

# Constable's COUNTY



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**2023**

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# INTRODUCTION

Recognising officers, staff and police volunteers is extremely important, and I was delighted to host our recent two Long Service Ceremonies at Venue 16 in Ipswich. I was joined by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk Clare, Countess of Euston one evening, and on the other by the High Sheriff of Suffolk Mark Pendlington DL, and Judge Martyn Levett DL, who all assisted in presenting a number of awards including Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to members of the constabulary, recognising their excellent work and service given to the community of Suffolk, together with the presentation of Royal Humane Society Awards, Judges' Commendations and Chief Constable Certificates. Both evenings were an opportunity to come together with family, friends, and the wider policing family to be recognised for the very important role they each play. We heard of remarkable examples of service and dedication, and I was pleased to recognise the contribution made by them all. I was also absolutely delighted to present Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service with a certificate in recognition of its 75th anniversary of keeping people safe and supporting the communities of Suffolk in leading healthy lives. The constabulary is a proud partner of the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, enjoying progressive growth through the sharing of premises and supporting the joint emergency service cadet programme. Chief Fire Officer Jon Lacey received the award on behalf of all his colleagues, and I thank them all for their continued collaborative approach to delivering a high level of public service and support to the constabulary.

Last month our Contact and Control Room hosted an eleven hour tweetathon to demonstrate the level of demand and variety of incidents control room operators respond to on an average day. The aim was to build on public confidence by raising awareness of when it is appropriate to call the police and highlight the online channels that could be used as an alternative method of contact. A total of 283 CADs, or police incidents, were created during the event. 551 calls were received via 999 and 248 via the non-emergency 101 number. 85 crimes were reported online and 27 enquiries were made via the Live Chat service, which is available weekdays between 9am and 5pm. 246 tweets were issued by @SuffolkPolice, which received 86 comments, 122 re-tweets and more than 800 'likes'. Most calls were public order offences, antisocial behaviour reports, road related issues and domestic abuse incidents. Other calls received included shoplifting reports, concerns for safety and animal-related calls such as escaped piglets and a dog locked in a hot car. The tweetathon provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of using the right methods to contact us. The 999-emergency line should only be used when there is a crime in progress, or threat to life. Sometimes, however, the 999 line is used inappropriately as demonstrated by the request for a lift from police to hospital, or the report of a collision that had occurred hours before. Being able to demonstrate the inappropriate use of the 999 system also allowed us to highlight the other reporting mechanisms that Suffolk Constabulary offers. Online reporting is a very efficient way to tell us about anything that is not an emergency.



The live chat facility is a brilliant way to obtain information and advice quickly, available in 100 languages and staffed by operatives that have the same knowledge and training as our call takers. One of the benefits of this service is that operators can handle multiple queries at once, enhancing the service the public receive. The Suffolk Constabulary website holds a host of information: crime prevention advice, a reporting facility for non-injury road traffic collisions and incidents of anti-social behaviour, as well as details of how to contact the correct agency for queries around noisy neighbours, lost property such as pets, or road maintenance such as faulty traffic lights or potholes. It also provides the additional option to report an incident that does not require immediate assistance to help alleviate the call demand and enable staff in the control rooms to focus on more urgent issues.

**Chief Constable  
Rachel Kearton**

Last month I had the pleasure to attend the annual training and information day for our independent custody visitors at Suffolk's police headquarters in Martlesham along with Chief Inspector Rob Wicks.

It was fantastic to meet the many volunteers who give their time to visit our PICs unannounced to check on detainees. They are tasked to ensure everyone is treated with dignity and to check on the rights, entitlements, well-being of the individuals.

At the training day there was some focus on the needs of female detainees and what can be done to help those suffering with mental health conditions. Recently there has been some increasing concern regarding the effects of the menopause on women in the workplace (quite rightly in my view) and we were privileged to receive a presentation entitled "menopause in custody" from Claire Taylor from the Sussex Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The purpose was to increase awareness of the effects and the potential consequences of menopause as a vulnerability and enable custody visitors to give this due consideration during their visits. This will result in a more customised approach for men and women accordingly.

There are other specific physical and medical welfare needs that could affect women and therefore need to be taken account of. This could include proper care plans, better empathy during the interview process and improved signposting to suitable support services. I am really

looking forward to working with our custody visitors on these important areas of inspection and advice.

During the afternoon session there was an update on the mental health liaison and diversion services available in the custody facilities. In summary this scheme is focussed on good partnership work and helping ensure that people in trouble with the law that are suffering mental ill health receive the right help in the right place and whenever possible they are diverted away from the criminal justice system. Custody suites are clearly not the correct accommodation for people in mental health crisis – in fact detention can often make their condition worse and much more traumatic for staff and the individual.

We are all indebted to the custody visitor volunteers for their commitment and dedication. Their influence and support is greatly appreciated by us all and they operate throughout the year each day of the week and sometimes there can be a degree of personal risk, although the scheme is carefully managed. These volunteers are a shining example to us all – wonderful people!

If you know someone who may be interested in the role please direct them to my website, [suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/independent-custody-visitors](https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/independent-custody-visitors).

**Police and Crime Commissioner  
Tim Passmore**



# EAST

**EAST**  
Area Commander  
Superintendent  
Matt Carney



## LOWESTOFT, BECCLES & BUNGAY

PC Chris Pallett, Community Engagement Officer

Summer is in full swing and we have already had so many events and engagements in the last few weeks already.

One of the biggest events I have attended so far was the popular Armed Forces Day on Lowestoft Sea Front which attracted hundreds of people from all over to join in with the many activities and free entertainment from local bands and performers. It was so good to see so many people there and we had a fantastic and extremely busy day talking to so many residents. I was lucky to have a few Emergency Services Cadets and a Special Constable to help me with the fingerprint key rings and display of Police uniform that we had on the stand for the event.

The following day saw the Sotterley County fair and again the turnout was phenomenal. SC Wittmann was extremely excited when he got to pose next to an American police vehicle, I'm guessing the performance will be slightly better than my electric van.

As ever ASB patrols have continued all over the town as well as Beccles and Bungay however we still get requests for further a further police presence at certain locations. Lately we have unfortunately seen a rise in ASB incidents at The Sparrow Nest area of Lowestoft, more specifically the bowling green. There has been a group of individuals who have fun by visiting the green to use the finely preened playing area for numerous other activities such as throwing stuff at each other, football, drinking, smoking and general merriment. If the space is actually being used for its purpose such as, weirdly enough, lawn bowls, then the group will continue with their merriment and throw stuff on the green, shout obscenities and be generally annoying.

Patrols are being carried out regularly by the SNT who have also liaised with East Suffolk Council to try and improve security at the location.

It takes a lot of hard work and money to maintain the bowling green and people want to be able to use it safely and in peace whenever they like. We request that people use the large grassy area away from the

green for any activities. Any offences will be dealt with robustly.

The East Sentinel team continue with their good work within the town and have recently had some very good results. Latest one being a disqualified driver who was stopped in North Lowestoft whilst intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving whilst over the prescribed limit, driving whilst disqualified and no insurance. The vehicle was also seized at the scene.

As well as patrols on land, we have also had the benefit of patrols along the River Waveney by our Broads Beat team who attended a recent event in Oulton Broad. The team conduct numerous patrols on the river and on this particular day engaged with people at the Waveney River Centre, Oulton Broad and Dutch Tea Gardens.



Just a reminder before I go that best way to report non-urgent matters to us is via our website at [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) I still get lots of enquiries on my travels with regards the best way to report matters which doesn't involve using the telephone. Online is the quickest and easiest method and will prevent being on hold whilst using the 101 service.

Until next time, enjoy the rest of you summer and stay safe.

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## MEET THE TEAM

- Saturday 19 August 2023  
Nicholas Everitt Park, Lowestoft for a Street Meet and a crime related engagement event run by volunteers at the Museum within the park. Event will run between 13:30 - 15:30.
- Sunday 20 August 999 Day  
Lowestoft Transport Museum. All day event at the museum, I will be in attendance as will fellow CEP PC Yeldham and the emergency services cadets.
- Marham Green village fete,  
Kessingland Saturday 26 August 2023 11:00 – 15:00.
- Saturday 16 September Emergency Services Day at Lowestoft Library 10:00 – 12:00.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Requests for more of a visible police presence within the town centre due to ASB issues. PC Christian Meen and PCSO Michael Soanes have been on patrol most days in response and their updates and pictures can be found on our Lowestoft Police Facebook Page.
- Requests for more of a police presence in the area of Sparrows Nest, especially the bowling green due to increased ASB. Patrols conducted by PC Christian Meen, PC Graham Baker and Sgt Bemment. Working with partner agencies to increase security, CCTV coverage and signage in the area.
- Reports regarding increased ASB during the summer months near to Beccles Lido. Increased patrols by PCSO Ben Hedley-Lewis and PC Amy Yeldham in the summer months and engaging with the youths to prevent further problems at the location.
- Numerous reports regarding the derelict Jeld Wenn building and potential dangers to the youths who keep gaining access to the building. Liaised with East Suffolk Council ASB team along with the building owners to increase security at the location to try and reduce access to local youths.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Anti-social behaviour in the town centre and local parks during the summer months. Mainly focussed in the evenings with groups of young people causing a nuisance.
- Prevention work for burglaries – as the evenings get lighter and the weather improves, more people work outside their premises and creating opportunities for opportunistic thefts/burglaries we are raising awareness to help reduce this.
- Reducing violence in a public place – Working with licensed premises and partners in our councils, we will target 'hot-spots' and deal robustly with persistent offenders and locations.

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Inspector  
Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay locality.

# EAST

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Area Commander  
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Matt Carney



## HALESWORTH DISTRICT

PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer

Never a dull day as such with the very changeable weather in the East, sun hats to umbrellas within half an hour is I must say quite a feat, but that doesn't stop your local officers like PC Fall, PC Flatt and PC Stordy from Safer neighbourhood Team conducting speed enforcement in many locations including Eye, Debenham and Horham. Speed enforcement will continue throughout the year.

I have been lucky enough to attend many of the local schools for different events and inputs some of those schools included Stradbroke high school for their year 9 careers event, Worlingworth Primary school chatting with years 5/6 about anti-social behaviour and Leiston Primary school for their school fete. PCSO King has also been to Bungay High School with PCSO Hedley-Lewis and chatted to staff and pupils who attend.



I would like to remind everyone about general security of homes and outbuildings as we have had a few home and outbuilding burglaries in the East, you can do your own security check of your property with the First Principle A-Z of crime prevention which can be found on the Suffolk Police website under the advice button [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk).

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**Inspector**  
Liz Casey

Inspector Liz Casey is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Halesworth locality.



Our Special Constabulary Colleagues S/ Sgt Bones, SC Hayden and T/Special Chief Officer Booker attended Reydon Summer fete which was by all accounts a fantastic day of summer for everyone as the sun was shining and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Many SNT Officers and Community Engagement Officers throughout the county took part in Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week in early July, PC Stordy and PC Flatt were in Eye with the local council and Houses 4 Homes staff, that chatted to residents, visitors, and business owners in the local area.



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## YOU SAID... WE DID

- You said – Residents raised concerns over anti-social behaviour in the area of Halesworth town centre and park area.
- We did – Increase in police patrols in the area, crime prevention advice given to residents and businesses in the area. This area will remain a focus going forward.
- You said – Residents and businesses raised concerns over anti-social behaviour in the area of Halesworth town Centre and park area.
- We did – Extra patrols conducted; crime prevention advice given.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in Leiston and Halesworth and surrounding areas.
- Focus on shed and garage crime prevention in all areas.
- Reduce disorder and violence.

# WEST

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Superintendent  
Janine Wratten



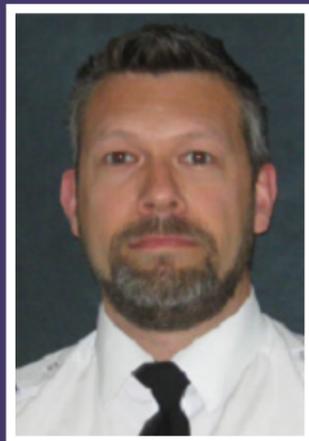
## BURY ST EDMUNDS

PC Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer

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Inspector  
Andy Beeby

Inspector Andy Beeby is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Bury St Edmunds locality.

I, along with many of my engagement officer colleagues from around the county, were at the Suffolk Show in the half term holiday year. There was a slight change to the usual stand this time around. All the emergency services were gathered into one emergency services zone. This worked well with lots of positive feedback and engagement. It was good to see many people make the journey to the show from Bury St Edmunds and the surrounding villages. Our police cadets need a mention for their sterling work making hundreds of fingerprint key rings for the children and occasional adult on both days.

A well-deserved mention to our Cyber Crime Team too, who had their first outing to the show this year. They had a near constant flow of people lapping up the cyber security and safe room activities along with the handouts and freebies. Lastly, I would like to thank the DCC Rob Jones for again donning the PD Morse mascot outfit and doing the rounds. Keeping with the theme of cadets. Our amazing Emergency Service Cadets based in Bury St Edmunds along with Volunteer Police Cadets volunteered to help at the Race for Life in Nowton Park. Hundreds of runners braved the heat to complete one of the three running routes for Cancer Research. All that finished were given a medal and energy boosting snack by the cadets at the finish line.



The team executed a misuse of drugs warrant at an address in Banks Walk in the town. This was following repeated reports of anti-social behaviour and drug use at the address. As a result of the warrant, four people at the property were arrested for several drug

related offences, with cannabis and suspected Class A drugs located and seized from the address. An amount for cash was also seized by officers under the proceeds of crime act. Suspects have been bailed pending further enquiries and consultation with the criminal prosecution service on proposed charges.

In St Andrews Street South. A community protection notice (CPN) was issued to occupants who were allowing a visitor to the address to cause prolonged and repeated nuisance to other residents and people walking past the address. The team also issued a Section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act notice to the occupants. The notice makes the occupiers aware that there is a criminal liability on them if they allow the premises to be used for certain drug related activity, this can be from smoking cannabis at the address to producing a controlled drug to supplying a controlled drug. The displaying of the Section 8 notice on the door also helps to prevent, in some cases, a vulnerable occupant from being cuckooed by county lines dealer. The notice tells dealers that this address is known to the police and subject to regular and random welfare checks. The local housing association also issued notice of intended possession to the occupants who have also been given an Acceptable Behaviour Contract to adhere to in the interim.

Officers and staff teamed up with HM Revenue and Customs for a joint operation in the town as part of national licencing week. The operation was to crack down on illicit items that find their way into shops. Over 500 illegal vapes, some of which are specifically targeted at young people, were seized. 200 bottles of alcohol were also seized with one male arrested for an Immigration Act offence. Illegal and unregulated products can have very serious health implications for the community and contribute towards ASB and other criminal offences.

Along with the Bury St Edmunds town PCSO Mark Ellis, I have continued with cycle marking events. On this occasion we were at Abbots Green Primary school. As a school will a large number of cycle riders, we were able to complete the first of many batches of cycle marking.

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## YOU SAID... WE DID

- The team, supported by our neighbourhood response team, continue to target the individuals and groups who commit the ASB that effects the community and businesses in our town. The PCs and PCSOs in the SNT are skilled ASB practitioners. The use a wide range of tools at their disposal to deal with ASB. This can range from notices and orders to delivering talks to groups about what is ASB, how to record and report it. Most importantly attending incidents promptly and robustly dealing with offenders by the most appropriate method.
- During the recent ASB awareness week, PCSOs Michelle Crompton and Mandy Pooley were out and about in the town providing residents with information about triggering an ASB case review. This is a process that allows victims of ASB who feel no action has been taken to have the case reviewed to provide a more satisfactory outcome. A case review can also be initiated if you have reported ASB to district/borough council or your housing provider. Information and advice about dealing with and reporting ASB is available on our website.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- ASB town centre McDonald's, bus station & Cornhill. Groups of youths gathering and intimidating the public.
- Street drinking in the town centre - Public Spaces Protection Order drinking and begging prohibition exists. These issues effect public perception, fuel retail crime and drugs in the town centre.
- Theft from motor vehicle on Bury St Edmunds housing estates.

# WEST

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Inspector  
Connor Lyon

Inspector Connor Lyon is responsible for the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon locality.

## MILDENHALL

### Community Engagement Officer

The summer is well and truly upon us, even if the weather doesn't seem to realise this. Officers have been working hard to keep up with summer demand, but we have been seeing the continuing success in our bid to be pro-active and target drug supply in Newmarket. This has resulted in another male being held on remand and Tobias Stevens being sentenced to 32 months in prison. The hard work of the serious crime disruption team in achieving these convictions cannot go without mention, and this is supported by continued efforts of the local SNT and NRT officers.



During the ASB awareness week from 3 July, PCSOs Bill Butcher and Anne-Marie Powell were busy all over Forest Heath had stalls in Brandon, Newmarket and Mildenhall and were joined at times by representatives from Samphire Housing. On top of this they were busy at a further engagement for fraud scam awareness and gave out over 150 leaflets throughout this.



We continue to work hard to try and reduce ASB in the areas and have had success in obtaining a criminal behaviour order (CBO)

against a juvenile male who had been involved in long term ASB in Mildenhall. We have also recently charged and remanded a male for breaching his CBO for causing offences while drunk. Monday 17 July saw Colonel Jacobus relinquish command of the 100th Air Refuelling Wing to Colonel Garlow. I would like to say a thank you to Colonel Jacobus for his work in the time he spent at RAF Mildenhall and extend a welcome to Colonel Garlow and look forward to continuing working closely the USAF.

We have seen a recent spate of thefts from vans in Newmarket and I would like to take this chance remind people to stay vigilante and not leave valuables in sight and to look to remove valuable tools overnight if you are concerned about possible break ins. There has been increased patrols in the area and this has been shared with our friends in the Roads and Armed Policing Team (RAPT) for their awareness in patrols.

We have heard the complaints of speeding in some of our parishes and the local priorities for June were updated to reflect this. This will be considered again for upcoming priorities where we will continue to listen to the members of community and do what we can to address any concerns.



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## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Whilst being out and about on foot patrol engaging in the community the need for a regular attendance on key days, like market days, has become apparent. As a result of this we have been making ourselves available on these days either with our "pop up shop" or by conducting foot patrols, to give you the opportunity to speak with officers.
- Following ongoing reports of ASB in the Peterhouse Close area of Mildenhall we have worked with partner agencies and the children involved to conduct positive diversionary tactics to assist in managing those involved. This has included educating the parents of the children on their responsibilities, especially if this puts them in direct breach of tenancy agreements, if in social housing. We have seen a swift reduction of the issues following a period of focused work.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Anti-Social Behaviour
  - The Guineas Shopping Centre, Newmarket – Youth ASB
  - Mildenhall Town Centre – Precinct, Sainsburys and surrounding areas
  - Yellow Brick Road, Newmarket
- Op Velocity (County Lines drug supply and dealing in the Forest Heath area)
  - Intel submissions
  - Section 8 and Cuckoo Visits
- Acquisitive Crime i.e theft, fraud, robbery
  - Business burglaries in Newmarket
  - Theft of number plates
  - Building site thefts
- Licensed Premises
  - Innkeeper updates
  - Night Time Economy checks and record any breaches
  - Licensed premises checks (underage drinking, opening hours, licensee)

# WEST

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## SUDBURY

PC Darren Marshall, Community Engagement Officer

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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T/Inspector  
Ben Hollands

Temporary Inspector  
Ben Hollands is  
responsible for  
the two Safer  
Neighbourhood Teams  
in the Sudbury and  
Haverhill locality.

Just a few days ago, I had privilege of delivering roadside training to the all-new Great Waldingfield Community Speed Watch (CSW) team. This busy and growing village has the B1115 cutting across it and did have a previous CSW which sadly folded when the then coordinator passed away a few years ago. Parish Councillor David Harris has picked up the baton and along with his initial cohort of six volunteers, they'll now be out at the eight carefully selected sites in the village in a bid to deter speeders. Several of our surrounding parishes now have an active CSW group, please remember that they are not generating speeding tickets but are trying to reduce casualties on our roads which can only be a good thing. I have been first on scene to many a fatal road collision and when all is said and done, speeding has almost always been a key factor. Speeding remains the biggest complaint I receive when out on patrols. I was recently packing up my kit at a little engagement in one of our smaller parishes when a gentleman wanted to speak with me about speeding in this, his home parish. We had a productive chat on the topic and after a few minutes his good lady came in to see what was keeping him. On establishing the conversation theme, she said "I hope you've told the officer that you've been done for speeding twice recently in the next village". I would have liked to have been a fly on the wall in that car as they drove off moments later... under 30mph. I'm sure. There is a moral to this in that most of us wish for lower speeds in our towns, our estates and villages, but we must honour this when we pass through other communities too. Most people I stop and deal with for speeding are less than 5 - 10 minutes from home. Good Luck to David and the team and thanks to the continued generous volunteering of all our district CSW's

Since the last edition, my teammates, our cadets and I have made it out to as many community events as we could alongside our day-to-day work. Monks Leigh Fete, Wells Hall Primary School Fete and Sudbury's very own Party in The Park to name but a few. We relish these opportunities to speak with lots of people, both young and not so young, to simply say hello and on occasions hear their community concerns. Just a couple of

weeks ago, this was certainly the case when, we co-hosted a stall on Sudbury's Thursday Market during the national Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week. We had dozens of meaningful conversations and drew much community intelligence from passers-by as did the other partner agencies who were alongside us on the day. It was a build-up of community intelligence and the swift action of local officers and detectives that led, a few days later, to the arrest of a local 42-year-old man for arson with intent to endanger life following an intentionally fire in the Minden Road area of town. If it hadn't been for the speedy response from our fantastic local Suffolk Fire and Rescue Crews, we could have had a much different outcome.

I can often be seen giving out stickers, pens, fingerprint keyrings and the occasional bit of advice but recently I was asked if I could loan out a real police hat. Reuben Hieron is a schoolboy at Tudor Primary School here in Sudbury and he wanted to look the part as he played a police officer in his school's summer play The Wind in the Willows. He asked so nicely, we had a rummage around and kitted him out for his three performances which were all at our very own Quay Theatre. I think he looked very smart, and his proud mum Natalie told me that the uniform boosted his confidence as he trod the boards. Well done Reuben, I hope to see a police cadet application come in from you when you're nearing your 13th birthday.



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## MEET THE TEAM

- Springlands Community Day of Action - 01/09/23 - Myself and our Sudbury Police Cadets will be working alongside Cllr. Alison Owen and local residents across the estate.
- Cycle Marking at Sudbury Green Market - 17/09/23 - Sudbury Police Cadets will be security marking presented pedal cycles and giving away security marking kits and crime reduction advice.
- Sudbury School Careers Fair at Sudbury Arts Centre/St.Peters Church - 27/09/23 - We'll have a stall there all day.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Following a spike in vehicle related ASB during the evenings, officers have been stepping up their patrols and working with the club to reduce the problem and the impact it has on the immediate neighbourhood. The out of hours access barrier is now being utilised and the S.59 Anti-Social Use of Motor Vehicle Warning signage has been freshened and made more prominent. Collectively this has led to a reduction in complaints.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Operation Velocity - the continued active targeting, intelligence development and disruption in all its forms to county lines drug dealers operating in our neighbourhoods.
- Operation Ashtray23 - overnight shed, garage and outbuilding break-ins where thieves are seeking to steal power tools, gardening equipment and pedal cycles. This has become an emerging local crime trend since the spring with the majority of offences having occurred in Little & Great Cornard areas and the northern parts of Long Melford.
- ASB Hotspots - Sudbury Rugby Club (youths and vehicle owners congregating) and Bures Recreation Ground (youths congregating)

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## HAVERHILL

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We attended the Clare community information day which was a first for Clare. We had a busy day with concerns from the community about speeding. Clare already has a community Speedwatch, but they are always looking for more volunteers to help them. I attended the Stansfield rural coffee van again we had complaints of speeding. I advised about the community speed watch and have assessed sites with them that they could use if they wish to set one up. The community Speedwatch team in Cavendish area always working hard to keep the roads safe. They are very dedicated and are looking for extra volunteers to assist them. If you would like to set up a community Speedwatch please email [community.speedwatch@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:community.speedwatch@norfolk.police.uk). You do need six volunteers to set the community Speedwatch up.

We had two days of the skill escalator days which Place Farm, Coupals, Cangle and Burton End Schools attended. I think the children really enjoyed them and learnt a lot. We discussed 999 calls and what emergency services are on 999. They learnt about fingerprints and did fingerprint cards. They also got to dress up in our uniform and have a look at all the equipment in our vehicles.

All the community engagement officers were together at the Suffolk show. We had lots of members of the public come to visit us at our stand in the superhero's village over the two days. We had a much bigger area this year with all the other emergency services. It was nice to chat to people from our areas who had gone over to visit the show. We were also joined by the cadets.

We conducted estate inspections in Clare with Havebury Housing, West Suffolk Council and Highways. We discussed lots of issues with local residents and the relevant agency picked up the enquiries.

Stoke by Clare village fete was a very hot day but still lots of people attended. The cadets attended with me and spoke to lots of people. The cadets did several of our fingerprint keyrings and handed out lots of stickers.

I attended career fair at Castle Manor Academy speaking to lots of students who were interested in the variety of policing jobs that we have on offer. I was joined by Daniella from our recruitment team. There were lots of different organisations at the event to give the students ideas on what careers they may like to go into.

We attended the Kedington café during modern day slavery week to advertise on the signs of modern slavery. Things to look out for include;

individuals who may show signs of psychological or physical abuse, appear frightened or confused, workers may not have free movement and may always be accompanied. They also may not have access to their own documents such as ID or their passports. As one of our priorities, we also gave advice on purse theft.

I attended the Haverhill show with our Emergency Service Cadets and Forest Heath Police Cadets where we were very busy locking people up in our van and doing hundreds of fingerprint key rings. PD Morse was in attendance and found a new friend. We had quite a few people interested in joining the Special Constabulary. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a special constable please email [specialsandvolunteers@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:specialsandvolunteers@suffolk.police.uk). This is a great way to either find out what the job is like or to give back to the community.

For ASB week representatives from Havebury Housing, West Suffolk Council, Highways and town/district councillors conducted the estate inspection around the Chalkstone. We were joined by members of the public and various issues were raised to the appropriate agency. I also did a street meet with Havebury housing for ASB week discussing drugs, parking and crime prevention for purse thefts. Lots of chains and purse bells were given out as we have seen an increase in purse thefts. We sent ASB letters to local secondary schools which was sent to parents as we had seen a slight increase in various ASB on our estates.

All the cadet units in Suffolk attended cadet camp in Martlesham. They undertook challenges, Haverhill cadets came third out of eight teams. Most importantly, they made friends with other cadets from different units. Cadets have units all over Suffolk for young people aged between 13-17 if you would like an application form, please email [cadetsinfo@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:cadetsinfo@suffolk.police.uk)



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## MEET THE TEAM

- 1st October – Daylight Robbery, Clare

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- We received information on drug dealing at an address in Shire Court Haverhill. We obtained a search warrant and drugs were located at the address.
- We received information on drug dealing at an address in Forest Glade Haverhill. We obtained a search warrant and drugs were located at the address.
- Information received about drug dealing in Little Wratting. A warrant was obtained at the address and the property was searched.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Op Velocity – drugs
- Proactive patrols at HMP Highpoint increase in throw overs.
- Purse thefts – town centre patrols

# WEST

**WEST**  
Area Commander  
Superintendent  
Janine Wratten



## STOWMARKET

PC Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer

Although it seems like such a long time ago now, Stowmarket SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) had an amazing time at the Suffolk show. We were very pleased to be part of the team that gave a taste of policing in the County, and it gave us the chance to engage with people from local areas and beyond.



behaviour) awareness week (Mon 3 July). As well as pop up events, we also worked with our partner agencies to have a day outside Tesco, Stowmarket, finding out how ASB affects the community and what can be done about it.

I am pleased to say that the funded PCSO position for Thurston has been filled and PCSO 3362 Matt Cecil Brown is already having an impact. Many of you will remember the name, as he worked in the Mid Suffolk area for 13 years as a PCSO, he is a very welcome addition to the team.



From 19 June, we again took part in this year's Crucial Crew, organised by The Mix in Stowmarket. Over seven days we were able to deliver a message on online safety and security to over 1,000 young people, from 42 Schools across Mid Suffolk. It's good fun and gives us the opportunity to deliver an important message to young people before they go up into High School.



In the last few weeks, we have continued to engage with our communities with 'Street meets', school visits, the Carnival, pop up events, Family Fun Day and foot patrols. As well as the chance to talk to our communities about any issues affecting them and what we are doing about it, or can do about it, we also discuss information around crime trends in the area and the best crime prevention available. This included the ASB (anti-social

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## MEET THE TEAM

- 19th August our regular 'Street meet' in Stowmarket, same place, and times as always. (9am-2pm, Wilkes Way, Stowmarket)
- 29 August – Street meet outside Co-op in Thurston 10am-2pm.
- 21 October – Market day street meet in Stowmarket.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Speeding continues to be a worry for our communities, and we aim to get out as much as possible to carry out speed enforcement, this may be by our Safety Camera team or by members of the SNT. We will continue to work closely with our town and parish councils, to reduce speed on our roads.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Commercial burglary in Mid Suffolk. Since 1 May 2023 there have been 24 commercial burglaries across Mid Suffolk targeting industrial companies and building sites.
- ASB issues on the Recreation Ground in Stowmarket.

# SOUTH

**SOUTH**  
Area Commander  
T/Superintendent  
Andy Martin



PC Chris Garrod

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Inspector  
Nicola Turner

Inspector Nicola Turner is responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Ipswich Central locality.

## IPSWICH CENTRAL

PC Chris Garrod and PC Gavin Bevan, Community Engagement Officers

Hello from Ipswich Central. The last few weeks have again been very busy for us, with various public and local engagements which we somehow manage to fit in around abstractions and our regular foot patrols through the town centre. During this time, we have had the pleasure of meeting some amazing people from all walks of life and it has been lovely to meet an increasing number of tourists visiting Ipswich from various countries. The work we carry out as community engagement officers is very diverse, hard work, sometimes unappreciated, but always very rewarding. I've included a few photos below of some of the events that we have attended in that last couple of months. One of the most memorable was the very busy Skills Escalator Days where PC Kate and I presented to over 350 primary school children over two days with rolling sessions, explaining the varied work that police officers do.



These sessions were held at Suffolk One and West Suffolk College Ipswich. I continue to work closely with the Ipswich Borough Council Community Safety Team, the photo below shows us at a Marginalised Community event which was a very positive networking event, where we got to meet and work with so many fantastic organisations offering people help and support to those that need it. The last photo shows me with some of the team from Suffolk Pride at their amazing youth outreach event that was held in The Hold, Suffolk Archives. This was a very entertaining family-based event that increased support, awareness and understanding of diversity and disabilities through live music, creative crafts and support groups and organisations.

We will continue to do as many events and engagements as we can physically attend or are able to do. We also continue promote 1st Principle. The link to this below will signpost you

to a wealth of crime prevention information, that help keep you, your loved ones and your property safe in your day to day lives. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/crime-prevention-z>



There have been and continue to be a lot of events being held throughout Ipswich over the Summer Holidays. These include Family Fun days organised by the Ipswich Borough Council. Please use the following links for more information.

<https://www.ipswichentertains.co.uk/> and <https://allaboutipswich.com/events>

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our experiences at these or future events.



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## MEET THE TEAM

- As always, I and my fellow CEOs will, where we are able to, keep you updated through social media pages with what we have been and are going to be up to. With this in mind, if there is anywhere in particular that you would like to see us or any local events, you'd like us to attend, please feel free to contact us on the following links.

[CEOipcentral@Suffolk.police.uk](mailto:CEOipcentral@Suffolk.police.uk)

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

Alternatively, please feel free to follow us on:

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## YOU SAID... WE DID

- As part of our ongoing joint working with the Ipswich Borough Council Safety Team and to increase the safety of people in Ipswich, there have been several initiatives recently implemented. Probably one of the most impactful is the installation of new high-definition cameras in new and key locations, some of these have a speaker system attached to them. The idea behind this is that an instant verbal preventative warning to be issued as soon as an incident begins to develop and before it becomes a bigger problem. This has proven to be very effective prevention tool in other towns previously.
- Some doorways to currently unoccupied premises in the town centre were beginning to look untidy and attract rough sleepers. Together with outreach projects to assist the homeless, these doorways have been made safer with new boarding and given a brighter more inviting look to the town by being decorated with new murals. There are no quick fixes for this and simply moving homeless people on from one place to another is not the solution. We are therefore continuing to work with outside agencies, stakeholders, councillors, and partner groups to find a long-term resolution to this, and all concerned.
- Op Hull preventative and reassurance foot patrols will continue throughout the town centre. We look forward to meeting you when we are out and about.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To target drug-related anti-social behaviour and associated quality of life issues across the locality
- To target alcohol-related anti-social behaviour within the town centre, college, and waterfront
- Op Silverton – Engagement with possible sex workers and aimed to disrupt / prevent this activity in Ipswich

# SOUTH

**SOUTH**  
Area Commander  
T/Superintendent  
Andy Martin



## IPSWICH WEST & HADLEIGH

PC Katie Jarrett, Community Engagement Officer

This has been my first summer as a community engagement officer and just wow, it's been incredible to have been invited to so many fetes and family events. I have had an absolute blast seeing the children and indeed some of the grownups trying on the uniform and having their fingerprints taken. I can't not mention the Suffolk show, it was such a pleasure to join all the other engagement officers from all over Suffolk to carry out this hugely popular event.

Making a lasting impression on our youngsters is imperative so I put my B in GCSE Drama to the test when I carried out 2 days of crucial crew. This is a national scheme which is run by Ipswich Borough Council's community safety team and scenarios are given to 10- and 11-year-olds from across Ipswich. The scenarios are all about safety and promoting how we react. My sessions were 29 minutes long and involved anti-social behaviour, evidence gathering, observation skills, hate crime and internet safety. My goodness me I was all talked out by the end, but I loved it. Similarly, I also attended two skills escalator days which have been happening all over Suffolk. I spoke to over 350 children over these two days about the skills you need to be a police officer. I even got them running on the spot after a pretend burglar. Of course, I joined in, I couldn't let the kids have all the fun.



I was busy visiting some of our schools before the holidays. I'm speedily approaching 42 and I still remember the police visiting my primary school approx. 35 years ago. I'd like to create the same lasting impression to the children I visit. I hear so many parents say to their children "you best behave, or the police will take you away". This saddens me, and I like to reiterate that we are here to try to keep you safe. By visiting the schools

and spending time with all the classes, even taking my packed lunch, and eating it with the children will hopefully leave that positive lasting impression.



I visited Dedham and Flatford which are absolutely stunning locations on the River Stour. They are incredibly popular locations for locals and tourists alike however there are some people ruining the tranquillity. Jumping from the bridges on a hot summers day might seem like a fun thing to do but in fact it is terribly dangerous and many an accident has occurred as a result. There are many hidden risks in the river.



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Inspector  
Ben Richards

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## MEET THE TEAM

- Thursday 21st September – 9:30am- Capel St Mary library
- Saturday 23rd September – 11am till 2pm – Bike marking event at Weavers Meadow, Hadleigh

Ipswich west and Hadleigh has said goodbye to locality Inspector Matt Breeze and welcomed Inspector Ben Richards.

I asked him to write a bio for you:  
I joined Suffolk Constabulary in 2018 and since then has predominantly worked as a Response Inspector in the West of Suffolk covering Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall, Sudbury, Stowmarket and Haverhill.

In 2022 I moved to be the custody manager at Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre and was responsible for all six Custody centres across Norfolk and Suffolk while acting as Bronze Commander with Joint Justice Services.

Moving to Ipswich Safer Neighbourhoods Team in June 2023, I am now slowly becoming familiar with community issues and operations unique to the West of Ipswich and Hadleigh. I am enthusiastic about working alongside partner agencies to create a safe and secure environment for all residents and visitors.

I live with my family within the West Ipswich area, and as a long-standing resident I am motivated to provide the best possible service in all aspects of policing.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Anti-social behaviour can have such a detrimental effect on lives, so during ASB awareness week I joined community safety officers from Babergh and Mid Suffolk district council outside Morrisons in Hadleigh. Meanwhile PC Harper and PC Milton joined Ipswich Borough Council and Tim Passmore the Police Crime Commissioner at Ellenbrook Green to speak to the local community about their concerns. Surveys were completed and results will be shared, and partnership work will continue.
- Officers have conducted several search warrants at premises across West Ipswich searching for drugs and evidence of drug dealing and county lines. We have also recently discovered county line dealers who are dealing from the addresses of vulnerable members of the community. We have acted swiftly in detaining and charging these individuals to appear before the next court.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Support to Operation Hull tackling gang related violence.
- Op Velocity focussing on drug dealing and county lines drug supply.
- Tackling ASB by targeted problem solving and partnership alliance working.



## FELIXSTOWE & WOODBRIDGE

PC Rachael Partridge, Community Engagement Officer

Let's start by welcoming Inspector Matt Breeze to Felixstowe and PCSO Tristan Clarke who I am sure you have seen patrolling the town of Felixstowe. Thank you to Inspector Nicola Turner who has moved to the Ipswich Town Centre.

Police summer engagements commenced with the Suffolk Show at Trinity Park. My CEO colleagues and I were present at the Emergency Services Zone where members of the public could meet officers and staff, explore our marked vehicles and equipment, have fingerprints taken to put on a keyring and obtain crime prevention advice. This was a great opportunity to engage with all members of the community in Suffolk and beyond. Felixstowe hosted an emergency services 999 day event in Hamilton Rd where PC Hannah Canning was joined by our police cadets. Children were able to try on police uniforms and crime prevention advice was on hand. The event was well attended and it proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable day. PC Rob Thorn was out and about in Woodbridge town centre on patrol where his police hat was exchanged for a more historic number.

that can be taken by those experiencing it. The theme this year was "know your rights" with particular focus on the ASB case review. If you have reported ASB at least three times you can activate an ASB case review where authorities come together to find a solution to stop the ASB. I attended Woodbridge Library with East Suffolk Council Communities Officer Julia Catterwell where we spoke to members of the public about how best to report ASB. I also accompanied East Suffolk Council Communities Officer Sharon Harkin on a walk about in Felixstowe town centre. We walked the length of Hamilton Rd where we spoke to businesses about their experience of ASB in the town and how to report incident of ASB to the Police and East Suffolk Council.

In Suffolk we have a number of Crucial Crew events. Crucial Crew is a national scheme that teaches young children in year 6 about keeping themselves and those around them safe at all times. I worked together with other officers and PCSOs to deliver a number of inputs over a two-week period to students from Ipswich schools about ASB prevention and how to stay safe online. The children engaged very well in group discussion and the activities provided. On the topic of school visits, PC Andrew Hillman attended Colneis Primary School Felixstowe children to provide an input for children at their school careers fair. I was recently invited to Trimley St Mary Primary School to speak with their reception children about how to stay safe and the role of a police officer. The children engaged well and asked some very interesting questions.



Running from July 3 to 9 ASB awareness week aimed to encourage communities to take a stand against ASB and highlight the actions



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- During this Summer period, the Community Engagement Officers are being seconded to work with their colleagues on the Safer Neighbourhood Teams to respond to the increased demands we see. Attendance at public events will be limited throughout August and early September and we look forward welcoming them back to their roles from 17 September.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

- Summer foot patrols are being conducted in towns in order to reduce ASB as reported by local residents

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- ASB of vehicles Tesco Car Park Martlesham Heath
- ASB Hamilton Rd and seafront Felixstowe

**SOUTH**  
Area Commander  
T/Superintendent  
Andy Martin



## IPSWICH EAST

PC Hannah Canning, Community Engagement Officer

The big event for us at May half-term was the Suffolk Show. It's one of the main events of the year where all of the Community Engagement Officers get together and work as one big team, alongside colleagues from RAPT, Rural Crime, Digital Crime, Recruitment, Civilians in Policing and more. Thank you to everyone who came to visit us over the two days.

After the Suffolk Show, we went straight into the Ipswich Crucial Crew fortnight. This is a multi-agency event for Year Six students, where they learn important safety messages and how to react to dangerous or threatening situations. Over the event we met nearly 1,500 young people from 29 schools, and delivered a police session on ASB, online safety, hate crime and investigations. It's a real team effort – so thank you to all the community engagement officers and PCSOs from across the South Suffolk area who took part.

PC Kate, PC Rachael and I went along to the Inspire Suffolk Family Fun Day in June – it really was a scorcher, so ice-cream was most definitely required. We met lots of local families and were able to chat about any concerns.

I've had lots of invitations to local secondary schools recently – attending for a wide variety of reasons including walkabout sessions at Ipswich Academy, careers talks at Suffolk New College Rural Campus, Ipswich Academy and Kesgrave High School and a Community Fair and Celebration Assembly at Northgate. I also managed to get along to the school fair at The Sir Bobby Robson School which caters for students with social, emotional and mental health needs and autism. It was great to see the students enjoying the event and taking part in all the different activities on offer.

We've also been busy with the Suffolk Constabulary Museum – opening up to visitors on Suffolk Day and managing visits for other groups – thank you to the museum volunteers and cadets for giving up their time to support this. If you have an interest in policing history and have some spare time we are always looking for

more volunteers – please get in touch with [specialsandvolunteers@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:specialsandvolunteers@suffolk.police.uk) for more info.

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## YOU SAID... WE DID

- We received reports of vehicle ASB on Ipswich Waterfront – patrols have increased in the area, drivers have been spoken to and warning letters issued and we are working with partner agencies to get a more permanent solution in place.
- After receiving intelligence in relation to drug activity in East Ipswich, two warrants were carried out at residential addresses and items including suspected drugs and weapons were seized. We are also working with partner agencies to safeguard a vulnerable individual living at another address who has been subject to cuckooing in his home.
- Patrols were increased around the Kemball Street area of Ipswich after we received a report of drug activity in the area.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Targeting anti-social and crime in Felixstowe, to make the community feel more safe and supported.
- Speeding and the anti-social use of vehicles, to increase road safety and to make the community feel more safe and supported.
- 3 – Tackling drug supply by targeting those that exploit vulnerable members of the community.

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