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WOODBIDGE AND DISTRICT
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Police station, Grundisburgh Road, Woodbridge

MELTON PARISH COUNCIL POLICE REPORT

9th May 2013

Good evening. Unfortunately your meeting has fallen again when I am not at work and the next one is when I am away on holiday so I won't be at your meeting tonight or in July however please find me report below as usual. I believe PCSO Marie Smith will be at the meeting tomorrow instead of myself.

CRIME UPDATE

There have been **17** reported crimes since your last meeting on 14/03/2013:

Burglary x 3 – Office building x 1 – cash stolen – No suspects, no forensic – NFPA
Highways store x 1 – Overnight Power tools stolen No suspects, no forensics – NFPA
Store room x 1 – Fishing Tackle stolen. No Suspects, no forensics – NFPA

Criminal Damage x 2 – Damage to Motor vehicle x 1 scratches made on vehicle by unknown person
Graffiti on pavilion in park. No suspects, no CCTV cameras – NFPA

Theft from motor vehicle x 2 – 1: Vehicle entered overnight and on board computer and cash stolen. Offenders glove marks only so no fingerprints. NFPA.

2: Ladders stolen overnight from roof of van. No forensics, no CCTV cameras so NFPA.

Harassment x 3 – Due to the sensitive nature of these crimes no further info can be given.

Domestic incident x 1 – Due to the sensitive nature of this crime no further info can be given.

Driving vehicle with excess alcohol x 1 - Due to the nature of this offence no further info can be given

Drive whilst unfit through drink or drugs x 1 - Due to the nature of this offence no further info can be given

Possession of Cannabis x 2 – Vehicle stop checked and 2 occupants found to be in Possession of Cannabis

Common Assault x 1 – male attacked another male over comments on Facebook. Declined police involvement other than words of advice to be given.

Assault ABH x 1 – This is of a Domestic nature so no other details will be given.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH OTHER PARISHES IN THE WOODBRIDGE AND DISTRICT SNT AREA DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD (14/03/2013 – 08/05/13)

BROMESWELL	1
RENDELSHAM	12
WOODBIDGE	59

SNT CURRENT PRIORITIES

The last Community Panel Meeting was held on 08/05/2013. At the time of this report being sent out the new Priorities or the place of the next meeting were not known.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station has now been withdrawn and is no longer in service

OTHER MATTERS

Police Direct

For those of you that haven't signed up for Police Direct yet, please don't forget about it! The service is free, easy to use and is proving to be a very valuable policing tool. The service doesn't just assist us it also benefits you. You will receive regular updates either via text, email or landline letting you know what is happening in your area. Leaflets are available at all police stations or visit our website.

Community Speed Watch

Excess speed ...

- Is a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in
- Has an impact on the lives of people within local communities
- Also contributes to the severity of any road traffic collision

Suffolk Police are committed to working with Roadsafe Partners to achieve casualty reduction targets, and "reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads".

The police aim to provide the right level of reassurance and enforcement, BUT officers cannot carry out speed enforcement checks in every community that wants them on a regular basis. This is where working together can help.

We need to enhance our existing methods and want to include the community by recruiting volunteers to be part of our Community Speed Watch initiative.

What is Community Speed Watch ?

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

The aim of the CSW initiative is to address the problem of speeding through a partnership of the police, the local community, Parish / Town councils and other partners.

The aim of the initiative is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible.

It is to reduce speed in areas of concern, make drivers aware that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods.

Police forces across the country implementing CSW can show a reduction in overall average speeds, and a significant reduction in drivers travelling well above the speed limit.

What are the benefits ?

- Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions
- Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users
- Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers
- Raise awareness of anti-social road use

Summary of Scheme: Operating Guidelines

- There must be a minimum of six volunteers in each CSW scheme
- Speedchecks must be conducted by at least two volunteers
- Volunteers must be over 18 years of age
- Each CSW scheme must have a co-ordinator and where possible, a deputy, responsible for the equipment and administration
- The Parish / Town Council MUST support the scheme
- Volunteers are subject to police vetting checks
- Volunteers will be required to sign a CSW agreement
- The locations for monitoring are chosen by the scheme, however, risk assessments will be carried out by a trained police officer, who will approve the nearest safe site to that chosen. In some circumstances a site may not be deemed safe enough to conduct CSW
- Training for volunteers will include use of the equipment, and health and safety issues
- The cost of training volunteers, risk assessing potential sites and ongoing administration is borne by Suffolk Police
- HOWEVER, the cost of the speed detection equipment, portable signs and reflective jackets will NOT be met by Suffolk Police and will be down to the Parish / Town councils
- Volunteers will be covered by the Police Authority Insurance, although parishes are advised to notify their insurer of the CSW scheme

How it works:

- Trained volunteers verify and record the registration number of offending vehicles
- These details are forwarded to Suffolk Police who will send offenders a letter
- A maximum of two letters will be sent to offenders
- Persistent offenders may be targeted for police enforcement
- Follow-up work on education and enforcement by Suffolk Police and our partners take place as appropriate

The cost for the initial set up (speed detection device, signs and high visibility jackets) is around £2000.00

Following that the cost of calibrating the device once every three years is minimal.

Parishes may join together to make up a scheme, therefore spreading the cost and the monitoring between them.

We would really like you as a parish / Town council to seriously consider this option and if after discussion between yourselves you think this a viable option, myself or our community speed watch administrator can come and speak with you.

Please express your interest to myself directly.

CONTACTING THE POLICE

YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS ARE:

**Pc 156 Clabburn
PCSO 3105 Marie SMITH**

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime, speak to your local officers or leave a message please dial **101**

Any member of the team can be contacted at woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Check the website www.suffolk.police.uk for our engagements

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Woodbridge and District Team website please see www.safersuffolk.org.uk

Thanks

PC Karen Clabburn
Woodbridge and District SNT

