

REPORT TO PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL 7TH MAY 2008

Since your last meeting on the 3rd March 2008 there has been one reported crime for Playford.

A theft of heating oil from a insecure tank in rear garden.

HOW YOU COMPARE WITH OTHERS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD

Dallinghoo	0
Wickham Market	10
Little Bealings	3
Gt Bealings	1
Grundisburgh	12
Otley	7
Culpho	0
Clopton	2

BURGLARIES

With lighter evenings we like to remind you to keep windows and conservatories shut when leaving your homes as we have seen a slight increase in burglaries within some of the surrounding villages. I would ask that you still remain vigilant and advise you to ensure your houses and outbuildings are kept secure at all times.

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 is on permanently throughout the evening/night and hopefully deterring any potential offenders, these can be purchased from most DIY stores.

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, always good when you're on holiday!!! Again these can be purchased from most DIY stores.

Shed alarms are becoming more popular and can be purchased at most Suffolk Constabulary police stations.

Please remember to remove any personal items from your front gardens as items on show like bicycles, prams, garden heaters etc attract offenders into your neighbourhood.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Unfortunately this continues to be a big 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.

During the spring months we always see an increase in Theft From Motor Vehicles, particularly in rural locations where walkers leave their vehicles unattended for a few hours at the roadside or rural car parks.

Please ensure that your vehicle is kept secure at all times and valuables are not left on display, preferably they should be removed from the vehicle altogether. Items such as Sat Nav's, mobile phones, handbags etc....

THEFT FROM GARDENS

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. The suspects would have to use a larger type of vehicle to convey the stolen oil away. 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.

Stray Dogs - New Regulations

New national regulations, which come into force on 6th April 2008, will mean 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.

Wickham Market Rural Community Engagement Meeting

On 12 March 2008, a meeting was held at Wickham Market village hall. The meeting was supported by representatives from 7 of the Parishes that form part of the SNT. The common issue was speeding motorists on the rural roads. A number of roads were identified. The police will assess these roads and carry out random speed checks. Discussions took place regarding Community Speed Watch schemes. This would mean local councils purchase Home Office equipment with police training a number of volunteers to set up a scheme. Contact the Team for more information.

The next meeting will take place at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at the committee room and Wickham Market village hall.

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

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

How can you help?

If you are experiencing problems, don't wait until the next time you see your local officer. The 999 system exists for you to report 'live incidents' that require immediate police response.

Do you have information about who is responsible for crime in your area, you can call anonymously Crimestoppers on : 0800 555 111

Want to take a more active part in making a difference in your community? – Have you considered joining the Special Constabulary? To find out more contact Special Inspector Richard BRYANTON. Richard.Bryanton@suffolk.pnn.police.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. Or wickham.snt@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.safersuffolk.org.uk

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