

REPORT TO PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL 10TH JANUARY 2008

Happy New Year.

I am pleased to report that there has not been any crimes recorded for Playford since your last meeting.

HOW YOU COMPARE WITH OTHERS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD

Grundisburgh	2
Wickham Market	6
Clopton	2
Little Bealings	1
Hasketon	2
Westerfield	3

I have looked at the crime figures for the same period last year and it remains the same – nil.

BURGLARIES

The lead up to Christmas did see a slight increase in burglaries within some of the surrounding villages. I would ask that you remain vigilant and advice you to ensure your houses and outbuildings are kept secure at all times.

Shed alarms can be purchased at the police station or from DIY stores for a relatively low price and most are fairly easy to install requiring only batteries to operate them.

Dusk to Dawn lighting for the exterior of your premises and timer switches are recommended for the interior. Again these items can be bought from DIY stores and the cost varies. Dusk to Dawn is light sensitive and uses low energy bulbs thus ensuring that it is only operating at the necessary times.

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 is on permanently throughout the evening/night and hopefully deterring any potential offenders.

Timer switches can be used in the house to ensure a light comes on and goes off at a time set by yourselves when you are away from the premises. The idea of this suggests someone is at home.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Unfortunately this continues to be a problem and I can only advise as always to take valuables out of your cars and ensure they are secure at all times, even when parked on your own driveways.

OPERATION ARCTIC

As mentioned in your last report.....

Operation Arctic runs from 01.10.07 until **31.01.08** and is aimed at preventing the seasonal offence of armed robberies at post offices and other vulnerable premises. It is also concerned with ATM thefts and associated ram raid offences, which have historically occurred at Garages, Off Licences, Newsagents and Convenience Stores in both rural and urban areas. Whilst I appreciate that Playford does not have any of these amenities, it is still worth bearing in mind.

Patrols will be making regular visits to such premises but members of the public are asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles or persons to the police.

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.

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 Victoria.Gilmore@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

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.saferuffolk.org.uk

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