



Welcome to my monthly Partnership Funded PCSO report for Jan/Feb 2019

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As you are aware this is my first full month in post after taking over from PCSO Sarbutts, therefore I have spent time visiting local schools and businesses etc making introductions. My aim is to ensure that the community know who I am and how to contact me along with offering reassurance and helping to maintain and improve the community's confidence in Police.

With this in mind I have been exploring the use of Social Media to find effective ways to update and communicate with residents within the community. Twitter is available to use and we currently have a generic 'East Ipswich Page' so I am currently in conversations about the best way to utilise this page and the potential to link in with the local community Facebook pages.

### **SCHOOLS**

This month I have made efforts to meet with staff and make introductions with all of the schools on my patch and I am keen to build strong relationships, not only with staff but with students and parents too. The Constabulary has a School Liaison Officer who I am linking in with in order to explore any inputs and support we can offer to the schools.

I am aware that parking still remains an important topic and I have attended as often as possible and held static points at the front of the schools, also conducting foot patrols of the surrounding area which has given me the opportunity to speak with motorists and give out advice sheets and warnings for those parked inappropriately/illegally.

Over the past 2 -3 weeks a hot topic around Schools in the East of Ipswich has been reports of potential accosting's. All Information and descriptions of vehicles are being collated by Police Officers and the Area Intelligence Unit to investigate. Due to high tensions around this topic I have spent the last couple of weeks conducting mobile patrols in a marked Police vehicle for reassurance and to look out for any suspicious vehicles. From this I have submitted my own intelligence reports in relation to this matter.

### **SURGERIES**

I have discussed with both Parishes about that continuation of surgeries and we have come to an agreement that due to a low number of people attending I would try and focus more on being out on patrol and where I can, attend local events to enable me to be visible to a larger number of local residents. I am currently in discussions with Tesco's Ropes Drive to arrange holding a stand in the entrance area so I am in a visible place with a high footfall of people passing by.

## **ACTIVITIES**

During my last weekend of working (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) I attended the Millennium Field on the morning of the Parkrun, once again to be visible to the community but to also assess the parking issues there. I remained throughout the Parkrun and waited for the next flow of attendees for football to arrive as I have been informed this is the time the area can become problematic. My presence must have made some impact as I am pleased to report I actually didn't witness any illegal parking! Also residents are keen to see me complete the park run in full uniform so I must get training!

In relation to previous ASB issues in the area of Broadlands Way, whilst I have not received any reports from local residents so far I did personally witness a group of people outside of Busy Bees whilst off duty on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. At approximately 22:35hrs a group of 10-15 males and females were congregating in the area and had even brought camp chairs and made themselves at home! A strong smell of cannabis was also coming from the group. I submitted my own Intelligence report for this so that this is on file in order to support any further reports if this does begin to escalate again.

## **POLICE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

As you know I am always happy to give advice and guidance where I can. If it is something that I cannot give an immediate answer too, then I am obviously ideally placed to seek advice from other professionals. Members of the public wanting advice on many police-related matters can be signposted to the Suffolk Constabulary website advice page at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

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