

# CONSTABLE'S COUNTY

An update on  
policing from  
the East, West  
and South of the  
county.

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# INTRODUCTION

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have attended one of the public meetings myself and the Police & Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore have been hosting and also those of you who took part in the online webchat earlier this month. We had many questions from members of the public covering a large range of topics. It is so important to us to understand what is important to you and understand your issues, so thank you.

I was delighted to read the recent Office of National Statistics report that highlighted the progress we continue to make in supporting our victims and making our communities safer. Reported crime per thousand residents has fallen, and Suffolk now has the third lowest recorded crime levels across the country. We are the second lowest county for reports of stalking and harassment offences, and fourth lowest for robbery, residential burglary, and theft offences. This is particularly pleasing as these crime types are extremely emotive and can cause a high level of harm to our communities.

Knife crime has fallen by a substantial 37.5% over the last year. This decrease shows the strength in our ability to work quickly with our partners deploying a proactive and reactive response to reduce the threat and risk to the public.

A key initiative that has contributed to this reduction saw a targeted operation in Ipswich with a focus on serious and violent crime linked to drugs and gangs.

Operation Golda demonstrated our ability as a constabulary to flex our policing model, drawing on specialist and front-line resource to lead on engagement and enforcement initiatives. To date, 47 arrests have been made, 20 search warrants executed and 50 visits made to vulnerable members of our community

who have had their homes taken over by drug dealers. Sustained police action has been supported by over 50 engagement events where we have involved partners and other stakeholders to promote our commitment to protecting our communities.

It was a pleasure to open the inaugural Suffolk Retail Crime Forum at Ipswich Town Football Club recently, where retailers, business improvement districts and police came together following the launch of the national Retail Crime Action Plan. The breadth of attendance made for some exciting conversations and problem solving to look at how we can work together to reduce retail crime, particularly through information sharing and targeting repeat offenders. I look forward to the force and partners progressing over the coming year.

Those of you who tuned in to BBC's Crimewatch in October will have seen our very own Detective Chief Inspector Matt Connick discussing the investigation into the murder of Anita Rose in Brantham, with the show's presenters, Rav Wilding and Michelle Ackerley. The level of professionalism he and his team displayed throughout the programme is commendable and since it's airing, someone has been charged with the murder of Anita Rose.

With the festive season fast approaching, the holidays are a busy period for us and the number of football matches and other events which we have a presence at are great engagement opportunities whilst we work to keep people safe. We aim to have an increased presence in high footfall areas over the festive period and welcome members of the public to engage with us while on patrol, provide thoughts and feedback as well as passing on any concerns.



On Sunday 10 November myself and fellow Chief Officers attended a number of Remembrance Day services across the county and laid wreaths - it was wonderful to see so many people commemorating this special day to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. We also had a Remembrance Service at Police Headquarters where myself, Tim Passmore, and representatives from the Police Federation and Unison laid wreaths.

I was delighted to present the CEO of Cancer Support, Suffolk and the constabulary's chosen charity for 2024, Mark Murphy, with a cheque recently - these monies were raised at our recent annual Police Family day.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and give a special thanks to all those working over the festive season.

**Chief Constable  
Rachel Kearton**

As we head into the festive period, from a policing perspective in Suffolk there is a great deal to celebrate about safety and crime levels in our county. Suffolk is blessed by having one of the lowest rates of recorded crime in England and Wales, as borne out by recent statistics from the Office for National Statistics.

Looking back over the past year, considerable progress has been made. The new local policing model has been well received and the corner has been turned on the 101 non-emergency service, following the major investment of taxpayers' funding over the last three years.

The Right Care Right Person mental health programme continues to be rolled out and the level of public support has been immensely gratifying. The recorded level of knife crime has declined by half to around 200 recorded incidents during the last year - although that's 200 too many, and the last government's police uplift programme means Suffolk now has more warranted officers than ever before - 1,425 to be precise.

Our work with victims of crime, funded through our commissioning work has supported many worthy charities to help prevent crime and support people getting back into work and veer away from a life of crime, exploitation and despair. To all involved, we are all very grateful indeed, your commitment is simply wonderful.

However, in this troubled world many of us will wonder what next year holds. The interminable conflict in the Middle East seems to be going from bad to worse, the appalling atrocities meted out by Putin in the Ukraine and many other geopolitical tensions have gripped the globe in an environment of concern and fear. The economic outlook appears precarious, not helped by trade

imbalances and the unsustainable levels of debt in many nations.

Some would argue this presents a great opportunity for organised crime groups for illegal immigration which treats human beings as a commodity to be traded and expended like a ton of wheat, and theft of vehicles, plant and machinery to support armed conflicts set along-side the appalling trade in illegal drugs and terrorism.

Our government's recent budget risks huge damage to policing unless there is a cast iron guarantee that the rise in employers' National Insurance contribution will be fully compensated on a 'per employee' basis. Furthermore, I remain seriously concerned about these additional costs being foisted on our charities and voluntary sector organisations in Suffolk - where will they find the extra money from? What will be the consequences for the victims of crime, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour that the third-sector support? In my opinion it is still not too late to find a solution. We need politicians to really consider the plight of the less fortunate members of our society.

And yet one matter I can reassure all of you that since I have been Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner a great deal of good work has been delivered by our constabulary in spite of the difficulties of funding, fundamental changes in the pattern of crime and increase demand.

A retired superintendent said to me recently, people need to remember that despite all the damage done to policing's reputation by some appalling behaviour of a tiny minority of officers, a huge amount of good is delivered every day of the year by officers committed to keeping us safe. I entirely agree with his assessment and again we should all be extremely grateful.



Looking at 2025 we are now entering the budget setting period and I will do all I can to keep council tax levels down and ensure the budget is spent properly. I will be consulting on the budget in the new year, please keep an eye out for the detail and make sure you make your views known.

Talking of consultation, the draft of the next Suffolk Police and Crime Plan will be out for consultation mid-December. Your views and comment are very important as we chart the way for policing in Suffolk for the next four years - details are on our website, [www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk).

May I finish by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Police and Crime Commissioner  
Tim Passmore**



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**Inspector**  
**Liz Casey**

Inspector Liz Casey is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Halesworth, Southwold, Debenham Eye, Framlingham Yoxford, Leiston Saxmundham and Aldeburgh.

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## HALESWORTH

**YOU SAID –**  
Speeding on the roads – community concerns around speeding and anti-social behaviour (ASB) on the roads:

**YOU SAID -**  
Residents' concerns around ASB within the community

**WE DID:**  
Patrols in the areas you highlighted concerns. As a result of our patrols on the roads we have arrested drivers, seized vehicles, reported and sent to court offenders who have committed offences.



Black Renault Clio vehicle seized for no insurance in Dennington outside the Primary School after numerous reports of no insurance.



A12 Darsham this stop of a van towing a van resulting in two males being arrested for drug driving, one with no insurance one x provisional driver, not supervised, no L plates displayed, multiple offences for vehicles being in poor condition, no seat belts, tyre below legal limit.

Volkswagen Golf seized Section 165 for no insurance after reports of vehicle being driven antisocially in the

Worlingworth, Dennington, Tannington, Bedingfield and Stradbroke areas.



**You Said:**  
Concerns around ASB in towns and villages

**We Did**  
ASB Awareness week  
We and partners took part in the national week of action to tackle ASB. Partnership working is key to ensure long terms solutions are put in place when there are concerns within the community.

Continue our work with partners to tackle ASB in our localities during ASB Awareness week – Officers continue to be visible in within the community during days evening and night patrols in hotspot locations to reassure the public and taking positive action with any offences.

Partnership working is key to ensure long terms solutions are put in place when there are concerns within the community.

Police continue to patrol on foot the towns and areas you have said you are worried about ASB. Police have many powers to deal and disperse individuals committing offences.

Officers will continue to patrol these areas whilst working with our partners in housing, schools and the county council

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### Come and see us:

- Saturday 7 December, Christmas Market Halesworth Marketplace, 2pm-4pm
- Tuesday 10 December, Leiston Co-op, 10am-11am
- Wednesday 11 December, Saxmundham Waitrose, 11am-12pm
- Friday 13 December, Maureen's Community Room, Central Co-op, Communities Together East Anglia, 10am-12pm
- Thursday 19 December, Leiston Library, 12pm-1pm

## YOU SAID... WE DID

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- ASB Halesworth Saxmundham and Leiston
- Concerns around drugs and drugs supply
- Speeding in Saxmundham, Leiston, Framlingham, Kelsale and Yoxford





**Inspector**  
**Mark Jackson**

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Beccles and Worlingham, Bungay and Wainford, Carlton Colville and Kessingland, Gunton, Oulton and Lothingland, Harbour, Kirkley, Normanston, Pakefield and Whitton and St. Margarets.

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## LOWESTOFT

The months of September and October have been a challenging time for our Community Policing Team. A lot of the work that the team have conducted has been seen and felt within the community, but as the evenings become darker some of our patrols may have gone unnoticed. It's important that our officers remain within our communities to keep people safe.

In September 2024, one of our community priorities was to tackle to the issue of retail theft within our busy town centres and retail parks. Since then, we have dealt with various individuals who have been identified through the investigations conducted. Individuals have been arrested and charged, while others have been arrested and given bail whilst enquiries continue. This priority will continue to further support our local businesses and retail staff.



As students have returned to school, our officers have held engagements with our local schools to understand their concerns and to support both teaching staff and students. Our team has been supporting the two-week Crucial Crew event where Year 6 students are provided with various educational inputs including a police input on online safety, particularly around social media.

Our officers have also been busy around Halloween, conducting patrols in areas where families and young children have been our enjoying themselves. Pictured below is PC Cunningham who met a witch during his shift.



Various officers from the team were also present at our local Remembrance Day parades and ceremonies in Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay. Our officers were also supported by some of our police cadets and members of our Special Constabulary.



Whilst the team continue to engage with our all our communities, we are also working hard to tackle those longer-term community related issues with partner organisations. The focus over the next few months will be centred around retail crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder, incidents linked to late night drinking and the prevention of violence related offences.

Please take the time to visit our website for all the latest crime prevention advice to protect your home, vehicles, and belongings.

[www.suffolk.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

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### Upcoming Engagements:

- Tuesday 10 December, Beccles Library, 12pm-1pm
- Wednesday 11 December, North Cove Village Hall, 10am-11am
- Thursday 12 December, Oulton Broad Library, 10.30am-11.30am
- Sunday 15 December, Westwood Avenue shops, 9.30am-10.30am
- Sunday 15 December, All Saints & St Margaret's Church, Pakefield, 11.30am-12.30pm
- Monday 16 December, Gunton Baptist Church, all morning
- Tuesday 17 December, Marram Green, Kessingland, 10am-11.30am
- Tuesday 17 December, Kirkley Co-op, London Road South, 10am-12pm
- Tuesday 17 December, Asda, Horn Hill, 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Wednesday 18 December, Ashburnham Way Co-op, 10am-11.30pm

## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** Concerns around ASB and disorder within the ward of Kirkley, Lowestoft.

**We did:** Patrols have been conducted in the areas where issues have been experienced. Local businesses have been liaised with; we supported an engagement event in the area where we spoke with various residents.

**You said:** Reports of ASB and disorder reported in Beccles town centre involving youths.

**We did:** Patrols have been conducted in the area, and this will continue over the next few weeks. We are working with Beccles Town Council regarding the matter.

**You said:** Concerns around retail theft within our local town centre stores and retail parks. (This priority will remain until the new year)

**We did:** Patrols have taken place in town centres, retail parks and retail stores that have been targeted by crime previously. Various arrests have taken place recently. Charges have been applied where possible, other individuals remain on police bail. Officers are working with retail stores to prevent further offending. Preventative type orders will be applied where persistent offending continues.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To tackle the issue of retail theft within our town centres and retail parks and to work with partner organisations to reduce the risk of re-offending. (This priority remains unchanged).
- To Tackle the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and low-level disorder within the Kirkley and Whitton wards.
- To work with late night venues to minimise any violence related offences linked with late night drinking in the lead up to Christmas.





**Inspector**  
**Ben Hollands**

Inspector Ben Hollands is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Great Cornard, Haverhill Rural and Suffolk South West, Haverhill Town, Sudbury Rural North, Sudbury Town, Waldingfield, Boxford and Bures.

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## SUDBURY & HAVERHILL

It's been a busy couple months for Sudbury and Haverhill Community Policing Teams. In Sudbury there continues to be an increase in visible policing within the town centre as a result of Op Spotlight to deter anti-social behaviour (ASB) and make everyone feel safer. Both community policing teams were out in force during Halloween handing out treats to prevent the tricks and reduce the impact on the community whilst ensuring fun for all.



In addition to Halloween the teams have been supporting the community with both bonfire night and Remembrance Day parades.



During this period, we have had Op Sceptre which is the national week of action against knife crime and follows

on from an event locally with Haverhill hosting the Knife Angel and national ASB Awareness Week. In support of these national campaigns, Haverhill Community Police Team have been out checking the local parks for knives.



Whilst Sudbury CPT have engaged with over 200 local students regarding ASB and held a joint stall on Sudbury Market with the local council.

Both Sudbury and Haverhill police have been conducting extra patrols in our rural areas, handing out Smart Water packs and providing crime prevention advice as part of the "We don't buy crime" initiative in response to an increase of inquisitive crime and in line with one of our priorities. As the nights have drawn in, we are asking everyone to review their home security, check your locks, outside lighting, and make lists of things you have in your garages and sheds, including serial numbers. We would encourage everyone to sign up to their local neighbourhood watch schemes which are invaluable for us to get key messages out to the community.

### Upcoming event

Public Engagement event 9am-1pm  
Saturday 14 December Sudbury Market

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## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** Continued use of vehicles in an anti-social manner

**We did:** Increased patrols which resulted in the seizure of motorbike being ridden in an ASB manner.

**You said:** ASB in the underpass and Poplar Road, Gt Cornard

**We did:** Worked with local schools to identify those involved and proactive patrols resulted in a decrease in reports.

**You said:** Speeding vehicles in rural villages

**We did:** Speed checks in Long Melford targeting persistent offenders.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Drug use and county lines drug dealing.
- ASB and ongoing issues within the area of the town centre including street drinking.
- Prolific offender targeting vulnerable people and the wider community.
- Rural burglaries.





**Inspector**  
**Andrew Beeby**

Inspector Andrew Beeby is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bury St Edmunds, Bury Rural North and Bury Rural South.

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## BURY ST EDMUNDS



The CPT Team in Bury St Edmunds have been really busy in recent weeks.

We have had Op Sceptre, which is a national knife crime campaign, while the knife amnesty bin at Bury St Edmunds was emptied and 445 knives had been surrendered, pictured are some of the weapons taken off the streets.

As part of ASB Awareness week the team also took part in training and work with two of the local housing providers, Havebury and Flagship. Pictured is the session with officers from Havebury Housing Partnership.

CPT officers and PCSOs took part in joint visits with housing officers on the Howard, Nowton and Marham Park estates, which is an extension of our normal close work with the local authority and housing officers.

An engagement event will be taking place on 14 December at Sainsbury's Moreton Hall from 10am. Keep an eye on our social media pages for further events.



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## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said** – Town centre anti-social behaviour (ASB) was an issue:

**We did** - The priority around ASB in the town centre has been firmly in focus again in recent weeks and police have been making multiple arrests and putting individuals before the courts. Examples of sentences directly linked to town centre crime and ASB in recent weeks were Darren Hodgson receiving 38 weeks' imprisonment and Matthew Banks received 12 weeks' imprisonment. Three individuals have applications for criminal behaviour orders, which, if granted, will place restrictions on their ability to gather and drink alcohol in the town centre owing to the associated crime and ASB.

**You Said** – Anti-social vehicle use was an Issue in the town centre and Moreton Hall.

**We Did** – several surge evenings where additional staff were deployed to check on anti-social vehicle use, excessively loud exhausts and poor driving standards. Multiple Public Spaces Protection Order tickets (PSPOs) have been issued to drivers, which are fines for breaching the PSPO for anti-social use, drivers have also been issued Traffic Offence Reports and one driver has been interviewed and reported for dangerous driving.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Dealing robustly with retail crime
- Deal with anti-social behaviour
- Drug Dealing and County Lines





**Inspector  
Tim Scott**

Inspector Tim Scott is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Brandon, Lakenheath and the Rows, Manor and Red Lodge, Mildenhall and Newmarket.

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## FOREST HEATH

What a busy time it's been in Forest Heath - engagements have been a plenty and we would like to thank our partners and members of the community who have welcomed us. PCSO Powell gave a presentation on hate crime at the West Suffolk Disability Forum and PC Smith and PC Sampher attended the careers day at Mildenhall Academy giving advice to any pupils who might be interested in a career in policing. PC Chapman took the Exning Beavers out to conduct checks with the speed gun and he also popped along to see the retired stable staff at The Racing Centre in Newmarket and bumped into Mick Quinn, the former Premier League footballer whilst he was there.



PC Smith also conducted an online engagement event for those people who haven't got the time or ability to attend our engagements in person. Keep an eye out on our Forest Heath Facebook page for details of these.



PC Harman has continued his fantastic work with our local schools where he has been utilising the new POL-ED system to deliver educational inputs on a whole array of subjects including knife crime and hate crime.

Sergeant Maxfield and PC Harman delivered our first ever Parent's Forum at Breckland School in Brandon where we provided advice around online safety for their children and much more.

Our Forest Heath Response Investigation Team continues to work hard by responding to incidents and investigating core crime. Whilst not doing this they are regularly undertaking Pulse patrols in any identified crime hotspots across the district. As part of an initiative called 'We Don't Buy Crime' recent victims of burglaries and theft have been visited by PCSOs and issued with SmartWater packs which they can use to mark their property and make it more identifiable.



Finally, our police cadets have also been busy. The cadets attended West Row Village Fete with Police Dog Morse who won a prize in the dog competition. They also showed off their marching skills and paid their respects for the fallen at the Remembrance Sunday Parades in both Mildenhall and Newmarket.

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### Upcoming engagements:

10 December – Larks Over 50's Social Club

19 December – Well Glade Academy Christmas Fair

8 January – Meet Up Mondays at Freckenham Village Hall

Every Tuesday 1000hrs – 1200hrs  
Guineas Shopping Centre

## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said** – Concerns were raised in Brandon about youths using fireworks in an anti-social manner.

**We did** – Through enquiries, officers identified the youths involved and visited them speaking to them and their parents to warn them about their behaviour and ensuring they refrained from such behaviour in the future.

**You said** – Intelligence was received about the sale of vapes to underage persons in Newmarket.

**We did** – The team liaised with Trading Standards and visited the shops to conduct checks.

**You said** – Ongoing concerns raised about drugs being supplied in Newmarket.

**We did** – Four individuals have recently been arrested in the town, one of whom has already been given a significant custodial sentence.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

### Target those supplying drugs in our communities

Use of Stop search and search warrants, intelligence gathering visiting and supporting those at risk of exploitation and partnership working. Schools inputs to educate students on the risk of drugs and associated exploitation.

### Focus on reducing acquisitive theft offences such as burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles by catching those responsible.

Late and night-time mobile patrols focusing on possible routes taken by offenders, extra house-to-house around locations affected with crime prevention advice provided. Targeted operation now in place to proactively respond to rural business crime.

### Tackling & reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour

Creation of problem-solving plans where required. Additional patrols in the affected areas based on analytical data. Identifying those at the highest risk from ASB and working with our partners from the Community Safety Partnership to problem solve these issues using a range of tools and powers available. Regular liaison and inputs with local schools to jointly work with any students to prevent them from becoming involved with ASB.





**Inspector**  
**John Murray**

Inspector John Murray is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Stowmarket, Mid-Suffolk North/East and Mid-Suffolk South/West.

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## STOWMARKET

Over the last few months, the Stowmarket Community Policing Team (CPT) has continued to support partners including housing teams and Mid Suffolk District Council with joined up working around problematic addresses and associated anti-social behaviour (ASB). As part of ASB Awareness Week, we reached out to our communities to develop intelligence by conducting street-a-week surveys and community events. This led to officers successfully serving a closure order on a property causing ASB in Stowmarket, preventing the tenants from entering the premises for three months.



We have also been linking with some of our Neighbour Watch coordinators, listening and assisting them where appropriate.



Unfortunately, we had seen an increase in reported commercial burglaries in the summer and we have provided reassurance visits and crime reduction advice alongside targeted patrols at key times and locations across the locality which has led to a significant reduction of this crime type.

Furthermore, the team are now visiting previous victims of burglaries and providing them with Smart Water packs for them to utilise.

We have also continued to engage with schools and youth clubs within the locality, attending and providing presentations to educate our youth on current topics that

may impact on them.

As part of Op Sceptre and knife awareness, we have provided training sessions on this crime type, carried out visits to vulnerable people at risk from knife crime and collected 327 knives and sharp implements from our knife amnesty bin, taking these off the streets.



Working with our partners in Trading Standards and the council, we were also successful in seizing a large number of illegal items from a local convenience store in Stowmarket, including illicit tobacco, cigarettes and vapes.

Our cadets have had a busy couple of months, practising their drills, being introduced to public order policing, exploring the world of crime scene investigation, handing out crime prevention advice in the town, carrying out reassurance patrols and engaging with children on Halloween night. They were also honoured to attend this years Remembrance Day Parade in the town centre where their drill practice paid off. As Christmas approaches, they have also decorated a tree as part of the annual Christmas Tree Festival.

Please see the Suffolk Police Website to keep up to date on our priorities and events in your area that we will be attending over the winter months - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/>

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## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** residents raised concerns of increased ASB and drug activity at locations in Stowmarket and Elmswell

**We did:** increased patrols in the area (highlighted as a Pulse Patrol priority) leading to several arrests of offenders. Increased our visits to occupants vulnerable to exploitation and liaised with housing and council for joint work to reduce the issues

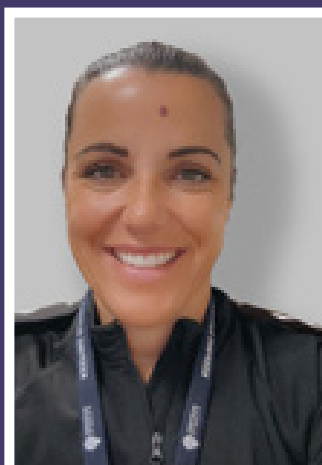
**You said:** continued concerns over large crowding and ASB at Needham Lake

**We did:** created a problem solving plan, set up a pop-up engagement event in the area to discuss concerns, continued to carry out regular patrols and worked with the council to come up with a longer term solution with new signage and the recruitment of three new rangers to patrol the area.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Deal robustly with drug offences, particularly Class A drugs and the resulting crime and disorder through intelligence led enforcement, reassurance and support of vulnerable people.
- Tackling ASB at Stowmarket Recreation Ground and other identified areas, protecting vulnerable people and building trust and confidence in the community.
- Working with the council and other partners to reduce ASB issues in Needham Lake, Needham Market.
- Patrolling rural locations following recent burglaries to farms and outbuildings.





**Inspector  
Jess Lawlor**

Inspector Jess Lawlor is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Alexandra and Westgate and St Margaret's.

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## IPSWICH CENTRAL

It has been a busy period over the past six weeks in Ipswich Central. The Community Policing Team has actively engaged in a number of events and initiatives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community. Here's a summary of our recent activities:

- School/college engagements
- Daily school gate visits - Strengthening relationships with parents, staff and students through a regular presence in the mornings at different schools. This has been led by PCSO Pennock.
- PC Austin & PCSO Harris attended the Suffolk New College Future Skills Fair.
- PC Bloom attended the Springfield Junior School Years 3 & 5 input.



- Community engagements –
- PCSOs Harris and Manning attended the Sari Parade at Ipswich Town Hall for South Asian Heritage Month and PC Butler and I attended the Remembrance Parade at Christchurch Park.
- Coffee with a Copper - Informal engagement opportunity for residents to share concerns and connect with PC Hills
- Ipswich Futures Football at Maple Park: Weekly sessions which were externally funded but attended by Officers. Over 250 children engaged in community-building activities over the six sessions. This has been such an incredible success that children were waiting patiently for the team to arrive.

- Partnership working:
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Stall in

Ipswich Town Centre: collaborating with Ipswich Borough Council to tackle ASB and raise awareness of available support.

- A pop-up event was also organised by PC Finch in Tavern Street where there have been several complaints from the visitors to the town about ASB and street drinking.

- Safer Business day of action: Partnering with local businesses to address retail crime and ASB.



- Crime & operations:
- Brothel identified by PCSO Hempstead in town centre business premises. Early intervention and collaboration with proactive teams provided a hostile environment and the premises were subsequently vacated.
- Op Golda – Central CPT were heavily involved in this operation, targeting violent and drug-related offenders in Ipswich town centre. Since it began on 23/09/2024 over 100 arrests have been made and 144 cuckooing checks have been completed. Through the CPT Officers collaborative working, they have successfully safeguarded a vulnerable male who was coming to police attention daily by utilising injunctions and highlighting his vulnerabilities to mental health teams. He is now receiving much needed treatment.
- Op Thornby - Increased high visibility patrols to address tensions following incidents involving Roma families in the area. Working closely with partner agencies.

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### Upcoming events:

- Street Meet Saturday 7 December 10am- 2pm Cornhill
- Street Meet Saturday 14 December 10am- 2pm Cornhill
- Street Meet Saturday 21 December 10am- 2pm Cornhill
- Street Meet Saturday 28 December 10am- 2pm Cornhill

## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** Street Drinkers causing issues in the area.

**We did:** We have targeted our pop-up events to be in the areas that street drinkers have been known to go to try and deter and also help. Worked alongside NHS Outreach, rough sleeping team and ASB Ipswich Borough Council.

**You said:** Maple Park area disturbances and anti-social behaviour in the area.

**We did:** Patrols in the area with other agencies including Positive Futures and Catch 22 where they have now started to run football and youth activities in the area on a monthly basis to try and help.

**You said:** Drug litter and concerns in the area of Russet Road and surrounding streets of drug usage.

**We did:** Engagement in the local schools with the children around the concerns of drug use and also dangers of drug litter to help safeguard. Work with residents to identify possible offenders and also make others aware to help deter.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

This month the local priorities continue to support the community and their concerns and focus on reducing offences connected to night-time economy that involved drugs and violence against women and girls (VAWG).

ASB and associated crime and disorder in the area of Arras Square and Buttermarket, Ipswich and to target the most prolific offenders in the town centre.





**Inspector**  
**Naomi Lofthouse**

Inspector Naomi Lofthouse is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bridge, Gipping, Hadleigh and Nayland, Stoke Park and Sprites, Whitehouse, Whitton and Castle Hill and Claydon, Copdock and Peninsula.

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## IPSWICH WEST

This month there has been focus on around drug use, violent crime, identifying repeat offenders and victims.

We have been working alongside other teams within the police to conduct regular address checks on identified persons vulnerable to criminal exploitation. This ensures that opportunities for safeguarding are in place as well as leading to opportunities to take positive action against identified perpetrators. Monitoring of these addresses continue alongside our partners.

You will have seen many posts on social media of foot patrols taking place in areas suffering pockets of anti-social behaviour, as well as visiting business premises in order to be visible and accessible, helping to prevent such behaviours from occurring. We have focused a number of our pop-up events in these areas, having held recent pop-up shops on Bramford Road and Norwich Road in order to deter incidents within the area, but at the same time offering reassurance to our communities.

There has been an increase in our patrols around areas of concern for anti-social behaviour in relation to vehicles. We have managed to issue multiple traffic offence reports, as well as carrying out vehicle seizures.

Officers attended Morrisons in Sproughton to increase patrols in the area and upon leaving one of the officers had managed to spot one of the identified offending vehicles and has carried out a stop. The driver was issued with a section 59 for anti-social behaviour whilst driving and the vehicle was seized for no insurance.

Officers had a further successful stop of a vehicle committing road traffic offences. A search of this vehicle located a large quantity of drugs and cash which were seized and occupants of the vehicle arrested.

Patrols have been carried out in the area of Bobbits Lane, Pinewood due to concerns raised once again over motorbikes riding off road, causing antisocial behaviour and concerns for pedestrians and dog walkers. The team have been working with Ipswich Borough Council and completed a drug litter

search in the parks such as Gippeswyk Park, which identified areas of concern, items were removed at the time to ensure safety to the public.

Officers have been working in partnership with Bramford Parish council, the district and county councils. They held a joint surgery at the parish rooms which was well attended and a few concerns raised for further investigation and action.

Work has continued in our schools across the area. With visits to Wigwam Nursery and a presence at Ranelagh Primary school to kick start the week with a Say no to racism day which took place on Friday 18 October, explaining what this means in regards to hate crime. We have also been providing inputs with Suffolk New College and the students currently on the Uniform Public Services and Level 3 Policing diploma. Officers covered several sessions enabling students to learn about the specifics of policing, be shown various equipment and be given an opportunity to ask questions giving a better insight into our role and the demand.

Officers attended the youth music festival, Ignite, in Hadleigh. The festival was a result of the youth strategy survey and the work of the youth council in Hadleigh who made it happen.

The Ipswich Police Cadets this month have been covering forensics and dealing with scenes of crime. The CPT team have helped assist in this, providing scenarios using the training quarters Martlesham to try and bring this more to life.

On 14 November the cadets got to visit Princes Street Fire station and learned about fire safety, smoke detectors and dealing with emergencies. It's good to share the collaborative work the emergency services carry out. This has helped build on the cadets knowledge and offers additional points of engagement we can do with the public to provide safety advice.

Finally, the CPT team attended a number of remembrance services across the various areas to mark their respect for Armistice Day.

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### Upcoming events:

- Police surgery at Good Things Café at St Thomas Church, Bramford Lane 12 December 11am-12pm with PC 1991 Warner
- Pop up shop at Capel St Mary Library on 11 December 9.30am -12pm with PC 1293 Johnson.
- Police Forum at Stutton on the 18 December 7.30pm- 8.30pm with PC 582 Jarrett.
- Pop up shop at Stoke Library, Maidenhall Road on 13 December 10-11am with PC 1089 Hallatt.
- Various Christmas fetes and events will also be attended by the CPT team to drop in and say hello and see if there are any concerns or any questions people wanted to ask.

## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** Concerns raised around continual ASB and dangerous drivers at the Copdock interchange area.

**We did:** Police are currently working with the council on this to come up with alternative options to prevent the issues as previous solutions are not working. Police are currently looking into a noise detection camera to help prosecute offenders and considering a Public Space Protection Order with the council.

**You said:** Youths were jumping and climbing on top of the shops on Garrick Way in Ipswich.

**We did:** Additional police patrols in the area and work with our Design Out Crime Officer to help look at other solutions to prevent access to the roof and make the area more secure.

**You said:** Anti-social driving around Morrisons Car Park in Sproughton causing danger and nuisance with the noise.

**We did:** Patrols done in the area and vehicle seized for wheel spinning, doughnuts, no insurance. A Traffic offence report was issued and a section 59 for anti-social use of a vehicle.

**You said:** The public alerted us to an abandoned trailer that had been causing issues and obstructing part of the footpath and highway.

**We did:** Trailer was moved by police and taken away under section 99. Whilst in the area officers have also issued seven further traffic offence reports to other offending vehicles.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Anti-social behaviour - Working with the community and partners in the identification of anti-social behaviour in public places making use of preventative and diversionary tactics
- County lines and local drug dealing - Disruption and removal of county lines and local drug dealers with the use of intelligence and appropriate enforcement
- Prevention and detection of acquisitive crimes such as burglary, robbery and vehicle related theft





**Inspector  
Ben Richards**

Inspector Ben Richards is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Deben and Orford, Felixstowe, Gainsborough and Holywells, Kesgrave and Bixley, Martlesham and Orwell, Priory Heath, Rushmere and St. Johns and Woodbridge and Wickham Market.

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## IPSWICH EAST, WOODBRIDGE & FELIXSTOWE

In the past few months, the Community Policing Team South has successfully hosted a series of engagement events which aimed at fostering a closer relationship with the local community. These events have been designed to encourage engagement, gather information, and enhance safety and wellbeing in the area. Feedback from these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive, with many appreciating the officers' willingness to listen and engage.



October highlights included the "Meet Your Officer" day held at various locations, allowing residents to connect directly with their local officers in a relaxed and approachable setting. In Woodbridge, CPT officers joined Communities Together East Anglia at the CommuniTEA Chinwag at Woodbridge Community Hall and discussed concerns from locals and offered crime reduction advice.

In Rendlesham, the local CPT officer organised a community pop up event with parish councillors and East Suffolk Council which resulted in a successful engagement implementing new procedures for multi-agency working. Community members expressed their concerns and suggestions, creating an open channel for communication.

South Suffolk CPT team organized a community safety workshop at B&Q Store, Ipswich which was so successful that a public request was made to repeat the engagement event. This workshop focuses on practical advice on crime prevention strategies especially due to the rise of the number of residential burglaries in the festive period. The workshop equips residents with the knowledge to protect their homes and possessions.

Another exciting initiative was the collaboration with local schools, where officers conducted workshops on topics like online safety and the importance of community responsibility. Young people were encouraged to ask questions, share their experiences, and engage in discussions about how they can contribute positively to their communities. Felixstowe CPT Officers attended Felixstowe International College to deliver a new Pol-Ed presentation to secondary school students. Pol-Ed is an educational programme created by West Yorkshire Police to improve children's understanding of risk and citizens' understanding of risk, citizenship and the law. Education is the most important tool in crime prevention and these sessions will equip our children with the knowledge to make the right choices. A visit to Ravenswood Nursery was also completed to speak with the children about the police and how to keep themselves safe within the community.

Social media campaigns were launched to keep the community informed about ongoing efforts, crime alerts, and local events. This strategy has not only increased awareness but has also promoted community spirit as residents began sharing their own stories and positive interactions.

As part of the national Clear, Hold and Build Initiative, officers from Felixstowe attended the local high school to help the Mayor select the winning design for the branding of the project. Future Felixstowe was chosen as the overarching project name by a panel of local councillors and community leaders on May 24 and Felixstowe Academy students were asked to design a brand which communicated the project to the public as it enters the Hold phase. We were hugely impressed and grateful to all the students who took part and the high quality of the entries.

Overall, the engagement events have laid a solid foundation for building trust and cooperation between the Community Policing Team South and the community. As the team looks ahead, they are excited to continue nurturing these relationships and exploring new ways to keep the community safe and connected.

*Written by PC Mel Girling*

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### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 10 December 11am-1pm  
Rosehill Library, Tomline Road

Wednesday 11 Decemembr 2pm-4pm  
Murrayside Community Centre

Wednesday 18 December 10.30am-12pm  
St. Martin & St. Mary's Church, High Road, Trimley St. Mary

## YOU SAID... WE DID

**You said:** Reports of anti-social driving around Queensway in the evenings.

**We did:** CPT officers have carried out mobile patrols and foot patrols over the past couple of weeks to ensure this reduces/stops. We are also working with local councillors and partner agencies to reinstate barrier and signs to prevent the issues

**You said:** Summer period of thefts/robberies of shops in Ravenswood and Nacton Road areas.

**We did:** CPT officers have been patrolling the area and visiting local shops to provide reassurance and advice, reports have reduced, but patrols will continue.

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

- The Identification, disruption and removal of county lines and local drug dealing.
- Reduction of acquisitive crime offences such as burglary, robbery, and vehicle related theft.
- Working with partner agencies in the identification and reduction of anti-social behaviour in public spaces.



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