



KESGRAVE AND DISTRICT

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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Happy New Year to you all

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

As you will all see from the 12PT report there has been reports of thefts from motor vehicles. Unfortunately of late we have seen an increase in this type of crime, most recently in the Kesgrave & Rushmere areas. The majority of these crimes are as a result of vehicles being left insecure. May I take this opportunity to remind residents of the importance of ensuring their vehicle is secure and also to remove all items of value or ensure that they are out of sight in a glove compartment or boot.

POLICE CONNECT

At the end of October, Police Direct, the force's community messaging system, was replaced by a joint messaging system across Suffolk and Norfolk.

This change will mean that current users will need to re-register for the new system; current users were to be contacted prior to this change which took place on the 23rd October

Re-registering

All current users of Police Direct are being asked to take a few moments to re-register on the new system. Users can re-register online, by post or by telephone and the new system allows them to specify what they want to be informed about. They can still choose up to five post-code areas, for example home, place of work and perhaps the home of a vulnerable relative. Those who receive alerts only by voicemail will also be contacted by us to re-register.

Police Connect is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone.

There is no charge for this service - all messages you receive are free.

You can register to receive information about the issues that most matter to you and be among the first to be alerted by police in the case of an emergency affecting your area.

You can choose to receive regular updates on crime and public appeals, safety advice and meetings and events. There is the option to receive information about a range of specific interest areas – such as ‘rural’ or ‘rivers and coastal’ – as well as updates for business owners and news from your Police and Crime Commissioner. The choice is yours.

Benefits of Police Connect

There are lots of advantages to knowing what is going on in your local area or areas you are interested in - such as where you work or where a vulnerable relative lives.

You can take steps to safeguard yourself and your property, you may need to change plans, or re-route, because of an incident nearby or you may even be able to help us solve a crime.

If you are a member of a ‘watch’ scheme, Police Connect information keeps you up-to-date with the latest issues. It’s also a great way of finding out about local policing events and meetings.

By receiving messages through Police Connect, you are kept in the loop.

Keeping you informed, keeping your community safe

Information from the public is a major help in the fight against crime. We need your help to make your community a safer place.

By taking a few moments to fill out a simple form, you become more informed about what’s happening in your community and can become more involved in helping to prevent and reduce crime.

How to register

The simple online process takes only a couple of minutes and will ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and preferences for you.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect>

SNT CURRENT PRIORITIES

- **To deal with anti-social behaviour in the Peart Grove/Cedarwood Green and other related areas.**

- **Tackling anti-social behaviour including graffiti and damage in the Martlesham Heath area.**
- **To monitor speeding vehicles on roads within the Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team area, including in villages in the district.**

A view of crime maps and data can now be found on the Internet www.police.uk

CONTACTING THE POLICE

YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS ARE:

PCSO 3241 Thomas and PCSO 3220 Pither

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime, speak to your local officers or leave a message please dial 101

Any member of the team can be contacted at kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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

Kind regards,

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