

# Constable's COUNTY



AN UPDATE ON POLICING  
FROM THE EAST, WEST AND  
SOUTH OF THE COUNTY

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# INTRODUCTION

There's one subject regarding policing in Suffolk that has been raised with me at almost every meeting I have attended recently; you'll probably be able to guess what it is. It's the huge uplift in police numbers promised by the Prime Minister and what it means for Suffolk Constabulary.

Whilst I'm particularly pleased with the announcement, as it represents a welcome government step-change towards law and order and public safety, there is, so far, insufficient detail for me to provide a detailed response. Nevertheless, after years of retrenchment and financial difficulties, we should all be pleased.

For the last few years many have called for an increase in police numbers and nearly everyone I have spoken to is prepared to pay for it. My plea is let's work together and help ensure Suffolk receives its fair share. Personally, I am cautiously optimistic as I was fortunate to have face-to-face meetings with the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary recently and returned with the belief both were serious about the increase in police numbers. I do believe this is a genuine commitment and I have written to them both emphasising Suffolk's case for a fair share as we are just as deserving as anywhere else in England and Wales.

Thankfully, the Home Office also understands it isn't possible to switch on a tap and "hey presto" here are your extra officers. There needs to be increased training and learning capacity, more equipment and sufficient support staff – I've made this point very clear.

**Police and Crime Commissioner  
Tim Passmore**

Clearly, I will need some discussions with the Chief Constable regarding his plans for what the extra officers will do. I'm well aware people are concerned about visibility and how effective policing should act as a deterrent to the criminal fraternity and these views will be part of the conversation I have with the Chief.

Your view on policing in the county is really important to me. We've had a series of public engagement events right across the county and there are a few this month which I hope you might be able to attend. The Chief and I will be in Lowestoft on Thursday 10 October at the Wherry Hotel in Oulton Broad at 7pm and in Ipswich on Thursday 31 October at the Ipswich Community Church in Wilberforce Street at 7pm. I will also be with the Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team on Tuesday 8 October for an informal drop in session at the Cedars Park Hotel, we'll be there from 4.30-7pm for people to pop in whenever they can. If you have anything you'd like to raise with me personally please make a note of the dates and I look forward to seeing you there. There's no need to book, just turn up. Full details are on my website [www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk).

Lastly, I need your assistance in encouraging people to apply to join Suffolk police. It's a great career with a host of different opportunities and disciplines, so if you're interested or know anyone who might be interested the recruitment details can be found on the Constabulary website, [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk).



The recent announcement from the Prime Minister to increase the number of police officers and staff was very much welcomed in Suffolk.

I have taken part in a number of conference calls with other chief constables and the Home Office and work has already begun to work out how Suffolk's allocation is best used to ensure that we attract people from a diverse range of communities and also how best to deploy these additional officers and staff in roles across the county. All these decisions will be made following analysis and consultation and in line with the Police and Crime Plan. Our aim will be to continue to tackle crime and keep you safe by having the right people in the right places with the right skills and technology to protect and serve modern day Suffolk.

Every day police officers and staff do their very best to deliver a first-class service. We expect them to be courageous and protect the public. Last month my staff and I observed a minute's silence in memory of PC Andrew Harper from Thames Valley Police who was sadly murdered, and all the Constabulary flags were flown at half-mast. This was a stark reminder of the dangers that police officers face every day whilst protecting our communities. As a result of this tragic event and some other recent occurrences, a piece of work is now under way nationally to look at how we best protect police officers. I have expressed my views previously about tolerance in society towards public servants, not just police officers, who seem to be increasingly on the end of

**Chief Constable  
Steve Jupp**

assaults and I will continue to lobby in support of stiffer criminal justice penalties as we all need to stand together to show the real values of our society.

In October I am launching a programme of work called 'Creating Capacity'. I want my officers and staff to be busy doing the things that matter most to our communities by catching and convicting criminals and keeping the public safe. This work will look at what takes up a lot of our time and identify ways of doing things differently whilst still maintaining high standards. Success will mean that our staff have more time to work on what our communities are most concerned about.

Sadly the summer has almost come to an end and I have really enjoyed attending a number of public events which culminated at the beginning of September at the multi-cultural day in Ipswich. Thanks to everyone who came to our stands to see what we do on your behalf and to talk to me personally in relation to what we do in Suffolk Constabulary. I can assure you that all of your thoughts and comments are used by me to help us evolve as an organisation. There are three more public events planned for this year, the details of which are published on our website if you would like to come and talk to me about any concerns you may have.



# EAST

Area Commander



Superintendent Paul Sharp

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Lowestoft SNT

## Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay

Over the last month five men were charged in connection with theft of motor vehicles, the investigation was led by East Suffolk CID officers into a number of incidents across the East of England which has resulted in five men being charged with conspiring to steal motor vehicles. We remind residents that as the nights start to draw in to consider some key points on vehicle security, don't leave valuables on display, park in well lit places, lock all doors when the vehicle is unattended.

Lowestoft SNT and Scorpion Team have conducted several Misuse of Drugs Act warrants over the last couple of months including one in north Lowestoft where cannabis was seized and one in south Lowestoft where crack cocaine was seized. Some of the investigations are ongoing at present. Report information about crime anonymously through this link - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/tell-us-something-anonymously>

As Halloween fast approaches, I would like to remind you that seasonal high spirits can sometimes cross the line and be seen as antisocial or even intimidating. Occasionally groups of people knock at every door whether they know the residents or not, demanding some sort of gift or payment. For the vulnerable or older members of the community this can be both a distressing and intimidating experience. Do not disturb posters are available here for residents who do not wish to partake in Halloween revelry - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/dont-be-little-monster-halloween>



Inspector Liz Casey



Engagement Officer PC Amy Yeldham

Halesworth SNT



Inspector Mark Jackson



Engagement Officer PC Simon Green

## Halesworth, Leiston and Eye

Halesworth SNT has recently been investigating a number of burglary and theft offences in the Saxmundham area which have included theft of bicycles. The officers identified a suspect and traced them to an address in the town where a search was conducted, resulting in all the bicycles being recovered. They are now being returned to the owners. The suspect, who was not at home when officers attended, has not returned since and is currently being sought.

Our part of Suffolk is mostly rural, and crime sometimes seems to happen to those many miles from where we live. This encourages a sense of relaxed vigilance and precautions taken in an urban environment are forgotten at home. This may explain why some of the vehicles stolen in our area this summer have been left insecure, making the criminals' job easy and the owners' job of making an insurance claim, difficult. The majority of the vehicles stolen were modern cars manufactured since 2012 with keyless entry. This is a system of security whereby the owner simply has to have on them the cars' electronic fob which constantly emits a radio frequency unique to the vehicle it's matched to. When the fob is within range, the car (acting as a receiver) recognises the signal and unlocks the vehicle. The engine is started in the same way, by the press of a button on the dash. Criminals are equipping themselves with equipment which can receive the radio frequency emitted by the fob and send it to a second unit close to the car. This second unit then emits the same signal, fooling the car into believing the fob / owner is within range, opening the doors and allowing the vehicle to be driven away without any need for a key or even the original fob. Please visit our website for information to help prevent these crimes.

## SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

IMAGES TAKEN FROM SUFFOLK POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



# SOUTH

Area Commander



Superintendent  
Kerry Cutler

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## Ipswich West & Hadleigh

It has been a busy couple of months on the Ipswich West & Hadleigh SNT. Our officers have now completed 'Operation Overture' high visibility patrols to targeting drug use and anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in a number of stop and searches in key areas which had been identified by the community. In addition, there have been several key arrests and seizures including a male being charged with several dwelling burglaries which occurred in the Chantry area, he is now serving time in prison. Our officers also seized £70,000 of illegal cigarettes as a result of a stop check on a vehicle.

We continue to target anti-social behaviour on our estates. In addition to patrolling these areas, our team have been engaging with young members of the community suspected of being involved in ASB. We have been working with local partners from the Whitton Youth Partnership over the summer. A weekly boxing event has been set up on Monday evenings and PCSO Craig Gibbs has been working with the Ipswich and Norwich East of England Co-op ASB team providing regular football sessions over the summer holidays. The final was held at Ipswich Town Football club, where everyone involved received awards supplied by the Co-op for taking part in the programme.

In addition to our ongoing engagement objectives, we held events for Project 21, a charity supporting members of the community who have down's syndrome and the Ipswich Society for the Deaf. Both groups visit our police headquarters and met with several of our teams including our police dog section and our roads policing and firearms team. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Police Connect to see details of these and other community engagement events that we are involved in.

As most of you know the big event on our area recently was the visit of international superstar and Suffolk resident Ed Sheeran. He played to over 100,000 people over four nights in Chantry Park. This was a massive event for Ipswich and our community engagement officers were there for every day.

We would also like to introduce PCs Diane Porter and Sarah George who have joined us as engagement officers. They will take over the responsibility for Hadleigh leaving PC Mike Small to cover Ipswich West.

### Ipswich West SNT



Inspector  
Kevin Horton



Engagement Officer  
PC Mike Small



Engagement Officer  
PC Diane Porter



Engagement Officer  
PC Sarah George

## Ipswich Central

Ipswich central SNT continues to work hard at tackling all the issues in and around the town with targeted patrols and disruption of ASB, drug dealing, cuckooing, street robberies and thefts. Regular multi agency meetings allow us to work closely with our partners and take a joint responsibility at tackling the issues that are most prominent. We also listen to members of public to see what concerns they have and how we can tackle them. Part of our public engagements is to listen to local communities and businesses concerns and take positive action. There has been a lot of ongoing work done around Arras square to reduce the ASB and crime in that area which has affected local businesses as well as members of public. This area has been targeted with patrols from the local SNT as well as Op Parkland patrols. Meetings with the council to make the area less hospitable problem youths and street drinkers are in the planning stage.

Maple park has opened over the summer and work continues to target drug dealing in the area and some positive arrests have been made. Work continues with the council at improving the area and applications for more CCTV have been made to cover hot spots of ASB and drug dealing. Feedback from locals shows things are improving but there is still work ongoing. Op Sceptre anti knife crime week has seen the knife bins in Bramford Rd, Princes St and Queensway emptied. Princes St had over 500 knives disposed of, including a large Samurai sword, hatchets, machetes and large zombie knives. Bramford Rd had nearly 400 knives including two replica hand guns. Queensway had nearly 200 knives disposed of. A street meet was held at Ipswich Cornhill to raise awareness of knife crime as part of Op Sceptre and offer advice to parents around diverting youths that could be vulnerable to gang recruitment and potentially carrying knives. Paul Stansby and his family attended to hand out flyers and talk about the impact knife crime has had on their family, highlighting the charity work they are doing to try and raise awareness of knife crime and the impact it has on the whole community.

We continue to work closely with 4YP youth project and recently did an input on stop search with the young people at the project giving demonstrations of the process. It had a really positive impact and highlighted the issues and concerns that have come from stop search and alleviated these fears.

Community speed watch has been on the agenda with local Westgate ward resident meetings around the 20mph limit area around Anglesea Road. Raising awareness in the area continues with random speed checks. Meetings have taken place with Neighbourhood Watch, local council and highways to look to improve the signage and road markings in the area.

Bike theft in and around the town centre continues but some positive arrests of prolific offenders have been made with the SNT team going out in plain clothes and targeting prolific thieves. Some high value bikes have been recovered and returned to their owners recently. It highlights the importance of recording serial numbers and having photos of the bikes to circulate on social media.

Now Autumn term has started, we continue to work closely with the college and university giving inputs around staying safe and crime prevention.

### Ipswich Central SNT



Inspector  
Richard Burton



Engagement Officer  
PC Dominic Woodmansee

## Ipswich East

The Summer of 2019 has been busy for the East Ipswich Safer Neighbourhood Team with priority patrols in parks as part of Operation Parkland to reduce drug crime and anti-social behaviour.

The week 16 - 22 September saw Operation Sceptre; the national week of action against knife crime. School liaison officers and community engagement officers have continued to work with partners in delivering effective messaging and information to schools across Suffolk on knife crime, gangs and county lines during the week of action and beyond. There have been a number of positive community events and engagements over the Summer months. Follow us on Ipswich East Facebook, @IpsEastPolice Twitter and Police Connect for more information on these.

The Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team has continued to prioritise work around county lines with a number of drugs warrants executed. Local officers have been carrying out patrols in priority locations to prevent drug activity and anti-social behaviour. You can report crime or suspicious activity online to police <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something-or-anonymously-to-Crime-Stoppers-0800-555-111>

In Woodbridge the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been acting on information relating to areas of low level anti-social behaviour and utilising links with partner agencies to prevent further disruption for local residents.

East Suffolk Council invited police to attend Operation Camouflage at Rock Barracks where 78 local children attended and took part in a number of summer activities to help with diversion.

During this period we have also had an additional member of staff join our team and we have therefore separated the area. PC Rachael Partridge will now cover the Woodbridge and Felixstowe area and PC Hannah Creasey has joined us who will cover Ipswich East. All contact details remain the same and both officers will share the email, facebook and twitter accounts.

### 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

Newmarket teams have continued to work alongside our partners to tackle the issues of anti-social behaviour in the town. We increased foot patrols and have arrested a number of youths who have now been charged with a number of different offences. We have held crime prevention stalls on market days and in the Guineas and have spoken to a number of people offering advice.

We were pleased to support the soap box derby it was great to see so many people in the town enjoying the warm weather. We are aware of the report of anti-social behaviour in Mildenhall and we are working with our partners to find a solution. Some young people on bikes have been spoken to with regards to cycle safety and safer places to ride.

In Brandon and Mildenhall we have been made aware of the issues around homeless people causing concerns. We have liaised with the council to see what we can do to resolve it, looking at ways to support those people who find themselves in this unfortunate position.

Our cadets have been meeting throughout the summer and have had some fantastic opportunities such as a visit to the base and an input at the police station from SALSAR. They also did a litter pick in Mildenhall and collected quite a few bags of rubbish. They assisted us in emptying the knife bin located outside Mildenhall Police station in readiness for Operation Sceptre.



Inspector  
Mark Shipton



Engagement Officer  
PC Helen Self

### Bury St Edmunds

The past month has seen Inspector Matt Dee move on to Ipswich to take on a role within the Response Team, his successor is Inspector Matt Paisley. We thank Matt Dee for his hard work and passion during his time here, and welcome Matt Paisley to the area. We have also said a fond farewell to our community engagement officer Paul Fox who has retired following a full and eventful policing career. He has been replaced by PC Andre De Jongh, a familiar face who has been policing on the Safer Neighbourhood Team for some time.

We continue to work hard with our partners and local businesses to tackle the anti-social behaviour of a minority of people in Bury town centre who are habitual street drinkers and occasional beggars. We've made a number of arrests surrounding breaches of Community Protection Notices and Community Behaviour Orders, as well as for public order offences and low level damage. We are also regularly removing alcoholic beverages from those within the town as part of the Public Space Protection Order.

Thefts of pedal cycles continue to be a crime of note. We have been meeting the public as part of wider bike marking schemes, promoting how best to secure your bike, and through engagement to keep the public updated on our progress in identifying and arresting those responsible.

Some of you will be aware of the arrests of three juveniles that took place in the Arc shopping centre on 22 September. Following on from these arrests, we worked with local schools and business owners to counter a potential repeat of the anti-social behaviour the following weekend and continue to try to increase our presence in the town centre to prevent further problems.

## Bury St Edmunds SNT



Inspector  
Matt Paisley



Engagement Officer  
PC Andre De Jongh

## Sudbury & Haverhill SNT

### Sudbury & Haverhill

#### County lines

Local officers supported by the Scorpion teams continue to target drug activity in our sector. Numerous warrants have been executed resulting in over 20 arrests and large quantities of Class A drugs and cash being seized. This continues to remain a high priority.

Report information about crime anonymously through this link - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/tell-us-something-anonymously>

#### Speeding

As speeding continues to be a major concern in our area, local units, as well as the constabulary's safety camera team and community speed watch teams continue to target key locations in our area. Over 1,100 prosecutions have occurred between December and June this year. These figures exclude the numerous warning letters sent and officer visits made to offenders identified by the excellent work carried out by our various community speed watch groups.

#### Op Sceptre

All forces in England and Wales have been asked to take part in a week of action between 16 and 22 September. Not only have there been increased patrols, targeted operations, amnesty bin promotions and media updates, we have also given assemblies in local schools.



Inspector  
Danny Cooper



Engagement Officer  
PC Jon Gerrish

## Stowmarket SNT

### Stowmarket

August and September has been a busy time for Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team. We had the pleasure of attending a large number of public engagements across our area. These events were diverse with family events like Elmsfest, smaller community meet-up events in different villages and we have carried out scam and rogue trader talks to many different groups in our community.

On 31 August our Stowmarket cadets took part in the Bury St Edmunds soapbox challenge, in aid of the My Wish charity, the event raising £19,000. The cadets spent several weeks working on the go-kart (a police car - pictured on the back of this magazine), and on the day the cadet driver put in a brave effort, but alas, no first place. Next year, the trophy!

In response to concerns from our rural communities we have attended public meetings in Mickfield and Battisford to listen and discuss crime prevention opportunities. Our next meeting to discuss rural crime will be 2 November in Creting St Mary.

On Tuesday 8 October, the Suffolk PCC, Tim Passmore, and a representative from Suffolk Constabulary, will be at a drop-in event in Stowmarket. This will be at the Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket, between 4.30pm and 7pm, so we hope to see you there.



Inspector  
Shawn Wakeling



Engagement Officer  
PC Stefan Henriksen



HM Government

# BE A FORCE FOR ALL

## BE ONE OF THE 20,000 NEW OFFICERS



A national campaign to recruit 20,000 new police officers has been launched – urging people to join the police and ‘Be a force for all’.

The police recruitment drive is the biggest in decades and follows the Prime Minister’s commitment to increase police numbers over the next three years.

The Chancellor has announced funding to support the recruitment of a first wave of up to 6,000 officers, who will be shared among the 43 forces in England and Wales. This includes £750 million for 2020-21 and an immediate £45 million to kick-start recruitment.

The remaining 14,000 will be recruited in the following two years, backed by government funding, and will be additional to officers hired to fill existing vacancies.

The ‘Be a force for all’ campaign has been developed by the Home Office in partnership with the police and using feedback from the public via independent research.

It features serving police officers, including a neighbourhood officer, a police dog handler and a firearms officer. One of the officers started as a volunteer special constable, while another is a former charity executive who changed career.

They appear on billboards and digital displays at locations across England and Wales, including at shopping centres and railway stations, as well as in a radio advertisement.

A new [website](#) has also been set up to provide potential recruits with more information and will direct you to our local recruitment pages.

A second phase of advertising is planned for the new year.

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