

**PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Wednesday 1st May 2013
19:30hrs
Playford Parish Hall

**Police Report by PCSO 3241 Sally Thomas
Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team**

SNT Staffing

Sgt. 347 Gordon Campbell-Barr has left the Kesgrave SNT and is now based at Police Headquarters.

PC 1732 Rachel Cable has joined us at the Kesgrave SNT having taken over from PC 651 Richard Wright, she will therefore cover the area of Playford along with Bealings and Martlesham.

PC 502 Bob James has also joined us on secondment from Woodbridge and currently covers all of the 12PT area.

Sgt. 1584 Andrew Buck is now supervising the Kesgrave SNT. Andrew also supervises the Woodbridge SNT and so he will be supervising both for the time being. Obviously Andrew's time is torn between the two, but I am sure you will meet him in the near future.

Recorded Crime

I am pleased to report once again that no crimes have been recorded for Playford since the 6th March 2013.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

There has been a series of thefts from motor vehicles in Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere St Andrew involving the theft of catalytic converters. These are cut off very quickly with a small hand-held saw and can be worth as much as £1,000 due to the Platinum, Gold and Silver content in them.

The main targets are 4x4 vehicles as access to the underside is easier due to their raised body, and the catalytic converters on these vehicles are larger and therefore of greater value. These can be removed very quietly, and they are often shipped to London for sale. Generally, thieves undertaking this type of theft will not return to the same area frequently.

Overall Crime Pattern for Suffolk

End of year figures show that crime in Suffolk has fallen for the seventh consecutive year and the number of solved crimes has increased, demonstrating that Suffolk remains a safe place to live, work and visit. The figures, released, from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013, show there were 40,009 crimes recorded in Suffolk – 5,632 fewer crimes than the same period last year (2011/12).

Coupled with this almost a third (32.5 per cent) of all crime has been solved, that's 1,644 more solved crimes than last year, a total of 13,011.

Robbery offences, which have been a top priority for Suffolk Police after increasing during 2011/12, saw a significant 25 per cent decrease with 84 fewer crimes being committed in the past year.

There were also 108 fewer dwelling burglaries and 845 fewer violent assaults.

As well as the decrease in overall crime, robbery, burglary and violent assaults the year-end figures also show:

- Serious sexual offences decreased by 8.3 per cent (49 fewer crimes);
- Vehicle crime decreased by 7.4 per cent (303 fewer crimes);
- Criminal damage saw a decrease of 19 per cent (1,571 fewer crimes);
- Theft offences decreased by 15 per cent (1,778 fewer crimes); and
- Drug offences increased by 7 per cent (120 more crimes).

Assistant Chief Constable Tim Newcomb said: "These figures are very encouraging and not only reflect some of the excellent policing work which is taking place in the county but would also indicate that local people are taking measures to ensure they do not become victims of crime.

Contact

If you have any questions or need any further help on these, or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number or email address shown below. Alternatively, you can contact me through one of my colleagues at kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Kind regards.

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