



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

This month's report is slightly shorter than usual due to having taken extra leave. Operation Parkland has now been launched and is aimed at tackling antisocial behaviour hotspots throughout the summer months with targeted patrols. I am feeding information to the team about any ASB issues which are ongoing or surfacing across our two parishes. Youth and vehicle nuisance in Broadlands Way, Rushmere St. Andrew will be specifically targeted by Op Parkland and I will continue to manage developments.

ACTIVITIES

- Social media sites offer everyone a means of communicating other than in person. Whilst the vast majority of youngsters use these sites in a responsible way, a tiny minority fall foul of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 by using it as a tool to bully, harass or threaten others. All postings and comments made on social media sites are of course recorded and can be used in evidence where an offence is committed. Any message that is sent and considered to be indecent or grossly offensive, a threat, or contains information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender may form an offence under this act.

I have had to speak to a youngster this month about the language they used and the threats they made via social media to another young person. Of course they had never even heard of the Malicious Communications Act, and they hadn't stopped to consider the obvious distress this caused the recipient or the implications of getting a criminal record. After a long chat they clearly understood that this was totally unacceptable and they offered a very sincere apology.

- There have been two separate reports this month of individuals riding off-road, unregistered motorcycles in the area of Penzance Road in Kesgrave and Broadlands Way in Rushmere St. Andrew. There are many offences committed in these circumstances and a serious danger is posed to pedestrians, cyclists and all other road users. I now have information which suggests who was riding these motorcycles and I am conducting further enquiries.
- There have been further reports this month of a female dog walker who allows a number of her dogs to be off the lead and cause alarm to members of the public, and in particular other dog owners and their dogs. The latest incident was on the Millennium Sports Ground in Kesgrave. I would urge members of the public to report incidents like this, as being surrounded by a number of dogs in this way can be very frightening – especially when the dogs are not under any form of control.
- There have been a number of scams this month aimed at deceiving elderly people into handing over large sums of cash. One of note involved a telephone call from a bogus tax man to a gentleman informing him that he had underpaid income tax, and that he owed the tax office several thousand pounds. He was persuaded to go to his bank to withdraw it all in cash, and was told to take it home where a taxi would arrive to collect it.

Fortunately the cash withdrawal was intercepted and therefore not handed over. The Citizens Advice website has more details on several scams and offers good advice on how to spot potential scams and prevent them: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/scams/>

- There have been reports of youths gathering again in the area of the Grange Lodge building in Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave, and ball games being played in the Rupert Fison Square. On the evening of 29th May damage was caused to chairs in the back garden of Grange Lodge and youths were also found in the back yard of the Tesco Store. Historically we have had similar issues at this location so I have forwarded details to the Op Parkland team for their awareness and attention.
- You will recall that I have previously mentioned a number of burglaries in the general area of Ipswich and in other coastal areas. I am pleased to say that we have seen a marked reduction in these offences following the arrest of two people who were being sought for a substantial number of these burglaries. Throughout this period I have been conducting patrols of both parishes dedicated to keeping any eye on both residential and business properties. One of the many benefits of our partnership funding agreement is that I am able to dedicate so much time to this sort of patrolling without being called away to matters in other areas.

- **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS in 2018**

Your police your say meetings

Each year Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore stages a series of public meetings across the county. The meetings are an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the Commissioner and the Constabulary, and to find out more about policing in the county. Each meeting will involve a quick overview from Tim Passmore and the Chief Constable, or his deputy, and then the public will have an opportunity to ask questions. The Inspector responsible for policing in the local area will add operational context.

There is no need to book, so please just turn up. Meetings start at 7pm and are expected to end at 8.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served from 6.40pm. Details of forthcoming meetings can be found at: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/public-meetings/public-meetings>

On Tour meetings

Each year the PCC and Chief Constable go 'On Tour' around the county to talk to local residents in seven town centers across the county – one in each district area.

Dates in 2018 relative to our areas are:

Ipswich: Wednesday 15th August at Giles Circus, Princes Street IP1 1PN from 11.30am-1.30pm

Woodbridge: Thursday 16th August at The Thoroughfare IP12 1AQ from 11.30am-1.30pm

Members of the public requesting police advice on many matters can visit the Suffolk Constabulary website advice page as <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

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