



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

Over the past few months I have detailed the new policing model which commenced on 29th October 2018. This has seen more police officers move into Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and at the same time the overall number of PCSOs is being reduced. I have been very busy this month within our parishes, and I have also had to dedicate more time to matters arising from the changes to the policing model and the redundancy process.

ACTIVITIES

- There have been complaints from one resident regarding the play area on the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre field. This concerned noise from the play area, and the suggestion that older youths may be using it.

On Friday 5th October I worked a late shift from 2:00pm to 10:00pm specifically to monitor the play area to see if it was being used after dusk or by older youths. At 6:30pm there was one lady present with one small child using the play equipment. I checked the area every 30 minutes thereafter including walking around the entire field to keep an eye on the general area. No one else was found in the play area or on the field during the rest of the evening. On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October I worked from 3:00pm to 11:00pm to check the play area over the weekend period. It was visited throughout both evenings and again no one was located in the play area.

Noise complaints are usually dealt with under Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Council's East Suffolk Environmental Policy. There was no antisocial behaviour to address on these occasions, but where there are matters requiring police attention, residents are advised to either telephone the police on 101 (non-emergency number) or to contact us through the constabulary website, and to always dial 999 in an emergency. This ensures that there is a log of the incident and that the police response is proportionate. Emails sent to individual officers will bypass the normal process, and may not result in officers being despatched in a timely manner.

Oak Meadow was quiet throughout these shifts and only a small group of youths were found there after dark. They were not causing any problems and stated that they were from the Copleston area and looking around the wooded areas having heard that they are haunted. Also on these late shifts I attended Broadlands Way to check on reports of youths gathering with cars again. Initially there was a group of around 10 youths standing and just chatting on the opposite side of Broadlands Way. I drove passed a further two times very soon after and on the second occasion they had left. Later in the evening I came across a smaller group who were again just chatting.

These were youths from the Kesgrave area who I have known for several years. There was no littering at the time, but I did remind them of the littering issues that we are experiencing. They stated that they were only meeting there as the location is central to where they all live. There were no issues of concern. We only really have authority to move people on if they are causing issues, but on this occasion everything was in order.

- I have increased my patrols in the area of Broke Hall Community Primary School during the morning and afternoon school runs. I have had to issue the odd fixed penalty notice, and I have given words of advice to a number of other drivers. I also updated my parking advisory letter to parents and submitted this to

the school to be sent out via parent mail. This advised drivers of the issues some are causing during school runs, and it advised them that a zero-tolerance approach is being taken to parking offences.

- Heath Primary School in Kesgrave has also been given an adapted version of the school parking advisory letter. Problems exist with some of the yellow lining in the area of the school, so I have reported this to Suffolk Highways and have asked them to attend urgently and address this. I have also resubmitted a request for the cycle path to be repainted along the A1214 opposite Kesgrave High School to further address parking issues there. I have been advised that repainting of this stretch has now been scheduled.

All drivers should make themselves aware of the parking regulations wherever they go, and it is not an excuse to say that they weren't aware of the parking restrictions or that they are simply late for work or an appointment. Parking offences create serious risks that are totally unacceptable, particularly where they occur in the area of schools. I have taken many approaches to school parking issues and many are aimed at educating drivers and making them aware of the penalties that exist for such offences.



The parking advisory leaflet I designed was subsequently distributed to schools right across the Ipswich East area.

- As you will now know, I have opted to accept redundancy from Suffolk Constabulary and my final official day of employment will be 6th January 2019 marking 10 years in service, and almost 9 years as your funded PCSO. Due to having to use up my annual leave and other owed time before I depart, my last day at work will be Christmas Eve on a day shift. At the time of writing a replacement for my post has not been finalised, but this is being progressed. I will obviously be handing over everything to whoever takes over so that we have a smooth transition. There is much I wish to say, but I will do that in an extra report to both councils nearer the time I leave. Suffice to say at this time that I have many mixed emotions as the decision to leave has been the hardest in my entire employment history.

• 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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