



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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**From: PCSO Claire Cox**

**To: Haughley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

Good evening to you all. Please accept my apologies but due to other commitments I am unable to attend this evening, please see report for your information and please feel free to contact me with any issues/concerns.

To follow is a brief report of what has happened in the parish and the Wetherden sector since 15<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

## **Crime Figures for 15/01/08 to 19/02/08**

Since 15/01/08 I can report there have been 6 crimes reported in the area. Please see below details of these:-

2 Criminal damages, 1 on the A14 endangering life – golf balls were stolen from golf club in Onehouse and thrown over the bridge onto the A14 hitting a vehicle. The other is a damage to a vehicle parked in Church View Haughley.

2 Burglary with intent – these are where nothing stolen but damage has been caused, these took place in St Marys Ave and Green Rd Haughley

1 Burglary Dwelling – this happened on Duke Street Haughley where antiques/furniture was stolen.

1 Burglary other building – Shed at the rear of a property in St Marys Ave Haughley that wasn't secure and a can and petrol was stolen.

## **Other Problems**

From a crime perspective in Mid-Suffolk the main problem this past month has been lots of Thefts and Burglary other buildings.

As always and particularly at this time of year I ask you to help yourselves by ensuring your valuables are locked away safe and secure. – It has been noted that most of vehicles or outbuildings entered are left insecure by their owners.

Your nearby parish of Wetherden has had 0 crimes recorded for this period.

## **SCAM EMAIL WARNING**

Police are urging members of the public to ignore a scam e-mail, which tries to get you to part with cash by saying someone has been hired to kill you. Lots of members of the public across the county have been sent the scam e-mails. On each occasion the victim has received an e-mail in which the sender says he has been paid to kill him. The e-mail goes on to say a 'friend' wants him dead, that he is not to contact the police and makes threats about his family. The e-mail then goes on to say that he can pay to have his life spared and requests a large sum of cash. Police investigated a similar e-mail sent to an individual last year and a number of similar scam e-mails have been reported nationwide. The e-mail is believed to have originated in Nigeria.

Officers advise that you do not reply to the e-mail in any way.

## **POLICE TARGET UNDERAGE DRINKERS TO COMBAT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

A countywide crackdown on crime and disorder caused by underage street drinking is to be launched by Suffolk Police next week.

The 'Confiscation of Alcohol' campaign, which runs from 8th to the 24th February 2008, will see police officers and community support officers proactively targeting local areas where young people gather. Those who are found to be underage drinking will have the alcohol confiscated and groups of young people will be dispersed where alcohol related crime or disorder is suspected.

As part of the campaign, special 'litmus-style' test kits will be used countywide, allowing officers to detect the presence of alcohol in any pre-mixed drinks. The parents or guardians of anyone under the age of 18 who is found to be drinking will be notified.

For those areas that already have 'alcohol designation orders', which prevents the consumption of alcohol in public places in that location, anyone found to be drinking alcohol may be stopped and the alcohol confiscated. If they fail to comply they can face a fine or arrest.

Inspector Ben Cook, from the Crime Reduction Unit, said: "The aim of this campaign is to work towards the reduction of alcohol related crime and disorder by young people. Any reports of underage drinkers will be investigated and any known hotspots countywide will be targeted. This, we hope, will tackle this anti-social behaviour and any associated crime and disorder.

"However, this is not just about confiscating alcohol from underage drinkers... we will try to educate young people that their behaviour is not only anti-social, but is also putting themselves at risk of other offences such as assault. Officers will also give appropriate advice on the health risks associated with irresponsible drinking."

During this campaign, officers will be gathering information on young people's ability to access alcohol locally and follow up enquiries will be made. Any adult found to have knowingly supplied alcoholic drinks to a person underage runs the risk of an on the spot fine or even prosecution. Any licensee found to be selling alcoholic drink to underage people are committing an offence and their license may be at risk.

## **POLICE DIRECT**

Suffolk Polices high tech public messaging service.

If you want to update your details go to [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) and follow the links to Police Direct.

Further details about the service and to register for Police Direct please go online at [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) or contact the Police Direct team on 01473 613997.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

If you would like any information on Neighbourhood Watch, or would like to become a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, please contact Theresa Jones (the Community Watch Liaison Officer for Mid Suffolk), on 01473 383388.

## **EMAIL OR WEBSITE?**

If you're reading this newsletter on the website, did you know that you can have it sent to you by email directly? Just register with us on the site. Our website is constantly being updated with news and information. [www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch)

## **MID SUFFOLK WEST contains the following parishes:**

Elmswell, Norton, Tostock, Haughley, Wetherden, Harleston, Shelland, Onehouse, Great Finborough, Buxhall, Drinkstone, Gedding, Rattlesden, Felsham, Thurston, Beyton, Hessett, Woolpit

**If you have details about any crimes, then please contact your local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

Anything you wish to inform me personally about or indeed if you wish to report an incident please don't hesitate to contact me on the numbers above. I am sadly not on duty all the time and obviously any urgent matters please call 999.

Many thanks

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