



Welcome to my monthly Partnership Funded PCSO report for August 2018.

I have been very busy this month dealing with two lengthy investigations which have taken up most of my time. At the same time I have been hosting police surgeries at the Kesgrave Town Council office, and with the mobile police station at Tower Hall in Rushmere St. Andrew. I have also increased my high visibility patrols across both parishes following two daytime burglaries in Kesgrave. Two suspects have been identified.

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### ACTIVITIES

- You may recall that last month I was dealing with problems surrounding a care home which has been established in a residential bungalow in old Kesgrave. Initially I recorded this as an ASB Nuisance non-crime, but residents have been affected by this on more than one occasion which forms harassment – this is a course of conduct which causes a person or persons to feel harassed, alarmed or distressed. This was therefore reclassified as **Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)**.

In addition, racial verbal abuse was heard to emanate from the property. In this instance it was heard by a member of the public which formed a public order offence. I then recorded a crime for this titled a **Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress POA (Public Order Act)**. I am now investigating both crimes and I am working with the landlord towards finding a solution to these issues. An action plan has been put in place by the company renting the property to prevent further problems.

- I have continued to investigate a case of Criminal Damage in which a number of glass bottles were thrown over a hedge from the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre field into Baird Grove causing damage to a new vehicle. Having spoken to most of the youths who were on the field at the time, I have now identified the one who threw the bottles over the hedge. Some of the youths had arrived on the field after the bottles had already been thrown, so they have been eliminated from the investigation.

The youth responsible will now be formally interviewed regarding the offence and depending on the outcome of that, a decision will be taken on how they will be dealt with.

- Daytime burglaries are rare, but when they do occur, entry is often gained by smashing a rear window or glass panel in a rear door. There was such a burglary this month in Battles Lane and also another burglary in The Walk, both in Kesgrave. Two possible suspects have been identified for the burglary in The Walk, and I have subsequently seen the same two youths associating on Grange Farm. In fact, due to the odd nature of their behaviour when seen, I followed them around Grange Farm for a number of hours to ensure that they did not commit further offences.
- I have been assisting with the distribution of Ring doorbells across our parishes. The Ring company has supplied several hundred of these in order to conduct a one-year trial to establish their effectiveness. The doorbells incorporate a video camera which records persons coming to the door. The doorbell is linked to Wi-Fi in the property, so when the doorbell is activated the resident of the property will receive an alert to their smart-phone which will also show live images of the person at the door. The resident is able to speak to the person live through the doorbell itself. Footage from the doorbell is automatically uploaded to cloud storage and can be reviewed in the case of an offence occurring.

- I have been deploying SID this month within both parishes. When doing so I have remained on site for a while to see just how effective the SID actually is. Every single time I have done this I have witnessed many vehicles immediately brake when the sign illuminates. You may have seen people slow down as they approach the fixed roadside cameras as they know where they are, and you may have seen them accelerate away when they are beyond the road markings within which their speed is checked. The big difference with SIDs is that they can be placed almost anywhere, and it's the surprise factor which grabs the attention of drivers and makes them react by using their brakes. I have to say these are highly-effective and a very worthwhile investment, at the same time as being very mobile and easy to deploy.
- The shopping plaza on Broadlands Way remains very quiet. The area is being frequently patrolled and there have been no significant problems for some time. I have spoken to staff at the One Stop Shop and they report that things are much better now with virtually no litter being left behind which is very encouraging.
- As you know, PCSOs were placed at risk of redundancy on 16th July 2018 when the formal consultation period commenced for a minimum period of 45 days. The consultation period has now ended and all PCSOs have been given preference forms in order to select the post/s they wish to apply for. All PCSOs are also able to apply for my post as your fully partnership funded PCSO, as well as all the other current and proposed match funded and fully funded posts. I am only submitting one preference and that is to continue in my current role as your fully partnership funded PCSO.

Effectively, when the new policing model goes live on 29th October 2018, it is only the match funded and fully funded PCSOs such as me that will continue to conduct regular high visibility patrols and offer a dedicated service to individual parishes in the way I do. This is due to the new 'Link Officer' PCSO role concentrating on problem solving initiatives and early intervention working with partner agencies.

I have been offered the opportunity to contact the 2025 Team and make any suggestions that I feel would further enhance our service level agreement. I have therefore formally requested a marked police vehicle to replace my unmarked Ford Fiesta in order to provide better visibility, and to offer further reassurance to our residents. In addition to this I have suggested to the 2025 Team that I am more than happy to work regular late shifts if that is proposed when you meet with them to discuss renewal of the SLA.

- Please note that I will be away on annual leave from September 3rd returning on Monday 17th September 2018. I will be kept up to date by the 2025 Team while I am on leave.
- **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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