th position in terms of its crime levels and they show a positive direction of travel for the force. The figures demonstrate an affirmation of how safe we are as a county and are a mark of how we continue to improve, to work hard to keep the people of Suffolk safe, and to solve crime and catch criminals.

I do, however, accept these figures will mean little to those who have been the victim of crime and we need to remember that

crime statistics don't give the full picture of a local policing service. However, our new operating model launched in early December is based on the principal of officers being where people need them to be, and when they are needed the most.

The increased visibility of our Community Policing Teams as part of our new Operating Model we launched in December is being welcomed across the county. Our community officers, PCSOs, Specials and volunteers are really embracing the ethos of being engaged, visible and proactive. They are working hard with partners tackling the issues the community have raised and are really keen to secure positive outcomes. We will continue to monitor the changes and act quickly to resolve any issues should they arise. There is an optimistic energy about the improvements that have already started to be made and I hope this is reflected with what you read in the pages of this edition of Constable's County. Thank you as always for your on-going support.

**Chief Constable
Rachel Kearton**



As the financial year draws to a close, I am pleased to report the two main areas financed by the additional council tax revenues are now up and running.

The innovative digital contact and engagement desk for improving communication with residents and businesses via digital and social media channels is going well, and we all look forward to monitoring the progress during the coming months.

The second major investment was the rapid video response where victims of domestic abuse can speak to officers via video-link which enables early evidence-capture and victim statements. Again, the initial results are very encouraging, and I really think this system will support victims more effectively.

Over the past few weeks I have been on three walkabouts in our largest town centres (Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds) and discussed local policing issues with businesses. I am particularly pleased the feedback on the new policing model has been very favourable - including from officers on the beat too.

Soon I expect public trust and confidence to increase and in turn this will make us all feel safer. Much of this improvement is down to the additional officers funded by the national uplift programme (200 new police officers in Suffolk) and your council tax funding. The county now has around 1425 officers - more than at any time since I was elected in 2012.

One very positive aspect of the new policing model is officers will pick up more information and intelligence. This should help reduce levels of crime in time as all the additional police officers complete their three-year training programme. We will need to be patient however as practical policing experience does take time to develop; but the signs are overwhelmingly positive!

Another important tenet of this local policing redesign is greater focus on partnership development across all sectors of society and what we could deliver collectively to help reduce crime, particularly in the long-term. Personally, I am very enthusiastic about this improved multi-agency working.

Good policing is recognised in one of the original Victorian principles - the absence of crime and disorder. In Suffolk we are fortunate to live in a low crime county, but we are certainly not crime free. There is no room whatsoever for complacency and so we must redouble our efforts to support and work with each other. Sound partnerships are fundamental. Suffolk has a good track record of joint working we and can build on these successes.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**



EAST

EAST
Area Commander
Superintendent
Jon Chapman



Inspector Ed Scott

Inspector Ed Scott is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Halesworth, Southwold, Debenham Eye, Framlingham Yoxford, Leiston Saxmundham and Aldeburgh.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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HALESWORTH

Hello, my local Community Policing Team (CPT) covers Halesworth, Southwold, Debenham Eye, Framlingham Yoxford, Leiston Saxmundham and Aldeburgh.

We've a dedicated team of police officers, Special Constables, PCSOs and volunteers who have community engagement at the heart of all they do. They're working hard to engage with a diverse community in many ways which includes 'street a week' surveys, house to house, 'pop up' events, visiting youth clubs, schools, licensed premises and conducting 'hot spot' patrols directed by crime data and partner agency meetings. The model helps your officers engage in a way that truly understands what is important to you and then problem solve ways of making the communities a safer place to live and work.

Our Kestrel officers are your proactive team who also continue to play an integral role within the CPT supporting our officers and tackling those issues that matter to our communities including ASB and drug use in the Saxmundham, Halesworth and Framlingham areas, using joint partnership working with British Transport Police officers and colleagues from local councils and parishes.

We've visited many residents in our communities who have been the bloodline of information with what is going on in your area. This has included information about drug use, anti-social behaviour and speeding. Officers have worked with the local community and partner agencies to help tackle ASB at the Halesworth local skate park and help fix and repair fence lines and provide high visibility policing to detect those responsible for ASB as well as prevent and deter repeat issues.

My officers have met with Southwold councillors and discussed target hardening measures as well as CCTV placement opportunities after a spate of thefts. Officers have tackled this with careful investigation and identified a male who has been charged and bailed to court for burglary.

Officers continue to work hard proactively patrol areas overnight through various high visibility tactics and plain clothes patrols as

well as re-visiting previous victims of crime to highlight potential missed opportunities. This has seen the highest tracked levels of engagement and visibility for some time across the whole of the Halesworth locality. Residents have told officers about drug use in the Framlingham area which has meant the tasking of our Kestrel team and joint visits with housing providers to disrupt this behaviour as well as identify some of those responsible – still some great work going on here too.

Officers have been able to focus on areas of speeding that you have told us about along the main A12 corridor, including several hot spots of concern from residents and informing our safety camera team.

Meanwhile, schools have been able to share some concern and risks where children can be vulnerable to crime that they may not perceive themselves to be a risk so officers have been able to conduct assemblies on online safety for example at Thomas Mills High School.

Events this year you can expect to see us at include Henham Steam festival, Latitude, Framlingham Gala and Aldeburgh Carnival. There will also be lots more pop-up events and meetings where you can see officers in the community. Check out our social media pages on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).



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YOU SAID... WE DID

- Tackle ASB at the Halesworth local skate park – high visible policing
- Drug use in Framlingham - tasking of our Kestrel team joint visits with housing providers to disrupt this behaviour
- Speeding on A12 corridor – safety camera team aware

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Halesworth CPT
- Drug use Saxmundham, Leiston and Framlingham (includes the prevention work with those at risk of child criminal exploitation)
- Operation Nightowl – Overnight crime such as burglary in non-residential areas.

EAST

EAST
Area Commander
Superintendent
Jon Chapman



Inspector
Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Beccles and Worlingham, Bungay and Wainford, Carlton Colville and Kessingland, Gunton, Oulton and Lothingland, Harbour, Kirkley, Normanston, Pakefield and Whitton and St. Margarets.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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LOWESTOFT

We hope that 2024 is going well for you and I'm pleased to give you an update on our work in Lowestoft area.

In late 2023 officers were busy patrolling our neighbourhoods, business estates and retail parks in order to understand what issues were affecting our communities. The Lowestoft Community Policing Team has had a busy few months both in terms of tackling community related issues, conducting visible policing patrols within our neighbourhoods and increasing the contact we have with our local schools.

The lead up to Christmas was a busy period. With the increase in Christmas shopping, people socialising and those attending events in the town our officers ensured we focused our patrols around our town centres and retail parks. Whilst the aim was to tackle retail related theft, we also ensured that officers were on hand to deal with any anti-social behaviour and disorder. Various arrests were made because of the work conducted. Since the new year we have focused on strengthening our engagement with our local schools and college. Whilst it's very important to address the criminality that takes place currently, it is also important that we focus on the help and support we provide to our schools. A number of schools visits have been conducted recently where officers have spoken with the teaching staff as well as the children. PC Lily Palmer's visit to the Kessingland Primary School, PC Robert Cunningham's visit to Bungay Primary School and PC Ryan Mitchell's visit to Pakefield Primary being three good examples of the various engagements conducted.



It's also important to mention that whilst our patrols have focused in areas where there have been community related incidents, we have also ensured that patrols have been conducted in communities that often see less of us. The team has made a real effort to reach out to all communities to understand what concerns you have. How we do this is also important. To really understand the issues that effect you the most our team have patrolled our neighbourhoods/ business areas, reviewed what's being reported, held 'pop up' street-meets, posted surveys and attended pre-arranged engagement events.



Thankyou for your continued support, from the Lowestoft, Beccles, Bungay Community Policing Team.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - Concerns have been raised regarding retail theft and Anti-social Behaviour in the Town Centre.

We did - Increase our patrols, provided additional engagement, took positive action with offending parties.

- You said - Concerns raised regarding the overnight thefts of mopeds in Lowestoft.

We did - Additional overnight patrols have been conducted; recent arrests have been made. This work continues.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour and disorder within Lowestoft town centre. To provide help and reassurance to all that use the area.
- To tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour on the Whitton Estate including the anti-social use of motorcycles.
- To continue being visible within our neighbourhoods, particularly where there are ongoing community related issues. These officers will listen to what you have to say.



Inspector Ben Hollands

Inspector Ben Hollands is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Great Cornard, Haverhill Rural and Suffolk South West, Haverhill Town, Sudbury Rural North, Sudbury Town, Waldingfield, Boxford and Bures.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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SUDBURY & HAVERHILL



Sudbury and Haverhill Community Police Teams (CPT) continue to implement Suffolk's new operating model which puts officers back at the heart of our communities.

One of our priorities is to increase public confidence in our villages and amongst our farming community. Both Haverhill and Sudbury CPT's have been out conducting visible patrols around our villages. So much so PC Cheryl Claydon found some sheep out in Stansfield whilst out visiting local farmers to provide crime prevention advice.

PC Claydon also spent time this week at Clare library meeting a group of ladies who all live on their own and come together as support network. PC Claydon explained how our new operating model works and what it aims to achieve as well as providing crime prevention advice, and discussed how to stay safe during phone call and whilst online so as not to become a victim of fraud (scammers).

Sudbury Community Policing team continue to hold a 'pop-up' surgery on Sudbury market. On Thursday 22 February they were joined by the Sudbury community wardens, so come along and meet the team at future events.

PC John Moore is holding a partnership event at Sudbury library focusing on crime prevention and online scamming on 9 April so again come along and say hello to him and ask him any questions, concerns or issues you may have.

Both Sudbury and Haverhill Police have had some strong success with arrest relating to drugs supply into our towns. This has been as result of some great community intelligence such a male being arrested and charged in Long Melford.

In late December there was some distressing criminal damage caused to Great Cornard cemetery. PC Dom Manthorpe has been conducting the investigation and to date two people have been identified and interviewed in relation to this incident and our enquiries are ongoing.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - Speeding in Clare

We did - Local priority has been road safety in Clare with regular patrols and speed checks being conducted by the team.

- You Said – Concerns over anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in First and Second Avenue Sudbury

We did - Second Avenue - male was arrested in second Avenue in possession of class A and Class B drugs along with items linked to going equipped to steal.

- You said - Anti-social behaviour on the Old Railway line in Haverhill

We did – Increase in targeted, proactive visible patrols, which has resulted in a number of people being stopped and searched with arrests being made in relations to drug offences.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Sudbury

- Drug dealing and associated crimes / ASB / Safeguarding vulnerable within Sudbury
- Anti- social behaviour in Gt Cornard
- ASB and community confidence First and second Avenue Sudbury
- Rural Visibility

Haverhill

- Drug dealing and associated crimes / ASB / Safeguarding vulnerable people within Haverhill.
- Anti-Social behaviour on the Clements estate and the Forest Glade area
- Rural Visibility to target inquisitive crime.



Inspector Andrew Beeby

Inspector Andrew Beeby is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bury St Edmunds, Bury Rural North and Bury Rural South.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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BURY ST EDMUNDS

Since we have made the changes to our operating model the Bury Community Policing Team have been very busy building on their initial success and making themselves more accessible to the public.



The following are highlights out of the 135 community engagement activities which the team have completed in the Bury St Edmunds.

We've held a new round of community surgeries with the first of these being held at Stanton and Rougham villages, and The Newbury and Southgate community centres in Town. PC Timothy Bond also held a 'street meet' in Sergeants Walk.

The team will aim to hold a surgery at least once a month at a village hall, both north and south, on one of the town estates and in the town centre.



Meanwhile, PCSO Rachel Darvill has been assisting schools with careers week and was at St Benedict's and King Edwards high schools recently. We also held an engagement event at the Abbeycroft Leisure centre on 23 February and the team will, later this summer, be assisting with the Public

Services course at West Suffolk College on the 6 June. In addition, our very popular town centre visibility is continuing.

We're keen to continue to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town centre, in particular street drinking on the Cornhill. So, a police officer or PCSO will patrol the town centre and specifically the market square every day, making proactive use of ASB legislation and the recently renewed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that prevents street drinking and begging.

Elsewhere, in mid January, we made a series of arrests in relation to separate drugs offences demonstrating our proactive work.

Offices detained a male on Out Risbygate Street and a 15 year old from Essex was charged with two counts of possession of cannabis, being concerned with possession of cannabis and being concerned in the supply of cocaine. Elsewhere, a 22 year old male on Tayfen Road was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs. He was subsequently handed over immigration officials. Finally, at Out Risbygate Street officers arrested a 21 year old man on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. A subsequent search of property revealed in the region of 100 to 200 suspected drug wraps and a quantity of cash in the region of £2000.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said – Reduce ASB in the town centre, in particular street drinking on the Cornhill.

We did – A police officer or PCSO will patrol the town centre making proactive use of ASB legislation

- You said – Lack of visibility in rural areas

We did – Surgeries in local villages which will take place in a different village each month.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To minimise ASB within the town centre including instances of street drinking and begging
- To work with partner agencies to prevent ASB in homes and neighbourhoods.
- To increase visibility within the villages surrounding Bury St Edmunds

WEST

WEST
Area Commander
Superintendent
Matt Carney



**Inspector
Connor Lyon**

Inspector Connor Lyon is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Brandon, Lakenheath and the Rows, Manor and Red Lodge, Mildenhall and Newmarket.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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FOREST HEATH

As we are now well into 2024, the new Community Police Teams (CPT) are well underway in implementing the changes set out in the restructure process in December 2023. The new structure has seen the creation of our eight new Community Police Officers, 2 new Community police sergeants, who all sit under myself as locality inspector.

Back in December we welcomed Sergeant Chris Williams to the team who looked after Newmarket. Sgt Williams has now moved onto pastures new, has been promoted and heads over to Ipswich with our best wishes in his new Inspector role. We now welcome to Sergeant Chris Button who takes over in that position and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

We have been busy over the winter dealing with the aftereffects of multiple different storms. We thank the public for the tremendous help in clearing fallen trees and obstructions throughout those testing times. Over the last three months the CPT officers have been out and about getting to know their local communities and we have received loads of great feedback from the public about our increased interactions.



We have met with loads of groups over the last few months:

PC Louise Wappett-Griggs met with BME Suffolk support group at St Johns Community Centre in Mildenhall, in early January. They spoke about all the good things that they can do and support others with.

PC's Smith and Harman met with the Lakenheath Cubs group in January, where they asked us every question possible. Even getting to play with the lights and sirens on the cars.



Also in January our Forest Heath Police cadets were out and about in the community. They visited a Mildenhall care home to speak with residents and serve them hot drinks. If you know someone who is interested in being a police cadet, please get in contact.



PC Nicholas Chapman had the pleasure of meeting Oakley and Kaiser, aged four, in Brandon Country Park. They took great pleasure in being in the back of the big police van!

February saw PCSO Anne-Marie Powell and PCSO Bill Butcher visit the Zebra children and Adult Charity in Brandon.

While in late February our Police Cadets were out and about in Newmarket. Helping the local community of the Studlands estate Newmarket, with a community litter pick.

We have seen some real positive work going on with our local schools across the area. We have spent a lot of time working in partnership with all of the local schools to visit and meeting lots of children. We believe this is important to build positive relationships with the children at a young age to prevent them becoming involved in crime. PC Oliver Smith has been working closely with Mildenhall College Academy, PC Michael Harman with IES Breckland amongst many others.

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Upcoming events include an online digital Facebook and X engagement event run by PC Oliver Smith on Wednesday 21 February and Thursday 21 March 2024, both between 6pm and 9pm.

Mildenhall community centre sees an Easter event on Saturday 30 March 2024 between 11am and 3pm. The event is being organised by the community centre including an easter egg hunt and chocolate bingo. We will be there to say hello.



YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - We listened to complaints of local residents voicing concerns over the speeding across the patch.

We did - Ran extra speed enforcement across including Kingsway and Queensway, Mildenhall, Burwell Road, Exning, Outside Moulton Primary School, Moulton as well as roads within Worlington and Freckenham.

- You said - We continued to received report of antisocial behaviour in Mildenhall from an adult male.

We did - One adult male was recently imprisoned for 22 weeks as a result of a breach of his community behaviour order. Led by good work from our response team and community team working together.

- You said - We listened to reports of anti-social behaviour hotspots across Newmarket and Mildenhall.

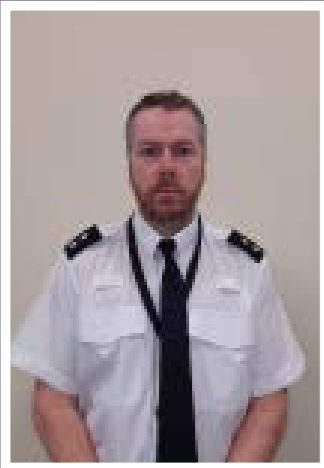
We did - We focussed huge amount of our CPTs time in patrolling those areas and dealing with any issues that were discovered or reported.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Evening and night-time burglaries, including shed and garage break ins, business and rural premises.
- Thefts from shops in Newmarket
- ASB - Maintaining a focus on reducing and minimising the effects of ASB in the communities.

WEST

WEST
Area Commander
Superintendent
Matt Carney



Inspector John Murray

Inspector John Murray is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Stowmarket, Mid-Suffolk North/East and Mid-Suffolk South/West.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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STOWMARKET

During the month of January 2024 we increased our patrols in Stowmarket and the villages of mid Suffolk. Officers met with local councillors at The Regal cinema in Stowmarket in an organised 'Park, Walk and Talk' event, engaging with the public and local business to identify their concerns and issues within the community.



With over 75 responses received through a community survey, all partners will continue to work in collaboration to tackle the behaviours raised around youth nuisance, criminal damage, road safety, drugs/alcohol and theft.

We have focused on increasing our social media presence to ensure that the community can get updates on policing in the area and our patrols. We have also been listening to the comments and feedback and acting on these where we can. Make sure you have a look on our feeds when you can.



We have attended local nurseries and primary schools, engaging with the children who enjoyed learning about the role of the police, creating a fingerprint keyring and looking at police vehicles.

In addition to these community events, we have worked closely with our housing partners to conduct 'street a week' (anti-social behaviour perception) surveys, ensuring residents who might be impacted by crime and disorder are being listened to, and those who have already spoken out have been heard. This has led to the use of ASB powers, such as Community Protection Notices, and the issuing of 'Notice of Seek Possession' to a tenant.

In Thurston, we have been working with the parish council around issues raised regarding speeding in the area and surrounding villages. Speed checks have been completed in the specified areas and updates given.

We have held a number of public meetings at the New Green Centre and have provided reassurance to victims of crime.

A number of school visits have been completed to work jointly with schools in safeguarding children. We have also held engagements to chat with the students about careers in the police and how to become a police cadet.

The Police Cadets have been busy engaging in the local community, carrying out speed checks, learning about forensics and fingerprint markings, first aid awareness and have been working hard with our partners in a community gardening project at Cedars Park Community Centre.



Please keep an eye on our social media account for information on events we will be holding in the coming months so that we can listen to your concerns and answer any questions you may have.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

- High visibility patrols, working with partners to target drug related Anti-Social behaviour and abuse.
- Tackling ASB at Stowmarket Recreation Ground and other identified areas, protecting vulnerable people and building trust and confidence in the community.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Drug related Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Anti-Social Behaviour at Stowmarket Recreation Ground.

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Andy Martin



Inspector Nicola Turner

Inspector Nicola Turner is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Alexandra and Westgate and St Margaret's.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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IPSWICH CENTRAL

The Ipswich Central Community Policing Team (CPT) has been busy since the operating model changes across all the ward areas in the town engaging with our communities, the public and our partners.

Officers have been completing numerous engagement events across different areas including street meets and pop-up events, attendance at local public events and coffee mornings and visiting schools to deliver inputs around crime prevention, awareness and personal safety. These engagements are becoming a regular occurrence in the diary and are being well received across the community.



Details of upcoming engagements events are published on both social media and internet pages which document locations, dates and times. A number of these engagements can be seen in the photos featured with this piece.

A key focus for the team has been increased visibility in the town centre which has been achieved with our Police Community Support Officers, including our new Ipswich Borough Council funded PCSO as well as the Community Police Team officers and our Kestrel team who support our CPT officers where and when needed. The team have been actively targeting and addressing our most prolific offenders in the town, responsible for persistent anti-social behaviour, disorder, begging, shoplifting and other criminality and by using orders such as Community Protection Notices and Community Behaviour Orders.

The team have been addressing ongoing problem-solving challenges in several areas

across Westgate, Alexandra and St Margaret's by engaging and working with numerous partner agencies to reduce demand on our service, reduce crime, disorder and associated ASB. This has allowed us to focus our attention in other demand areas. Work has included tackling and addressing issues around youth ASB, ASB amongst local residents, ASB in open public spaces, drug activity, begging and specific addresses/premises causing issues.



This has been achieved through increased police patrols, increased engagements and enforcement supporting our partner agencies.

We have already seen a reduction in frequency and general improvement in these areas, which is hugely positive.

The general feedback has been positive especially around seeing officers and having the chance to engage with them. These engagement opportunities allow us to speak, listen and understand concerns from the public and communities and have the ability to give advice and reassurance ensuring we are acting on these concerns and issues identified.



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YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - Concerns have been raised around numerous issues within the main shopping areas within Ipswich town centre, including ASB, crime and disorder.

We did - Increased police presence and visibility in the town including from PCSO's and other policing teams. There have been increased engagements at police pop's, engagement events and attendance at other public events.

- You said - Concerns have been raised about anti-social behaviour in particular open spaces in Ipswich town centre

We did - Increased our patrols, used our powers under the ASB legislation and worked with our partners including the council to address long term issues and have seen reductions in ASB in the identified areas.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Reduce ASB and drug activity in areas of Ipswich Town Centre
- Reduce ASB and associated crime and disorder in the area of Arras Square and Buttermarket, Ipswich
- Focus on targeting the most prolific offenders in the town centre by use of orders such as CPN/CBO

SOUTH

SOUTH
Area Commander
Superintendent
Andy Martin



Inspector Ben Richards

Inspector Ben Richards is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bridge, Gipping, Hadleigh and Nayland, Stoke Park and Sprites, Whitehouse, Whitton and Castle Hill and Claydon, Copdock and Peninsula.

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IPSWICH WEST

Here in the west of Ipswich and Hadleigh sectors we are learning quickly and adapting to the new operating model adopted by the constabulary.



We have been linking in with all of communities, religious groups and schools on the area looking to build partnerships and work together to tackle the areas of most concern to our communities. Particular highlights from the last two months include PC Elizabeth Harper's work with the Suffolk ONE college which involved regular visits during lunch and break periods where she was able to speak to staff and students to answer questions and offer crime prevention advice. Her talk on traffic laws was well received by all of those involved.

PC Samatha Hallatt had the pleasure of being invited to the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE). She has also conducted engagement work with local community groups including Stoke Library colouring club where we are now hosting the majority of our pop-up events and police surgeries as it has easy access for local residents and children to visibly see and speak with police officers.

Anti-social behaviour continues to feature highly on the collective minds of our community, reporting and preventing this behaviour remains one of our top priorities. Recently we have been conducting joint patrols with the community safety team from the local borough council in key areas around the town and more of these joint patrols are planned for the very near future.

PC Niall Johnson in Hadleigh is focussing on some concerns over young people in the public spaces around the town and we

are looking to support his fine efforts and help the Hadleigh residents feel safer in the hours of darkness. He has been joining local officials and district council staff in monthly surgeries where he will be available to take questions, crime reports and offer advice.

PC Kate Jarrett Has been working closely with local high schools to deliver online safety presentations to the year 7 and 8 students. These presentations give valuable advice to both students and staff on how to manage instant messaging and social media platforms in addition to how to keep yourself safe online.

All Ipswich areas are working together to understand community concerns and have developed a survey which is accessed by the QR code and we hope all readers will take a few moments to complete this survey and help us to focus our activity where it is needed most.

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Community Survey - CPT
Engagement



YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - Hadleigh residents raised concerns over speeding on Lady lane.

We did - Safety camera team will now be deploying each month to conduct checks on this area and this is being supported by local officers.

- You said - Concerns over ASB in Bridge Ward

We did - Targetted additional patrols in the affected areas, involved persons have been identified and spoken with. We are working with partner agencies to further reduce incidents.

- You said - Night time car-meets in the area of Copdock services causing ASB and concerns from residents

We did - Partner agency meeting held with Ipswich Borough Council, local retailers and Highways Agency, increased patrol activity in the area to detect any criminal offences or vehicle related ASB.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Prevention of ASB in the Chantry and south western area of Ipswich
- Support to Operation Gladioli - thefts from motor vehicles and reduction of acquisitive crime
- Support to Operation Octance and reduction of vehicle related ASB across Ipswich and Hadleigh Community Policing Team

SOUTH



**Inspector
Matt Breeze**

Inspector Matt Breeze is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Deben and Orford, Felixstowe, Gainsborough and Holywells, Kesgrave and Bixley, Martlesham and Orwell, Priory Heath, Rushmere and St. Johns and Woodbridge and Wickham Market.

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EAST IPSWICH, WOODBRIDGE & FELIXSTOWE

The East Ipswich, Woodbridge and Felixstowe team has been busy building working relationships with local councils, schools and charities to work together for the benefit of the local communities. We have attended a wide range of engagement events from school safety talks, after school clubs and charity groups, attending multiagency meetings to give a police perspective around concerns for vulnerable persons and being out on patrol to speak with members of the public and target areas where anti-social behaviour has been reported with positive results. We have also met a number of long-term problem-solving challenges by engaging with partner agencies which has seen some positive resolutions and an overall reduction in demand on our service, allowing us to refocus on other issues.

Moving forward, our calendars are already filling up with engagement events, which we publicise these on social media, each of the officers will be carry out an engagement event in each of their beats once a month. Officer have been working with vulnerable persons and working hard to tackle ASB and crime in the area through engagement and enforcement.



We have seen a rise in theft from motor vehicle across the area, often these are opportunist thefts, where offenders have seen items being left on display. Members of the community are asked to make sure that no valuable items are left in parked cars, check they have locked their vehicle and consider the best place to park particularly overnight. The positive news is that officers have arrested two suspects relating to a number of these offences and they are both awaiting a court hearing.



From our patrols we have had some really positive feedback from members of the public about seeing police out on patrol and taking the time to speak with them and local businesses owners. Whether it is just some reassurance we are in the area or whether they have raised any concerns they have, it appears to have had a positive impact and that is something we will hope to build upon moving forward.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said - Concerns about speeding in a number of locations.

We did - Officers have been undertaking speed checks in those location and noted a good level of compliances.

- You said - Concerns about anti-social behaviour particularly in our open spaces and shopping area

We did - We have increased our patrols in these areas, used our powers under the ASB Act and worked with our partners to address long term issues.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Reduce exploitation of young people and vulnerable people
- Reduce ASB in our open spaces and shopping area
- Focus on crime prevention relating to vehicle crime

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