



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

The issue of parking offences being committed in the area of the Millennium Sports Ground on Grange Farm, Kesgrave on Saturday mornings has been a 'hot topic' this month. I am patrolling the area on Saturday mornings and have issued fixed penalty notices where appropriate. As you'll see in this report, a collaborative approach to the problem is being taken and I am confident that this will address it on a long-term basis.

I mentioned in last month's report that Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore was conducting a survey seeking the opinion of Suffolk residents on a proposed rise in the policing precept. Mr. Passmore has subsequently announced that 66% of respondents indicated that they would be prepared to accept the increase. This will give the Constabulary a welcome financial boost.

### ACTIVITIES

- Many people drive to events at Kesgrave's Millennium Sports Ground on Saturday mornings, but the car park cannot accommodate such a large number of vehicles. This leads to many people parking in Millennium Way, Terry Gardens and Century Drive. Whilst this would not normally cause any problems, some vehicles have been parked in a way which has formed an Unnecessary Obstruction offence leading to a £30 fine by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Examples of an obstruction offence are where a vehicle blocks a junction, footpath, cycle path, dropped kerb, driveway or other access point.

The actual examples shown here on the right are an Unnecessary Obstruction of the junction of Century Drive and Thomas Crescent at 9:30am, and an Unnecessary Obstruction of a dropped kerb used by the blind or partially sighted on Century Drive at 11:30am.



Many drivers have been parking on grass verges causing damage, and others have been causing a visual obstruction to junctions or driveways. I have been working with Kesgrave Town Council to produce a collaborative advisory letter to all persons attending these events which offers the following guidance:

- **Arrive early enough to allow yourself plenty of time to find a legal, sensible and safe place to park.**
  - **Drive slowly in the area as there will be lots of people crossing the roads.**
  - **Be prepared to park further away if there are no spaces close to the event.**
  - **Do not obstruct junctions, footpaths, cycle paths, dropped kerbs, driveways or any other access points.**
  - **Please give consideration to local residents and their visitors.**
  - **Do not park on grass verges or on the corner of junctions.**
- I have been dealing with a harassment case in Kesgrave where one person has continued to contact another despite being repeatedly told that their attention was unwanted. This can form a 'course of conduct' which may be considered to be harassing someone. Initially I advised this person that their behaviour was unacceptable and that it should cease. Unfortunately my words of advice were not heeded so I issued a PIN (Police Information Notice) to the person advising them that that if they made any further contact with the other person in any way (including via a third party) then it was likely that they would be dealt with for a full harassment. This person continued to try and make contact, so this is now being dealt with at the higher level.

- When dealing with incidents and crimes I sometimes identify concerns for someone's welfare. In these circumstances I am required to submit a vulnerable adult or vulnerable child referral to ensure that the most appropriate professionals can offer the best help and support. I have been dealing with an ongoing neighbourly dispute in Kesgrave in which I have referred a person in this way due to having concerns for their mental health.
- I have continued to receive reports that the car park barriers at the One Stop Shop and Busy Bees Nursery in Rushmere St. Andrew have not been secured overnight on a number of occasions, and this has led to youths and vehicles gathering there again and causing issues. I have referred this to site managers Mark Liell who will again address this with the businesses at this location.
- The Rushmere St. Andrew and Kesgrave Community Speed Watch scheme has not been active for some time due to the coordinator suffering ill health. At the time of writing I am putting our CSW department in touch with a gentleman who has offered to act as the CSW Coordinator on a temporary basis. He will shortly undergo training in using the equipment and in Health and Safety, and once the scheme recommences speed checks I will be present to support them.



CSW volunteers undergoing training in 2017

Please don't forget that if you identify a prospective volunteer for CSW I can deliver an application pack to them.

- As you may be aware, Foxhall Road will be closed from the Heath Road / Bixley Drive roundabout to Darnford Gardens from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Traffic will be diverted through Gleneagles Drive which will take it through Claverton Way and the area of Broke Hall Community Primary School. In order to reduce any impact from the diverted traffic clashing with the school run, I have been regularly attending the area of the school in the mornings to remind drivers of the need to park sensibly and legally. So far there have only been three drivers requiring advice which is encouraging.
- We have continued to see burglaries occurring in the general areas of Ipswich and Woodbridge. Please remain alert to any suspicious activity or unusual smashing noises, and call police on 999 if you believe a burglary may be in progress.
- Please be aware of an increase in the theft of vehicles which feature keyless entry. Offenders are using scanning equipment which can capture the signal from a car's fob and transmit it to the vehicle which is then automatically unlocked. This allows the car to be entered, started and driven away. The initial advice is to store the car's fob as far away as possible from where the car stands, and to contact your car's manufacturer for advice on whether your fob can be turned off overnight or when not in use.

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