

## **REPORT TO GREAT BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2008**

Since your last meeting on the 21st July 2008 there have been no reported crimes.

How you compare with others for the same period:

<b>Tuddenham</b>	3
<b>Clopton</b>	8
<b>Westerfield</b>	2
<b>Witnesham</b>	4
<b>Grundisburgh</b>	6
<b>Burgh</b>	0

### **Burglaries**

With the nights now drawing in at an earlier time, it is recommended that you start to consider placing your lights on timer switches if you are out of your house during the evening time. These are readily available at most supermarkets and DIY stores. Please keep vigilant and keep your houses and outbuildings secure at all times. Don't give an opportunist burglar an advantage. If you see any suspicious person on any property please call the police on 999.

Outside lighting - analysis has shown that offenders don't like to commit crime when in the spotlight. Unlike the movement sensor security lights, the dusk to dawn light is on permanently throughout the evening/night and hopefully deterring any potential offenders, these can be purchased from most DIY stores.

Shed alarms are becoming more popular and can be purchased at most Suffolk Constabulary police stations or at Wickham Market Police Surgery, which is run by John HOE (Police Volunteer) who is contactable on 07522861150.

### **Theft from motor vehicles**

This is an ongoing problem and I urge you all to take valuables out of your cars and ensure they are secure at all times, even when parked on your own driveways. Generally most vehicle crime occurs during the evening or overnight, when vehicles are left insecure on private driveways and other car parking areas. If you own a satellite navigation system, ensure this is removed and taken away with the user. Wipe away any securing mark on the windscreen, which may attract a potential thief. Thieves are aware of all the hiding places in all vehicles – so don't leave it in the glove box or any other place within the vehicle!

Thefts from motor vehicles are still occurring at rural locations, particularly those areas used by dog walkers. If you take your dog out to a rural location for a walk, or use a rural parking area, please take your valuables with you when you leave your car, or leave them at home if you don't need them. You never know who is watching you when you park up and place your handbag under the seat or in the boot!

### **Theft from gardens**

Please remember to remove any personal items from your front gardens when not in use, as items on show like bicycles, prams, garden heaters etc attract offenders into your neighbourhood.

Of late, there has been an increase of theft of domestic oil from storage tanks in gardens and within grounds of other properties. Two such offences have occurred recently within our SNT area. On this occasion the perpetrators were arrested and dealt with by the police. These simple steps may help prevent your diesel being stolen – SAVE IT:

Secure the perimeter – eg a gate on the driveway.

Alarm the tank/use a locking cap.

View – screen the tank from view.

Ensure vicinity of tank is illuminated by PIR/dusk to dawn lighting.

Insurance – check you are covered.

Telltale pipework – cover or shield from view.

We want anyone with information to contact the Team or contact CrimeStoppers free on 0800 555 111. If you see anyone acting suspiciously on any premises dial 999.

### **Review of SNT's**

Under the new structure of SNT's, Grundisburgh Ward and Winesham Ward are merging with the current Kesgrave SNT and the new proposed name for the SNT is Kesgrave and District SNT.

The Wards of Otley and Wickham Market will merge with the existing Woodbridge and Melton SNT and the whole of the Wilford Peninsular SNT. The proposed name for the new SNT is Woodbridge and District SNT.

These changes come into effect from the 14 October 2008.

Parish clerks will be advised (in due course) of the new Sergeant, Police Constables and PCSO's Team members, following a staff selection process next week.

### **Stray Dogs - New Regulations**

New national regulations came into force on 6th April 2008, which means that Suffolk Constabulary will no longer be able to take in stray dogs at any police stations. Section 68 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, removes the power of the police to seize or receive stray dogs handed in by the public. The responsibility for dealing with stray dogs will rest solely with the local authorities.

Mike Shields, Superintendent at Suffolk Police, said: "Currently, when someone has lost or found a dog the information is collated by the police and the local authorities. With the introduction of the new regulations, all cases of lost or found dogs should be reported to the local authority only. This should make it easier for the public with only one point of contact and will increase the chances of owners being reunited with their dogs and will also free up staff within police stations to deal with other duties."

Suffolk Police will still be responsible for taking reports of criminal offences to do with dogs and for investigating these. These include dangerous dogs, dogs worrying livestock, and theft of dogs. Where necessary the police will still have powers to seize dogs for such offences.

## **Mobile Police Station**

The mobile police station will visit as many different parishes as possible. To see when it will be visiting your area, click on [Mobile Police Station](#) on our website [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

## **Police Direct**

For those of you that haven't signed up for Police Direct yet, please don't forget about it! The service is free, easy to use and is proving to be a very valuable policing tool.

The service doesn't just assist us it also benefits you. You will receive regular updates either via text, email or landline letting you know what is happening in your area.

Leaflets are available at all police stations or visit our website [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

## **Contacting the Police**

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime dial 01473 613500

To speak to myself or leave a message dial 01473 383486, but **please remember that this number IS NOT for reporting crime** and I may not pick the message up for some time if I'm on rest days.

Alternatively I can be contacted by email [Daniel.Wheddon@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Daniel.Wheddon@suffolk.pnn.police.uk). Or [wickham.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wickham.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

The Community Intelligence Hotline, 0800 783 9112 is a means of contacting the police (anonymously if preferred) and providing us with any information that you feel would assist us in the prevention and detection of crime.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Wickham Market Rural website please see [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

Please note that we have now gone 'live' with the new stats resource for Community Safety partnerships. You can find this at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/crimestatistics](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/crimestatistics) - click on the link labelled 'Interactive'.

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