

Civic & Community Committee 19 September 2018 – Appendix C

Felixstowe Town CCTV Police Report – April to June 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;

26/5/2018 Damage was caused to the front window at the Felixstowe Grill in Bent Hill. CCTV helped to confirm the actions of a suspect arrested by Police nearby and he subsequently received a Police Caution and paid £1000 in compensation to repair the window.

25/6/2018 Theft from shops in a supermarket in Hamilton Road. Shop and Town CCTV help to identify a male suspect who is arrested and charged with the offence of theft, receiving one day in custody.

30/6/2018 Burglary other Building at a convenience store in Orwell Road. CCTV images identified the suspect who was arrested and charged for this offence. He received a 12 week Custodial sentence and ordered to pay £200 compensation.

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.

2 other volunteers are being trained to join the CCTV unit.

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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