



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

Suffolk Constabulary has announced that there are to be changes to the way we police the county, and the changes will be implemented on 29th October 2018. All PCSOs in Suffolk, including me, have now been placed at risk of redundancy, and the overall number of PCSOs is being reduced. In the meantime I am working as normal and continuing to address matters that are relevant to our two parishes.

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### **CHANGES TO POLICING IN SUFFOLK**

The constabulary has been forced to make some difficult decisions in order to meet budgetary constraints following no substantial increase in funding from central government. As part of an ongoing review of policing in Suffolk, it has been decided that the PCSO role will change and this will also result in a number of PCSO posts being removed. I am pleased to say that match funded and fully funded PCSO posts will remain as the constabulary continues to support the principle of service level agreements.

There are currently 81 full-time equivalent (FTE) PCSO posts and this will reduce to 48 FTEs. The 48 will comprise of 27 'Link Officers', 3 schools liaison officers and 18 match funded or fully funded PCSOs. In Suffolk there are currently 4 fully funded PCSOs (including myself) and 4 match funded PCSOs. It is proposed that there will be a minimum of 18 funded posts, and all councils are being contacted to advise them of the opportunity to fund a PCSO. The new Link Officer role for non-funded PCSOs will see them forging stronger links with partner agencies and working with them on problem-solving initiatives.

We have worked together under the umbrella of our service level agreement for nearly 9 years, and throughout this time we have clearly evidenced how successful this can be. I know that some aspects of our collaborative work have been used as a role model for some other funded PCSO roles. I suspect there will be many other councils interested in funding PCSOs as it is an ideal way in which to have a named officer dedicated to the sponsor's parishes and their individual concerns.

There are a number of other vacancies within the constabulary being offered to all PCSOs at risk of redundancy, but of course it is my intention to only reapply for my current role in order that we can continue to work together in the way that we have. All PCSOs are entitled to apply for my post, and we will undertake an interview process if anyone else does apply for it. If no one else applies for it then I will simply slot back into the role for as long as you wish to sponsor it.

Further details of these changes can be found via the following link:

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/17-07-2018/suffolk-constabulary-announces-its-blueprint-future-community-policing>

Please note that whilst I am at risk of redundancy, some of my time is being absorbed by the consultation process and its associated meetings. Some of these meetings may be at very short notice, so there may be a short delay in replying to correspondence where this occurs.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- There have been a number of reports regarding a group of foreign nationals drinking alcohol on Pilbroughs Walk in Kesgrave early in the mornings and during the night. Having conducted an enquiry nearby at the start of my shift, I patrolled along Pilbroughs Walk in search of them. Sure enough I located four males and one female consuming alcohol, all of whom are from Romania. Only one of the males spoke English, but I was able to relay to the group that the drinking of alcohol on Grange Farm is not permitted at any time. At my direction, they disposed of their beer bottles in the bin and they were given strong words of advice against leaving these lying around or throwing them into the bushes.
- During the football World Cup tournament there were a few instances of supporters causing issues in public houses where the England matches were screened live. Whilst on patrol in Rushmere St. Andrew, I identified a male matching the description of someone who smashed a number of glasses at one of these events. On speaking to him he admitted to being the male who caused the damage so his details have been added to the crime as the suspect.
- I was asked this month to investigate ongoing antisocial behaviour which has been disturbing other local residents in Kesgrave. The location is a normal residential property which has been rented out to a care company. Having attended the address with a colleague who was visiting regarding another matter, I was able to speak to staff regarding the complaints we have received, and I offered them some guidance on engaging with local residents in order that they recognise their concerns and address them as best they can. No planning permission for a care home like this is required as it is still considered as being used only for residential purposes.

I will also be addressing these issues with the landlord of the property and the owners of the company renting the property as they all have some responsibility in ensuring that tenants do not cause a disturbance to other residents.

- I am pleased to be able to report yet again that reported ASB remains low in the area of Broadlands Way. I raised this issue to a priority location for patrols by our officers working under Operation Parkland, so it is getting lots of extra attention.
- I have been investigating a case of Criminal Damage in which a number of glass bottles were thrown causing damage to a new vehicle. I have been able to identify six suspects for this offence, all of whom I will be speaking to with their parents where they are still classed as a minor. This was a particularly stupid and careless offence where no consideration whatsoever was given to these bottles possibly hitting members of the public.
- **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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