

REPORT TO PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL 4TH JULY 2007

Sorry that I can't be with you this evening. I am currently on annual leave.

Since your last meeting there has only been one reported crime in the village.

The crime is one of Production of Controlled Drugs – Cannabis.

A small amount of cannabis was found growing within a private dwelling. The offender was arrested and dealt with.

OTHER MATTERS

THEFT OF COPPER

Recently there has been an increase in the theft of copper.

The offences range from fairly minor thefts of small amounts being stolen from a discarded pile in a persons garden to an entire new building being stripped from beneath the plastered walls.

I am sure that you will be aware that the value of copper has increased recently and whilst we are all doing a lot of work around this I would ask you to remain vigilant and secure any copper that you may have lying around.

Thefts have been reported as close to you as Otley and Swiland within the last couple of weeks.

THEFT OF LEAD

We have also seen an increase in the theft of lead from church roofs. Luckily there hasn't been any such offences reported nearby but again I would ask you to be vigilant. We are making regular checks at the local churches.

RURAL CARPARKS

During the summer 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.

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.

POLICE DIRECT

I am pleased to inform you that Police Direct is now back up and running again following a short period of time when it wasn't with us.

For any of you that haven't signed up for it yet please attend any police station and ask for a Police Direct leaflet. The service is free to everyone and easy to use!

WICKHAM MARKET SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The launch of Wickham Market Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team has been successful.

Please have a look at our website www.safersuffolk.org.uk

The website is updated regularly with crime updates, appeals for witnesses, road closures etc

It is a useful site to keep an eye on so that you are aware of what is happening within the community.

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 above 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.

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