

# Constable's COUNTY



AN UPDATE ON POLICING  
FROM THE EAST, WEST AND  
SOUTH OF THE COUNTY

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Suffolk Police and  
Crime Commissioner

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# INTRODUCTION

Engaging with the public, and keeping you up-to-date on the policing issues that affect your communities, is absolutely vital for the Constabulary and for me, as your PCC.

As I meet people living and working across the county, one thing that comes up time and time again is the need to see how the police force they pay for is working to keep them safe.

This new magazine will give you an overview of policing in your area, a broader update on policing across the county and a regular update on the work of my office and the services we commission to support victims and reduce crime and disorder.

I will use this magazine to keep you updated on how your money - gathered through the policing element of your council tax - is being spent throughout the year. This year we have promised you extra officers to deal with drugs and gangs and extra officers to police our county town. We will also see a significant investment in technology to help prevent crime and catch criminals.

Every 2 months I will let you know how plans are progressing. I appreciate that not everyone will feel this directly impacts on their towns and villages but I can assure you the Chief Constable focuses his resources in the areas of highest threat so we do all benefit in the long run.

Suffolk is a safe county and we are fortunate to live in a relatively crime-free environment. Obviously, we do face challenges and the Chief Constable and I work together to balance the needs of individual communities with the wider benefits for all. Through this new Constable's County, I hope we will reassure you that your Constabulary is doing a good job to keep us all safe, nothing else will do.

**Police and Crime Commissioner  
Tim Passmore**



Looking through this new newsletter I am very proud of all of our officers, staff and volunteers and how dedicated they are to keeping our communities safe.

Our Community Engagement Officers (CEO) perform a crucial role in connecting the Constabulary and the communities we serve.

This newsletter will allow the CEOs to share with you what is happening in your areas, events they may be attending and provide updates on any ongoing issues.

The challenges faced by police forces across the country are well documented. Crime and criminals are changing and likewise we must also evolve.

We have listened to our communities and have remodelled the way we are delivering local policing. We have put a lot of officers back into our neighbourhood teams. One of my priorities as the new chief is to ensure that we listen to you and keep you informed on matters that affect your area. The new local policing model means that we will be as visible as we can and stay connected with you.

As well as this newsletter can I please encourage you to get to know your Community Engagement Officer as well as your Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is important to all of us to listen to your thoughts on how we police your neighbourhoods, and to build our relationship with you so you feel confident and happy to share information with us that helps us keep not just your area but the whole of Suffolk safe.

We are committed to keeping you safe and by working together Suffolk will remain one of the safest places in the country.

**Chief Constable  
Steve Jupp**



# EAST

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## Area Commander



Superintendent Paul Sharp

## Halesworth SNT

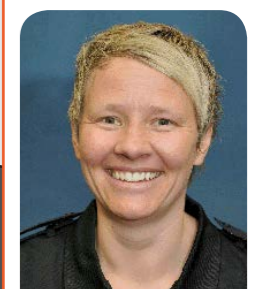


Inspector Mark Jackson



Engagement Officer PC Simon Green

## Lowestoft SNT



Inspector Liz Casey



Engagement Officer PC Amy Yeldham

## Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay

We had Op Sceptre the knife amnesty week in March, which meant that we had a total of 151 knives handed in during that period at Lowestoft Police Station. PCSO Drew worked with the schools across our area with the help of the SNT to talk to them about Knife crime which was received very well. In April, SNT Officers have executed several Misuse of Drugs Act Warrants at addresses in the Lowestoft area, a number of cannabis plants and other illegal substances have been seized. Over March and April Pc Yeldham has had pop in crime prevention hours in Beccles and Bungay which have been well attended, she has also visited local groups such as cub scouts and brownies and the Rotary club offering varied talks in crime prevention and the role of a police officer. The SNT have attended Beccles and Bungay as well as the Special constabulary over March and April dealing with car parking in those areas and issuing tickets. The SNT have been dealing with reported anti-social behaviour in Beccles and will continue patrols in and around areas of previous ASB reports.



## Halesworth, Leiston and Eye

The Halesworth SNT have been working recently to support some of our high schools.

Some schools have reported issues involving bullying, sexting and other matters which officers and PCSOs have worked on jointly to try and curtail.

There have been successes with victims being supported and offenders dealt with appropriately, trying to avoid exclusion where possible. It's proven that excluded pupils are more likely to become involved in crime. Halesworth Community Engagement Officer PC Simon Green has also been involved with visits to address year groups. Our local policing team's are now supported by colleagues from the Rural Crime Team who have acquired their own drone and have undergone training to become qualified drone pilots. With this capability also so being offered with like equipment from the Technical Support Unit based at Halesworth, it means our officers can call on this new resource to enhance our ability to search for missing people and acquire evidence of rural crimes as well as numerous other uses. The end of the financial year has seen the SNT attend various of our local council meetings to deliver reports to AGMs.



## Trends

We have been experiencing an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the area and would ask that when securing your vehicle you ensure that nothing of value is left within it.

We have had numerous purse thefts reported in the area recently and would advise the community to be mindful of this and ensure you keep your bag secured and that you consider purse bells or a purse chain to alert you if someone is tampering with your bag.

## Social Media

### Twitter

@LowestoftPolice

@HaleswrthPolice

### Facebook Pages

Lowestoft Police

Halesworth Police

## Events

- 1st June - Fressingfield Royal British Legion Oily Rag Show
- 9th June - Halesworth Lions Carnival 10am - 4pm
- 18th June - Bungay Community Library 10am - 11am
- 21st June - St Michaels Church, Beccles - 10am - 11am
- 21st June - Britten Centre, Lowestoft - 12pm - 2pm
- 22nd & 23rd June - Heveningham Country Fair - All day

## Supt Paul Sharp

The East Suffolk Policing Command area includes the most easterly police station in the United Kingdom at Lowestoft as well as stretching out west to the Eye area and Saxmundham, Leiston and Aldeburgh in the south. I want my officers to continue to provide a high quality policing service that takes into account local needs and issues whenever possible. This includes responding to emergency incidents effectively, being visible and accessible, investigating crime and anti-social behaviour in a diligent manner, bringing offenders to justice and working closely with our partners to help solve local community problems on a wider and longer term basis.

I am proud to be the Eastern Area Commander and aware that we all need to earn the trust and confidence of our communities on a daily basis through our interactions and endeavours. I believe this is vital to help our citizens feel confident about the policing service Suffolk Constabulary delivers.

# SOUTH

## Area Commander



Superintendent  
Kerry Cutler

## Ipswich Central SNT



Inspector  
Richard Burton



Engagement Officer  
PC Dominic Woodmansee

## Ipswich West & Hadleigh

In west Ipswich our priorities have been targeting anti-social behaviour (ASB). We are conducting targeted patrols in the Whitton, Bell Close and Station Street areas. We are also focussing on drug use in open spaces.

In the Hadleigh area we continue to focus on anti-social behaviour. This includes both high visibility and plain clothes patrols targeting known hotspots and persistent offenders. We have also been focussing resources to respond to reports of ASB in the Stoke by Nayland area, where off-road motorcycling has caused particular concern.

Overall we have been focussing community policing and raising awareness of knife crime and gang culture. Our team of officers and PCSOs has been working with education services and youth groups to raise awareness of the issues to attempt to divert young people from becoming involved.

This was demonstrated at the 'Kick off@3' event at Whitton Sports Centre on 27 April. Run as part of a national initiative, the idea was to bring youth and local police together in community spirit, building relationships and life skills while also supporting local charities. A full report of the event can be read on our website.

## Ipswich Central

One of Ipswich Central SNT's main concerns has been to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) around New Suffolk College, Goals and neighbouring areas by increasing patrols and engaging with the community to identify offenders. Begging has also been a problem and numerous Community Protection Notices (CPN) have been issued to reduce this. Another issue is cuckooing. This is where vulnerable members of society's homes are used for drug dealing or other criminality. An enforcement day saw several warrants executed at addresses where the occupants were victims of cuckooing. Several arrests were made and drugs were seized. Engagements in Alexandra Park and the 4YP youth centre promoting anti knife crime with Paul Stansby have been very positive. Paul lost a family member to knife crime. His passion, enthusiasm and positive mental attitude has a real impact on those who meet him. I hope to do lots more with Paul to make a positive change in the attitudes of young people.



## Ipswich East

Ipswich East Policing is centred around tackling County Lines.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working closely with partner agencies, the Youth Gang Prevention Team have been busy executing warrants

and arresting those found in possession of class A drugs and visits have been made to schools to educate children on personal safety. As Community Engagement Officer I have been visible on foot in the area and held police surgeries to encourage the community to report any suspicious activity anonymously to CrimeStoppers. In Felixstowe the Safer Neighbourhood Team priority is to work with other agencies to prevent vulnerable people being "Cuckooed" by drug dealing gangs who take advantage of them and their homes. Patrols in parks and open spaces continue to prevent drug crime. The Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team have been dealing with pockets of anti-social behaviour, illegal parking in Woodbridge town and preventing rural crime. As Community Engagement Officer for these areas I have been using social media to highlight crime trends, national and local crime initiatives and advice on crime prevention.



## Trends

Domestic burglaries continue to be a concern in both west Ipswich and in our rural communities. There have also been a number of 'distraction' burglaries where offenders have gained entry into properties through some form of deception or distraction used against the householder.

We have also had an increase in street robberies and theft of mobile telephones in the centre and west areas of Ipswich. We remind the public to be vigilant with personal belongings when walking through busy areas.

## Social Media

### Twitter

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@IpsCentPolice

@IpsEastPolice

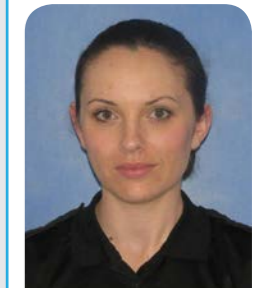
### Facebook

Ipswich West & Hadleigh Police

Ipswich Central Police

Ipswich East, Felixstowe & Woodbridge Police

## Ipswich East SNT



Inspector  
Sally Henderson



Engagement Officer  
PC Rachael Partridge

## Events

- Stop search meeting - 46a St Matthews st - 18:00 - 29th May 2019
- Capel Village Fun Day - Capel St Mary Playing Field - 8th June 2019
- Suffolk Day - 21st June 2019
- Suffolk Pride - 22nd June 2019
- Neighbourhood Watch, Norwood Nursing home - 19:00 - 11th June 2019
- Suffolk Pride Ipswich waterfront - 22nd June 2019

## Supt Kerry Cutler

It's been busy, in the last 12 months the South has dealt with over 8,000 emergency calls requiring an immediate response (nearly 50 percent of the force's total demand). In the same period we have also dealt with over 24,000 calls requiring a priority response. You then need to add all the other calls we receive, thousands of them, to begin to understand what we mean when we say we have been busy.

It's not all about responding to calls and we have been executing warrants across the area under the Misuse of Drugs Act, carrying out targeted patrols to tackle knife-related crime, delivered drug and gang related awareness inputs at local schools, carried out street meets to listen to residents and

worked with partners to solve problems.

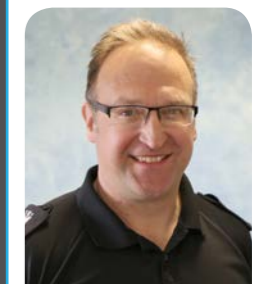
We have invested into a Youth Gangs Prevention Team, while officers work closely with social care and other partners to divert young people at risk away from crime. The team conduct educational visits to speak with staff and have also supported inputs to student groups. Conversations are held with young people and parents where concerns have been identified.

During the summer months, under the banner of Operation Parkland, officers conducted targeted patrols in locations where members of the public reported incidents of unacceptable behaviour. We are already planning for this year's operation.

## Ipswich West SNT



Inspector  
Kevin Horton



Engagement Officer  
PC Mike Small

# WEST

## Area Commander



Superintendent  
Kim Warner

## Bury St Edmunds SNT



Inspector  
Matt Dee



Engagement Officer  
PC Paul Fox

## Stowmarket SNT



Inspector  
Shawn Wakeling



Engagement Officer  
PC Stefan Henriksen

### Mildenhall

The team in Newmarket have been tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) with youths. A multi-agency approach has been adopted with youth offending, local council and police. We have increased patrols at hot spots and targeted areas to engage with the youths. There have also been two positive warrants in Newmarket with three persons arrested for drug dealing and a substantial amount of drugs and cash seized.

Engagement at the "Teen Chill" nights at and around the Brandon Leisure Centre has encouraged a reduction in ASB.

### Bury St Edmunds

Officers From Bury St Edmunds SNT have been working hard dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour within the area. We have currently have 34 Community Protection Notices that have been issued to individuals as a result of their behaviour within our area. These vary from preventing them begging to causing anti-social issues where they live. The team are currently working on 5 Criminal behaviour orders in the area against prolific offenders aiming to give them strict conditions that they must adhere to prevent them from continually offending.

There has been an increase in offences of theft from Motor vehicles within the area please ensure that you secure your vehicles and do not leave anything on display that may tempt a thief.

### Sudbury & Haverhill

Operation Velocity: The primary aim of this operation is to protect the vulnerable in society, either from being the victim of violence or having their property taken over for the purposes of drug dealing. Officers also assisted in Crucial Crew. This is a multi-agency initiative organised by the Sudbury Rotary Club and provides safety advice to children between 9 and 10. This year we were able to give a County Lines input to over 700 children.

We have also conducted warrants and arrests across Sudbury and Haverhill resulting in the seizure of drugs and cash.

### Stowmarket

It's an exciting time for Stowmarket, 10th June 2019.

It is stage 1 of the Ovo Energy Womens Tour, which finishes in Stowmarket. Around the finish line in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, there will be a lot to do, see and enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Stowmarket SNT has been working closely with our partner agencies, dealing with drug related anti-social behaviour (ASB) around Stowmarket. We have issued 3 Section 8 warnings against drug use, and have issued a closure notice at an address. Two individuals have been issued with issued with community protection notices to prevent other ASB within Stowmarket.

## Trends

Reoccurring trends are seen both in the west and across the county.

- County lines and drugs - We continue to have several county lines operating across our main towns
- Knife crime - shown an increase across the Country, including West Suffolk
- Burglary - remains an area of focus
- Robbery -statistically seen an increase in the West, but the actual numbers are very low.

## Social Media

### Twitter

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@BuryStEdsPolice  
@SudburyPolice  
@HaverhillPolice  
@StowmarketPolice

### Facebook

Mildenhall Police  
Bury St Edmunds Police  
Sudbury & Haverhill Police  
Stowmarket Police

## Events

- 1st & 2nd June - Woolpit Steam Rally.
- 8th June Bradfield Combust Fete
- 23rd June StowFest in Stowmarket
- 29th June Palmers Fun day in Haughley
- 29th June Armed Forces Day Haverhill
- 7th July Haverhill Show 9-4
- 20th July Fornham St Martin Fete
- 28th July Kedington Steam Rally

## Supt Kim Warner

County Lines - Despite many notable successes with arrests and prosecutions, we still need the local community to help with information which can assist. We are delivering some fantastic work via our West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership. This awareness and shared information helps us to target offenders and safeguard vulnerable members of society.

Knife crime - This has a disproportionate effect upon our younger communities. The message is quite clear – if you are carrying a knife and police receive information to that effect, we will use stop search powers and we will prosecute. Carrying a knife is incredibly serious and anyone that does significantly increases the risk of becoming a victim of stabbing.

Burglary - While West Suffolk remains one of the safest parts of the UK to live, any burglary is not welcome, and we are working extremely hard to identify suspects and take positive action to arrest them. Once again we ask the local public to play their part and report suspicious behaviour. Of course, please take basic steps to secure your property.

Robbery - Statistically seen an increase in the west, but the actual numbers are very low. Many of these will have close links to county lines, so the chance of an innocent member of the public becoming a victim is very small.

The ethos in the west is 'one team'. Response officers, Safer Neighbourhood Team, detectives, PCSOs and civilian investigators are all working together to reduce the opportunity for criminals to operate in the west and for those that do offend, to bring them to justice.

### Mildenhall SNT



Inspector  
Mark Shipton



Engagement Officer  
PC Helen Self

### Sudbury & Haverhill SNT



Inspector  
Danny Cooper



Engagement Officer  
PC Jon Gerrish

# SPOTLIGHT

## AREA CYBER CRIME TEAM

### STAYING SAFE ONLINE

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The Area Cyber Crime team is made up of seven Police Staff Investigators and one Police Staff Supervisor spread across the county, dealing with online safeguarding incidents, mostly involving vulnerable children and young adults.

The team deal with a broad range of cyber enabled offences, typically online sexual offences such as causing or inciting children to engage with sexual activity online, sexual communications, revenge porn, and indecent image offences. The team are trained Digital Media Investigators so as well as carrying their own workloads, also assist other departments in Force with digital media enquiries and digital evidence.

In December 2018, members of our team were at Crown Court and saw the first successful sentence for Engaging a Child in Sexual Communications for Suffolk Constabulary since the new law was brought into UK law in April 2017.

The team's efforts to safeguard children online have gone further. So far this year, members of our team have visited Germany to pass an operation

on to the German federal authorities, have liaised with Canadian authorities and with the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the United States on operations, and have conducted numerous investigations to identify perpetrators and to take steps to hold them responsible for their actions.

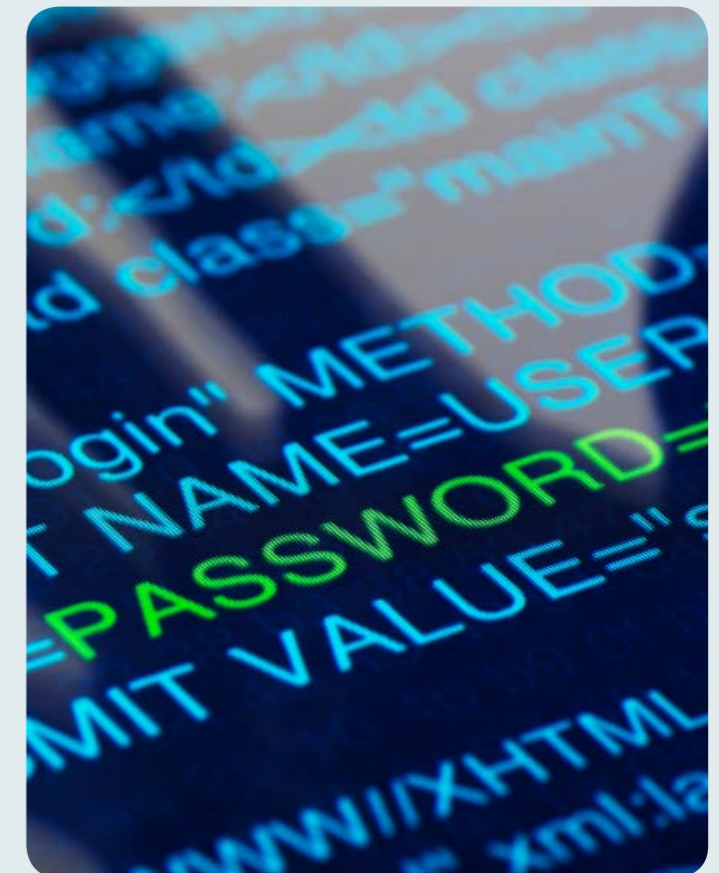
The team are also keen to enhance their knowledge, being invited to events such as the Tackling Online Child Sexual Exploitation conference at Anglia Ruskin in April 2019.

Technology is always evolving and it feels like there are always new social media apps to attempt to keep up with. Our advice is to always keep an open dialogue with children and young adults about what they are doing and who they are talking to online. Have a go at using the same apps together with your friends, so you can talk about what you find.

#### We promote four online safety tips:

- **ZIP IT:** Keep your private life private. Ensure social media profiles are private and regularly check security settings.
- **FLAG IT:** Know who to talk to if something feels wrong. Use social media for fun but live in the real world.
- **SAVE IT:** Always take screenshots should anything happen. Screenshot relevant messages and profiles.
- **BLOCK IT:** Use the block function on social media. It's there for a reason!

Most importantly, don't panic. Technology, social media and the online world can feel daunting at times but at its basic it is as simple as the old stranger danger mantra.





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