



WOODBIDGE AND DISTRICT **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Police station, Grundisburgh Road, Woodbridge

MELTON PARISH COUNCIL POLICE REPORT

6TH SEPTEMBER 2013

CRIME UPDATE

Since it has been a while since your last meeting I have given you figures for the last month only (1st August -6th September 2013). If you require any other figures then please let me know.

There have been **17** reported crimes in the last month.

- Theft other x 3**
- 1: Bank card taken from within a dwelling. Enquiries on going re known suspect.
 - 2: Rucksack taken from bike out of sight of victim. No suspects
 - 3: Registration plates stolen from trailer. No suspects.
- Theft from shop x 1** - Alcohol stolen from Spar shop. Enquiries re known suspect ongoing.
- Theft from M/V x 1** - 1: Offender entered secure vehicle and stole cash and phone. No suspect
- Theft from person x 1** – Book stolen from lady asleep on bench. No suspects.
- Theft of M/V x 1** - Broken down moped which had been left for some time on side of the road was then stolen. No suspects
- Dangerous Dog x 2**
- 1: Dog on lead pulled away from owner and bit person walking past. Owner Apologised to person bitten and words of advice given.
 - 2: Dog off lead nipped cyclist riding past. Owner apologised and paid money for damaged clothing. Words of advice given.
- Assault ABH** Person punched by somebody they knew who was drunk. 1 Person Charged.
- Burglary Dwelling x 2**
- 1: Offender entered premises via insecure back door stealing jewellery and Electrical items.
 - 2: Offender smashed double glazed patio door and stole electrical items. No suspects
- Harassment x 1** - Offender continually sent female unwanted texts and facebook messages. Male given Harassment warning.

Domestic	Due to the nature of this offence no other information will be given.
Driving with Excess alcohol x 2	2 separate people were stopped on 2 separate occasions and both failed the Roadside breath test. One blew 85 and 76 (the legal limit is 35)
Criminal Damage x 1	Window smashed of Residential Home. No suspects

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH OTHER PARISHES IN THE WOODBRIDGE AND DISTRICT SNT AREA DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD (01/08/13 – 06/09/13)

BROMESWELL - 5
RENDELSHAM - 2
WOODBIDGE - 38

SNT CURRENT PRIORITIES

The last Community Panel Meeting was held on 21/08/2013 at Eyke. The new Priorities set by members of the public are:

- 1: To increase road safety by reducing speeding through Ufford village on the B1438.
- 2: To tackle anti-social behaviour including vehicle nuisance in Rendlesham village particularly around Cost cutters car park.
- 3: To tackle anti-social behaviour including vehicle nuisance in Wickham Market particularly around Market Hill and Football club

The next Priority Setting Meeting will be at Rendlesham Community Centre on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The new mobile police station will be in Melton from 14.30-1545hrs on Thursday 12th September 2013. For further details please speak to PCSO Marie Smith.

OTHER MATTERS

Staffing issues

Sgt Andy Buck has now been posted down the road to supervise Kesgrave SNT however we have new Sergeant on the team in the shape of Sgt 437 Scott Cullum. Scott is an experienced Police officer and has been in the job for approx. 15yrs now so if you need to speak to him about any issues then please feel free to contact him on the usual 101 number.

I am unfortunately still on Restricted Duties so am office bound but I am still at the end of the phone so if you need to contact me then again please feel free to call me on the same number as above or email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We have been getting a few Burglaries of late both Dwellings and Other buildings. Please remember to make sure your property is secured as much as it could be. Make it as hard as you can for burglars. If it is too much hassle to get into your property they will go somewhere else !. If you see anything suspicious then please give us a ring. Don't think somebody else will ring or think it's not worth it, let us decide.

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