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SUFFOLK'S PLEDGE TO KEEP COMMUNITIES UPDATED

Suffolk Constabulary's commitment to keeping communities updated on how local issues are being tackled is being strengthened this month with the launch of a newsletter for each of the 30 Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs).

SNTs work with the public and other agencies, including local authorities, to create safer and secure neighbourhoods where residents, police and partners all work together to identify, understand and tackle the issues that matter the most.

Through partnership working communities get a real say in deciding the priorities for the area in which they live. This allows the police to provide long-term, local solutions to local problems.

From this month (December), each SNT will issue its own quarterly newsletter containing details of how the team can be contacted, the three priorities set by the public, how they have tackled a previously identified issue in the area, local crime statistics, details on the Policing Pledge, information about the Suffolk Police Authority and any upcoming public meetings.

The scheme is part of the force's commitment to delivering the Policing Pledge, which gives the public a clear minimum standard of service. With national and local elements, the Pledge outlines what the public can expect from their police service and ensures their voice is heard in setting priorities and influencing actions. Providing an update on the progress the SNT is making is a key element of the communication with local residents.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Stewart Gull says, "Communication is key to delivering the Policing Pledge and these newsletters will update local communities on our progress, local crime and policing issues. It is vital that the public are aware of all the excellent work that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams carry out within their local communities. These newsletters will provide a personal way of relaying this information."

The newsletters will be available at local police stations and handed out by officers. Each SNT newsletter can also be downloaded, by logging on to www.safersuffolk.org.uk and entering your postcode.

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