

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

Making Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest

INTRODUCTION

As the new year starts my attention turns to the Constabulary's budget and what level of council tax to charge for policing in Suffolk for the next financial year. As always there are difficult choices to make and I must get the balance right between the need to keep people safe and what level your council tax should be.

Each year before I take my proposal to the Police and Crime Panel, I carry out a survey to gauge the public view, I also promise to explain exactly how the precept funding will be spent and pledge to monitor the implementation of any new initiative on your behalf and update you on progress. Last year's extra money for policing from the council tax has been very well used and the increased focus on organised crime groups, violence and county lines and illegal drug use has produced some stellar results. Officers in the new Sentinel teams have arrested over 200 dangerous criminals in Suffolk in the last six months. 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. You can access this information [here](#).

I presented the budget proposals and council tax plans to the Police and Crime Panel at the end of January and they approved my proposal to raise the precept by £10 a year for a Band D property – which equates to 19p a week or 4.69% increase.

Simultaneously, it's important to recognise the good news concerning the government's commitment to recruiting 20,000 more police officers during the next three years.

In Suffolk our share of the additional police should be around 170 posts so by March 2021 there will be 54 more officers (plus support staff and equipment) in Suffolk thanks to this government initiative.

The increase in council tax will deliver even more officers and staff so the Constabulary is able to have more focus on serious crime and bring more criminals to justice so they are prosecuted and convicted. The precept proposal supports work to reduce other heinous crimes linked to these serious crime groups such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery and child sexual exploitation. Whilst these crimes are often regarded as hidden harm they often have a devastating impact not only on the individual, families and even whole communities. Included in my proposals is more funding to help make the Serious Crime Disruption Team even more effective; this will result in more successful prosecutions and more criminals put behind bars where they belong. I hope the new commercial vehicle unit will also have a significant role to play with this work.

The precept will also finance a new domestic abuse perpetrator programme to reduce the reoffending rates of the most serious perpetrators.

Tackling domestic abuse is very important and a mainstay of my Police and Crime Plan and I think this programme will make a positive difference to the victims of the most serious cases of abuse especially when young children are involved.

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Passmore**



As we begin 2020 I am encouraged and enthused by the new government's prioritisation of law and order.

I believe that we now need to take a longer view on how we keep everyone safe by considering the best ways of preventing crime and supporting vulnerable people through not being exploited and entering into varying degrees of criminality. You may have read that the government is proposing a Royal Commission into criminal justice, and I have already had discussions with fellow Chief Constables to ensure that all our views are represented, not just those from the larger metropolitan areas.

Recently, there have been some major announcements that will help the Constabulary to deliver its mission of catching and convicting criminals and keeping the public safe. The Home Office has confirmed that funding will be provided for an additional 54 Police Officer posts in 2020/21 and work is underway to decide where and how these officers will be deployed across the county. It is vital that they make a real difference and further improve policing in the county. This is part of a three year national uplift plan and further announcements will follow regarding additional officers in the following two years.

In January the Constabulary received its funding settlement which saw an increase which will enable us to continue to grow and improve and also recruit additional police staff. This news was very well-received.

Furthermore, I am working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner

and I have presented my plans for an increase in the police element of the precept. If the PCC agrees this will enable us to invest more in crime prevention, improving the standards of investigation, keep the roads safe and moving and providing more pro-active teams.

The plan will set out the improvements I want to make to make us even more efficient and effective and to address concerns I have about confidence and satisfaction in Suffolk police in the Crime Survey of England and Wales. As the year progresses there will be a greater focus on our performance, standards and quality. These additional officers and staff will make a real difference to the service we provide so it's important that we use them wisely to improve public satisfaction.

One of the first steps will be to create a new Crime Co-ordination Centre. This will go live on 2 March 2020 and will replace the Incident Crime Management Hub. A number of changes have been made to improve the service we provide to victims and the standards of volume crime investigations.

The next year will be about that commitment – the commitment to cut crime to catch and convict criminals, and to keep you safe. British policing is successful because we are part of the community.

I hope you find this publication informative and, like me, are looking forward to an important year when we have a great opportunity improve the way Suffolk is policed.

**Chief Constable
Steve Jupp**



EAST

Area Commander



Superintendent Paul Sharp

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Lowestoft SNT

Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay

2019 was an interesting and varied year in the east of the county with one of the highlights being Lowestoft police station celebrating its 40th birthday - a true milestone!

Elsewhere, our staff and officers got together to donate boxes of food to a Lowestoft food bank which was greatly appreciated. In November a 25-year-old man was sentenced after committing a number of incidents of criminal damage by objects being thrown at cars on Norfolk/Suffolk border, Aaron Hurley, of Hardley Road, Langley, Norfolk was disqualified from driving for 12 months and was given a three-year treatment order. Officers in Norfolk and Suffolk worked together to investigate, locate and arrest the male.

A number of warrants were conducted in 2019. One example was where two arrests were made in Beccles following the recovery of cannabis worth in the region of £8,000 after a warrant was executed at a property on Castle Hill. Over 650g of herbal cannabis and nearly 300g of resin were recovered. Elsewhere, in Lowestoft, officers from our Scorpion team discovered a cannabis factory at an address in Jacobs Street with an estimated value of around £60,000 with investigations on-going.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted several illegal tobacco warrants in Lowestoft with trading standards which took place in October with four different premises in the town targeted. Officers successfully seized 21,880 illegal cigarettes and 10.9kg of illegal rolling tobacco. Throughout the year I have been doing crime prevention 'pop-up' events and 'street meets' in Beccles, Bungay and Lowestoft which will continue in 2020. Dates can be seen on Lowestoft police social media and the Police Connect messaging service.



Inspector Liz Casey



Engagement Officer PC Amy Yeldham

Halesworth SNT



Inspector Mark Jackson



Engagement Officer PC Simon Green

Halesworth, Leiston and Eye

2019 was the first full, calendar year during which our social media sites were used to convey important information about our work. Here's a summary of some of our many highlights:

- Jan. - Successful drugs raids conducted in the east of the county forming part of a regional co-ordinated drugs campaign in eastern England.
- Feb. - Male arrested & charged following a domestic burglary in Peasenhall.
- March - 145 cannabis plants seized during a raid on a flat in Southwold used to cultivate the plants.
- April - Male issued with a fixed penalty notice after being seen by officers in Saxmundham riding an unroadworthy moped with no lights or 'L' plates. Moped found held together by rope and seized.
- May - Two males arrested at Stratford St. Andrew after stolen catalytic converters found
- June - Six teenagers arrested following a burglary at a commercial premises in Saxmundham
- July - Male appeared at court in Norwich after being arrested and charged for criminal damage offences following many reports of rocks and other missiles being thrown at moving vehicles.
- Aug - Warning issued of high value vehicles being stolen in Suffolk without the use of keys, by criminals 'copying' the signals emitted by keys through the walls of buildings. We recommended the use of a Faraday bag to keep keys in.
- Sept - Class A & B drugs seized in a raid at a property in Wrentham & male arrested
- Oct - Officers attended flooded roads in Thorpeness and rescued motorists stranded in their vehicles.
- Nov - Male charged with drugs supply offences after being pursued by a Halesworth officer.
- Dec - Halesworth officers made a considerable contribution to the annual Christmas drink drive campaign. Countywide, 81 were arrested for drink, 74 for drugs & six for drink & drugs. With the A12 and the A140 both running through our part of Suffolk, officers were stopping vehicles frequently.

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

IMAGES TAKEN FROM SUFFOLK POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



SOUTH

Area Commander



Superintendent
Kerry Cutler

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Ipswich West & Hadleigh

PC Mike Small

My work as a Community Engagement Officer (CEO) has seen so many highlights from 2019. The Suffolk and Hadleigh shows were both great events and an opportunity to speak with a large number of you. In Ipswich the Suffolk Pride Parade was a fantastic event and one of the first events where 'PD Morse' was introduced to the public. His appearance at this and other events such as the 'Mela' in Christchurch Park have always gone well, with people of all ages keen to get a 'selfie' with him.

I have really focussed on engaging with young people through visits to local primary and high schools. These visits have ranged from reception classes where the children have enjoyed dressing in police uniform and trying the blue lights and sirens of my patrol car to year 6 'PSHE' lessons where we have discussed some really important topics such as 'county lines' and knife crime. I am always so impressed with the response from the young people when talking about really difficult issues. I have seen so many children out of the school context who have recognised myself and other CEO colleagues and given us a 'high five' and said 'hello'. This positive impact with police interacting with young people is something that I will continue to focus on this year as I believe it is vital to forge these community links with young people.

I have also been striving to engage with some of our more vulnerable and harder to reach groups in the community. I have arranged events with Project 21, Ipswich Society for the Deaf and Lighthouse Women's Aid during the year and continue to engage with them with events planned for this year. From an SNT perspective our priorities moving in 2020 are to continue to target and prevent anti-social behaviour, particularly in the Old Stoke area and Castle Hill and Whitton areas.

PC Sarah George

I am relatively new to the Community Engagement Officer role and I am really enjoying it. It has given me the opportunity to attend various events such as loneliness events, dementia cafes, giving talks to students at Suffolk One on internet safety, along with further engagement with the local military families and plenty of other visits and talks. Our local priorities include anti-social behaviour in Hadleigh and the issues of ongoing problems with cars during the evenings, congregating on the car park at Tesco Copdock - this continues to be monitored.

So far, this has been a really rewarding opportunity for me, and a privilege to meet so many people doing so many good things in the Hadleigh area. I am looking forward to meeting many more over the coming months and please endeavour to get in touch if there is any events you would like me to attend.

Ipswich West SNT



Inspector
Kirsty Graefe



Engagement Officer
PC Mike Small



Engagement Officer
PC Sarah George

Ipswich Central

The lead up to Christmas started with the Cornhill Christmas lights being turned on with some celebrity guests from 'The Voice' and the Regent Theatre panto performing live music. Hundreds of happy revellers enjoyed the atmosphere and PD Morse received lots of attention from people of all ages wanting selfies.

Extra officers were on public order reassurance patrols with PD Morse raising awareness of staying safe in Ipswich while out enjoying themselves. While Morse maybe aimed more for the younger generation, he still attracted a lot of positive attention from the public who were on a night out. It gave the opportunity for officers to engage with people who may not usually talk to the police when on a night out and highlight simple things that can be done to stay safe, or make sure someone vulnerable gets home safely. #AskForAngela is a poster campaign promoted with pubs and clubs to support people who are vulnerable or in a situation they are not happy with. If a person approaches staff and 'asks for Angela' this is a trigger to get a member of staff to discreetly to call a taxi or get help. It is particularly relevant with the increase in online dating where people go on blind dates with someone they have met on the internet and the person may not match the profile they advertised.

Work around Maple Park and Arras Square continues to address ASB with positive feedback from local businesses saying they have seen a significant reduction in the issue. Partner agencies are playing their part with additional security staff and making minor changes to the layout of Arras Square to make it more open and accessible to CCTV.

The public disorder incident on Norwich Road in November had a significant impact on the local community. While other departments have been working hard on the investigation and made several positive arrests, the local SNT has done a lot of work within the community with local shops and schools to ensure children and parents are not afraid to attend school and feel safe, as well as employers and their staff.

Those of you who listen to Chris Evans in the morning on Virgin Radio may have heard that St Matthews School in Ipswich won the radio station's national Christmas song competition. The prize was to perform their song live on the radio from their own school. The whole show was broadcast live from the school with the presenters and technical crew set up in the main hall. They had a whole host of treats for the children to enjoy for free - a candyfloss stall, popcorn stall, cakes from local bakers, chocolate stands, a giant ice Christmas tree, reindeer, snow machines, and Santa with his dancing elves.

The children's performance on the day was faultless, and filled the room with smiles and some tears from proud parents. Chris Evans kept the hall buzzing all morning and one of the children thought it would be fun to borrow a police vest and hat from an officer to 'arrest' Evans live on air by putting the handcuffs on him to cries of laughter from the children and parents. It was a really positive and joyful end to the lead up to Christmas and set us up for a positive start to 2020.

Ipswich Central SNT



Inspector
Vicky McParland



Engagement Officer
PC Dominic Woodmansee

Ipswich East

PC Rachael Partridge

During the winter months in Felixstowe and Woodbridge our community engagement has continued with visits to Nacton Primary School and Charsfield Primary School where pupils were spoken to about the role of a police officer and they had the chance to dress up as an officer. As part of the 'One Cop Stop' schools initiative I attended Kesgrave High School parents evening where parents and children had the opportunity to ask a police officers any questions.

'Meet up Mondays' are a great place to engage with locals over a cup of tea. We have been to Woodbridge town hall and the village of Alderton as well as community 'pop up' shops in Felixstowe.

I was invited to attend a Christmas party at the Community Hub in Felixstowe where I was made to feel very welcome and have appeared on local Felixstowe Radio with presenter Rob Dunger for a monthly policing update. Another cycle marking event is also on the horizon having held one on the Triangle in Felixstowe in early February with another planned for 7 March 2020 10am to 12 noon outside Woodbridge Library.

PC Hannah Creasey

Christmas was a busy time with several festive celebrations - 'Carols on the Green' saw an impressive turn out to enjoy the live music, a puppet show and hot chocolate. 'Meet up Monday' (on a Thursday) at the Golf Hotel was popular as those who have attended the meetings through the year enjoyed their Christmas meal.

Moving into 2020 the SNT will continue proactive patrols and we have been welcomed to a number of schools to speak to children about staying safe. Recently, a number of Ravenswood students had a fantastic day at Police Headquarters, meeting Police Dogs Daley and Rigsby, as well as some firearms officers, PD Morse and our Chief Constable Steve Jupp. Looking forward, we are pleased to invite the community to a police surgery to be held at Gainsborough Library in February and a bike marking event in Kesgrave.

Ipswich East SNT



Inspector
Sally Henderson



Engagement Officer
PC Rachael Partridge



Engagement Officer
PC Hannah Creasey

WEST

Area Commander



Superintendent
Kim Warner

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Mildenhall SNT

Mildenhall

Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood team has seen changes recently with Acting Sgt Karl Benton joining the team at the of December. One of Karl's first priorities has been to address the issues of anti-social behaviour in Mildenhall town centre. We have increased foot patrols around the town which has been well received by local businesses affected by ASB. The Safer Neighbourhood team are continuing to build links with local partners in the town to address the issue and we are robustly dealing with the individuals involved.

Forest Heath Police cadets have been busy advertising a police cadet recruitment event taking place on 8 February at St Mary's Primary School from 10am-12pm which will include the opportunity to meet various police officers, see police equipment and meet current cadets. If your child is aged 13 to 18 years old we encourage you to come along and see what it is all about.

As 2020 begins we have also seen interest from a few of the local parish councils in starting new Community Speed Watch schemes. We look forward to forming new partnerships and working with the local community to help reduce speeding within the villages.



Inspector
Mark Shipton



Engagement Officer
PC Helen Self

Bury St Edmunds

Over the festive period, the team at Bury attended a number of events including the Emergency Services Carol Concert at the cathedral. It was great to see such a wide representation from our partners, a broad mix of community groups and local residents. We were also well represented by members of the Suffolk Police and Fire Service cadet scheme, who looked resplendent in their uniforms!

We continue to work closely with our partners regarding the street drinking and begging initiative in the town centre. As part of this, we helped launch the 'Looking For Change' campaign with Bury Town Council, Bury Free Press, the Business Improvement District and West Suffolk Council. This initiative, now in its second year, is designed to divert the generosity of our communities into a central fund by donating money online, rather than handing over cash to those that purport to be needy on the streets. This central fund is then made accessible to those most in need to allow them to get food, warmth and shelter. It has also helped provide work related training and clothing for some, and continues to be an exceptional method of support for some of our most vulnerable individuals.

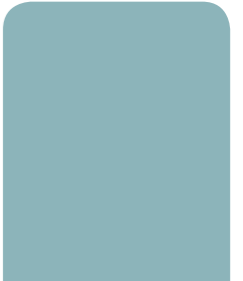
We now have a calendar of engagement with local schools under our banner of 'One Cop Stop' we will look forward to meeting as many young people as possible. To further support the schools in promoting work we do, officers have been busy patrolling some of our schools before and after the day in a bid to promote safety and reduce concerns around vulnerability.

We are always looking at innovative ways to engage with you, and recognise the importance of working with local shops, businesses and licensed premises. If you have an event, or an idea and think Bury St Edmunds police can help you raise awareness of it, then please do get in touch. Engagement underpins everything we do, and raising our profile is always high on the agenda.

Bury St Edmunds SNT



Inspector
Matt Paisley



Engagement Officer
Currently Vacant

Sudbury & Haverhill SNT

Sudbury & Haverhill

Our Neighbourhood Response teams have continued to be active targeting identified areas in our community where ASB and drug dealing have been reported. These have resulted in numerous searches and arrests. They have been well received by residents giving them reassurance. Our Safer Neighbourhood teams have also been involved in warrants. These again have yielded positive results with quantities of class A drugs and cash being seized.

We also welcome back PSCO Grant Skeggs who works in local schools. Grant will continue to work with young people, but will also be able to engage with the wider community. He'll attend both Great Cornard and Boxford in the next few weeks to give crime prevention advice.

It is always good to review our work and identify what can be improved on. The most positive feedback from yourselves has been on the occasions when I have been able to be on foot patrol in our towns and villages. I will therefore be spending more of my time doing just that in 2020. There has also been an increase in interest in Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch and other volunteer schemes. I fully support these and believe they have a positive impact in our communities. If you are interested in any of these please do contact me.

Officers in Sudbury and Haverhill have been conducting speed enforcement patrols in response to community concerns, with some verbal warnings and traffic offence reports issued. Finally, a male was arrested in Haverhill for multiple shoplifting offences and for breach of his community protection notice. He has been remanded and we hope this will provide some relief to the locals.



Inspector
Danny Cooper



Engagement Officer
PC Jon Gerrish

Stowmarket SNT

Stowmarket

It seems like a long time ago now, but we had a busy time over Christmas as we attended some great events in the area, including visits to schools (PD Morse came along to one in Somersham), the Befrienders club, and a parish council meeting to talk about rural crime. Our police cadets had a little bit of time away from police related subjects, and enjoyed the panto 'Peter Pan' at the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds.

During December and January, Stowmarket had six burglaries, and our enquiries into these continue. Inspector Wakeling (left), in a recent interview on BBC Radio Suffolk, spoke about our targeted response to these. As part of a dedicated operation, some of our activity will see us increase high visibility patrols in affected areas, conduct house to house visits, and issue social media appeal requests, along with exploring all avenues around forensic evidence and CCTV footage. On Saturday 25 January, our police cadets were out and about in those areas affected by the burglaries, conducting reassurance patrols and handing out crime prevention material. Meanwhile, PC Henriksen (left below) was in Stowmarket town centre meeting the public and providing crime prevention advice, and answering any questions.

As well as getting along to chat with some of our communities over a cuppa, we have a number of engagements including a careers event in Thurston on 5 February for those interested in joining the force in the future. On Saturday 29 February 10am to 12 noon, we will be at Rickinghall village hall talking about rural crime, crime prevention and any local issues. We will be joined at this event by the rural crime team, local neighbourhood watchteam and the crime prevention team to offer their expertise.



Inspector
Shawn Wakeling



Engagement Officer
PC Stefan Henriksen

SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP



REDUCING CASUALTIES IN SUFFOLK

THE TEAM

The camera safety team is instrumental in reducing casualties through a targeted approach to speeding vehicles on our roads. This is achieved by adopting various intelligence led activities. For example, targeting collision and casualty hotspots where statistical data has been analysed or addressing complaints by members of the public supported by speed data.

The aim of the team is not to punish motorists through enforcement activity, but to re-educate them as to the danger of excess speed, which has become socially unacceptable. This can be achieved through providing alternatives to prosecution by offering those drivers that meet the criteria a speed awareness course, with the aim of improving a person's understanding of the implications of driving at excess speed.

FATAL FOUR

More than half of all road deaths are associated with one or more of what have commonly become known as the 'fatal four' contributory factors to collisions.

These are drink driving or driving whilst impaired by drugs, speeding, careless driving (including dangerous driving, driving with a distraction such as mobile phone use etc.) and failure to wear seatbelts. Driving without insurance or a licence is also associated with a disproportionate level of death and injury.

FAQs

Do you have to be visible while enforcing? No, there are no laws about visibility but we maintain that being visible can be a deterrent.

Do you have to be a police officer? No, the enforcement officer can be a civilian. In 2019, our enforcement officers were given 'designated powers' to prevent the public causing an obstruction.

Aren't you just a cash cow? The offender pays for their own punishment and so does not cost the tax payer a penny. For us it's not about how many motorists we catch, it's about how many we deter from speeding. Our vision is to strive to make Suffolk's roads safer.

THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT IS FORMIDABLE

We have two types of mobile cameras in operation. One for the main roads and the other for 30 and 40mph roads in and around smaller villages.

- Our large vans have four cameras mounted inside. It has a 1000-metre range and produces very clear images and video evidence. We are also able to detect mobile phone offences, seatbelt offences along with many other driving offences.
- Our hand-held camera is placed on a tripod in the 30mph and 40mph sites. This also has a long range on it and produces video and photographic evidence.

Camera operators all have IQ level 3 awards in Road Safety Enforcement Technology for Laser Operators – a qualification, delivered over four days, recognised and valued by the UK courts.

We also have fixed cameras in Suffolk, two spot speed, Coddendam and Benhall. Two average speed cameras, Orwell Bridge and A12 Hughes Corner.

PROACTIVE AND DEDICATED TEAM

YEAR	SITES VISITED BY MOBILE CAMERA
2016	1008
2017	1353 34% INCREASE
2018	2018 49% INCREASE
2019	3639 80% INCREASE



DID YOU KNOW?

1.

As well as causing untold misery and grief to victims and their friends and family, road accidents are expensive. Preventing just one fatal accident can make savings to the economy of approximately **£2.2 million**. In 2019 there were 27 fatalities on our roads.

2.

Since the introduction of Safety Camera Partnerships, nationally we have seen a massive 81% reduction in the number of killed or seriously injured (KSI) at fixed camera sites.

3.

At sites where, mobile enforcement takes place **we've reduced the number of KSI casualties by 78%**. Over the last 10 years the savings for tax payers is immense.

4.

All monies made from the courses are used by the partnership, it pays for the staff, vehicles, camera equipment. Any surplus is then bid for by other road safety teams within the Constabulary.



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