



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

This has been a very busy month for the Ipswich East SNT with the murder of a young man in Nacton and a stabbing incident at Ravenswood. This required scene preservations, house to house enquiries, and an increased police presence for reassurance. Our partnership funding agreement has meant that I have not been abstracted to assist with this at all, and I have been able to continue working as normal across our parishes.

ACTIVITIES

- On Saturday 2nd June 2018, 17-year-old Tavis Spencer-Aitkens was attacked in Packard Avenue, Ipswich by a number of people. Tavis received a stab wound to his heart, and despite the very best efforts of paramedics and the air ambulance crew, Tavis tragically died a short time later at The Ipswich Hospital. A murder enquiry was subsequently launched into what was clearly a targeted attack involving several people, and a number of suspects have been detained.

A high-visibility police presence remained in the area for some time. Police officer shifts were extended, but PCSO shifts were not changed. I was subsequently tasked with conducting increased patrols at a number of specific locations within our two parishes. These dedicated patrols are aimed at offering reassurance to members of the public whilst gathering any information that may be relevant to the investigation.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Kesgrave Fun Day as planned on June 9th due to a shortage of marked police vehicles which were commandeered for dedicated patrols. I remained in Kesgrave and Rushmere St. Andrew paying particular attention to the area of the Millennium Sports Ground.

Considering the increased number of vehicles in Kesgrave, there were no parking issues to deal with. In fact, we have seen a general improvement in parking matters across both parishes over the past few months.



Around 1,000 visitors attended the Kesgrave Fun Day

- Almost anything can be reported as lost or found property, and I have processed hundreds of such items over the years. Early this month it was reported that a carrier bag containing clothing and CDs had been left in a wooded area just off Ropes Drive. When I recovered the bag there was much more there than was reported including a jacket, a large holdall containing more clothes, CDs and shaving equipment, and fortunately a small notebook containing the address of the owner. I recognised the address as being one from where an elderly person often goes missing, so I was able to return everything to them within a few minutes.
- I am continuing to patrol St. Andrews Walk and Broadlands Way on a daily basis to reduce ASB and deal with any offences. Overall we are seeing a huge reduction in reports to police, and the whole ambience of the plaza has taken on a new feel. Patrols here will of course continue in order to maintain this.

- Occasionally, incidents are reported to police involving persons with mental health conditions. At the heart of policing is the safeguarding and welfare of the most vulnerable people within our community, and so it's important to assess a situation fully in order to identify any mental health conditions that may be at the center of it.

I dealt with a neighbourly dispute this month in which one party's verbal outburst towards their neighbour was totally disproportionate to the circumstances, and this was not the first time that this had occurred. It was obvious that there was an underlying cause of some sort, and the possibility of it being related to mental health was the first check to be made. It transpired that this person had somewhat 'fallen through the net' of appropriate care some time ago.

In all such matters, where we have concerns for the safeguarding and welfare of children or adults, we submit a PVP (Protecting Vulnerable Persons) report which ensures that they receive appropriate help in a timely manner. Fortunately we work very closely with mental health services and we are able to directly draw upon their experience and guidance which often proves to be invaluable.

- As you know, I used to host police surgeries within our two parishes, and I have proposed to both councils that we reintroduce these in order to strengthen our links with residents in our communities, and give them more opportunity to speak to the police in person. In Kesgrave, these would be held at the town council office, and in Rushmere St. Andrew these would be alternated between the parish council office, village hall and any other suitable places identified. These would be one-hour surgeries held approximately twice a month in each parish. We are finalizing plans and organizing surgery dates.
- Community Engagement Officers have been introduced by Suffolk Constabulary this month. These posts are held by police officers, and the new CEO for East Ipswich, Woodbridge and Felixstowe is PC 580 Rachel Partridge. The primary role of CEOs is to engage with the community, both in person and digitally, and to form stronger community links.

Rachel will be covering Kesgrave and Rushmere St. Andrew as your CEO. I am hopeful that she will be able to come along to one or more of our surgeries where she will be able to introduce herself. She has good knowledge of the area having covered it for a number of years.



New CEO PC 580 Rachel Partridge

- **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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