



Hello and welcome to my monthly Partnership Funded PCSO report for February 2018.

This has been a very busy month involving parking issues, progressing the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID), Community Speed Watch developments, issues around the closure of Foxhall Road, intelligence led patrols, further progress with ASB at St. Andrews Walk, detention of a male suspect following the stabbing incident in the area of Kelvedon Drive, and your chance to possibly help identify two offenders captured on CCTV.

ACTIVITIES

- The Kesgrave and Rushmere St. Andrew Community Speed Watch group has been inactive for some time while a temporary coordinator has been sought. I am pleased to report that a new group member has been trained and he has volunteered to coordinate the group on this basis. In order to give the group further support, I have offered to attend when they recommence speed checks.
- As you know, some funds were left over following the cessation of the 12PT (Twelve Parishes Together), and it was agreed at the final meeting of the 12PT that these funds would be used to purchase a SID (Speed Indicator Device). This is an illuminating sign which detects the speed of oncoming vehicles and displays the speed to the driver. The speed is displayed in green when travelling within the speed limit, red when over the limit, and flashing red when over the limit at a more extreme speed.

A purchase order for a DFS600 SID (shown on the right) has been placed and I will be managing its deployment. It's a very mobile device which is fixed to a tripod and secured to lamp posts. If you receive any complaints regarding speeding on a specific road, please do let me know and I will assess whether there is a suitable place to deploy the SID as a deterrent.



A DFS600 tackling speeding

- Following on from last month's issue of parking offences in the area of the Millennium Sports Ground during Saturday morning events, I attended the area on the morning of 3rd February and again on the morning of 24th February to conduct parking enforcement. I am delighted to report that there were no parking offences and only a few advisory notes needed to be placed on vehicles which were parked on grass verges (not currently an offence). I would like to extend my thanks to the organizers of these events who were clearly very well organized, and to all those that parked in the area so respectfully. My thanks also to Kesgrave Town Council for their support which has again proved to be invaluable.
- In my last report I mentioned the closure of Foxhall Road during work to resurface the road and upgrade the crossings on Heath Road and Bixley Road. On day one of the closure there was no great impact on the roads around Broke Hall Community Primary School, but over the next few days drivers began to use Gleneagles Drive, Claverton Way and Chatsworth Drive as an unofficial alternative route, and traffic flow increased by around 300% in the area. I continued to attend the area over the following days and identified two points where traffic jams were occurring. Both were at the eastern end of Claverton Way where it joins Chatsworth Drive. Drivers were struggling to negotiate parked cars, and this was compounded by vehicles coming head to head due to travelling too fast. These two points can sometimes be a problem to a lesser degree, but it was clear that the road layout was unsuitable for such a large increase in traffic caused by the road works, so I reported this to Suffolk Highways.

- I have been patrolling the area around the wooden bench sited on Long Stroops at Cedar Wood in Kesgrave following reports of drug-related paraphernalia being found there. So far I have not found any such items but I will continue to check the area. I have submitted an intelligence report so that all local officers are aware.
- Reports of ASB in the area of the One Stop Shop at St. Andrews Walk, Rushmere St. Andrew remain low. On 5th February a new ANPR camera (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) began operating in the One Stop Shop car park. This camera records the registration numbers of vehicles entering and leaving the car park and the system will automatically issue a fine of £85 to drivers remaining in the car park for more than 60 minutes, or returning within four hours. Drivers intending to leave vehicles in the car park for more than 60 minutes for a legitimate reason, such as attending the business premises, should notify the One Stop Shop as the ANPR system can be amended to prevent a fine being issued in those circumstances. Parking in the car park just to socialise with friends is NOT a legitimate reason to remain there beyond 60 minutes as this obstructs parking spaces required by visitors to the business premises.
- I have mentioned in previous reports that there has been an increase in burglary offences in Ipswich and surrounding areas. I have been spending several hours each day conducting high-visibility patrols within our two parishes to keep an eye on residential properties and businesses.
- On 17th February 2018 at approximately 9:15pm a male jogger was the victim of an unprovoked attack on Foxhall Heath near to Kelvedon Drive, Rushmere St. Andrew. Whilst crossing the small wooden bridge leading from the heath to Kelvedon Drive, the jogger noticed a male standing on the bridge and, as he passed him, the male attacked him with a sharp instrument causing cuts to his stomach and hands as he defended himself. I considered that the description of the male matched that of another male known to me for causing other local issues recently, so I submitted an intelligence report naming him as matching the description. One of our Neighbourhood Response Team supervisors was already seeking this male in relation to another matter, so I advised him that he may also be responsible for this offence. Subsequently the suspect I named was detained for this offence and he is currently on bail.
- The two males shown on the right are being sought in connection with a number of thefts from vehicles in the area of Bladen Drive and Kelvedon Drive, Rushmere St. Andrew in the early hours of 19th to 21st January 2018.

If you recognise either of them please do let me know. I suspect that the male on the right may also be responsible for the theft of a high-value cycle during the same period.

Historically, this type of offence has occurred between the hours of 1:00am and 4:00am with offenders looking for cash and small items which can be easily sold, such as sat navs, mobile phones and dash cams etc. Please ensure your vehicles are locked whenever you are away from them.



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