

## **Civic & Community Committee 20 June 2018 – Appendix B**

### **Felixstowe Town CCTV Police Report – January to March 2018.**

I have changed the details of the quarterly CCTV report to highlight some examples of incidents resulting in prosecution or formal action from the Police.

In some of the investigations the CCTV images have been the only reason a suspect was identified. In others the images have supplemented and assisted in corroborating witness or Police Officer evidence.

When we have a CCTV volunteer operator on duty the CCTV can be used to alert Police to incidents or monitor groups of people leaving the licenced venues on the sea front for example.

On other occasions when there is no volunteer monitoring, Officers investigating incidents submit a request for a DVD copy of images recorded on the cameras to be prepared as evidence to assist them.

#### **Court Results examples;**

##### **12/01/2018 Hamilton Gardens, Felixstowe.**

CCTV operators monitored suspicious activity in the large shelter behind the town hall. Officers were dispatched and a male and female both subsequently received official Cannabis warnings after a search by the Officers.

There were other occasions when Officers were directed towards potential public order incidents at the bottom of Bent Hill and managed to intervene before any serious assaults occurred.

The CCTV system is generally operating more reliably and STC have attended promptly when faults have been reported to them.

Consideration to be given for the lighting in shelters to remain on to assist in identification of any suspects. Currently lighting is still going off just before mid-night.

There is a vacancy for a volunteer to be trained to prepare digital images as exhibits for investigating Officers. The volunteer that currently does this role is soon to retire.

It is my intention to continue to produce a quarterly CCTV report which will be made available to the council to help them evaluate the effectiveness of the CCTV system. If you have any feedback or questions relating to this report then please come back to me.

Regards

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