



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

We are now into the fifth week of the new policing model which commenced on 29th October 2018. There are changes this month to the Safer Neighbourhood Team which polices the parishes of Kesgrave and Rushmere St. Andrew, and a new Locality Inspector will shortly take over from Inspector Andrew Pursehouse who has secured a very well deserved promotion.

POLICING MODEL UPDATE

Following on from the new policing model which commenced on 29th October 2018, the parishes of Kesgrave and Rushmere St. Andrew are now being covered by the Woodbridge SNT having taken over this responsibility from the Ipswich East SNT on Heath Road. As you know, I have been working from the Woodbridge SNT office since September 2017 and I am now in the process of producing detailed maps of our parishes for the team prior to leaving my post. The Woodbridge SNT structure is currently as follows:

LOCALITY INSPECTOR	SUPERVISOR	POLICE OFFICERS	POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS
Andrew Pursehouse	Sgt. 495 Connick	PC 605 Mortimer PC 135 Jones PC 1483 Giddins PC 156 Clabburn PC 1666 Martin	PCSO 3194 Sarbutts (Partnership Funded) PCSO 3094 Chatten-Berry PCSO 3099 Hawkes PCSO 3105 Smith
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Some further changes to the structure of the Woodbridge SNT will take place over the next few weeks. All the PCSOs at the Woodbridge SNT, including me, will be leaving the constabulary by December 31st 2018 under the redundancy process. Inspector Andrew Pursehouse is moving to a new area having been promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector, and he will be replaced by our new Locality Inspector Sally Henderson who has been promoted from the rank of Sergeant. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Inspector Pursehouse for all the help and support he has given us.

ACTIVITIES:

- A stash of drugs was found this month in Ashdale Walk. It was sealed within several layers of polythene and hidden in a hedge. The stash comprised of 14 wraps of Herbal Cannabis which was clearly intended for the purpose of supplying rather than for personal use. The drugs were seized and they have been scheduled for destruction. A wild-growing Cannabis plant was also located and removed from Oak Meadow. This has disrupted the local supply of drugs.



The Cannabis stash found in Ashdale Walk

I also had the opportunity this month to speak to a young lad and his mother about his possession of a small amount of Cannabis. He was extremely nervous about being spoken too by the police, and he was clearly full of regret that he'd placed himself in this position. This kind of meeting has

often resulted in young people not coming to the attention of the police again, and it's one of the most satisfying parts of my role. I specifically joined the police in order to be able to deter young people from becoming involved in criminality, and my experience of working in HM Prison Service has proved to be invaluable in this respect.

- I have gathered a substantial amount of intelligence this month, all of which has been added to our intelligence database. Sometimes it is the smallest piece of intelligence which can be the final piece in a much larger puzzle. My intelligence submissions have previously led to arrests and the seizure of drugs in both parishes.
- On Monday 19th November I worked a late shift from 2:00pm to 10:00pm to attend the Kesgrave Town Council Meeting at which the Service Level Agreements were discussed. I was delighted to see that so many councillors remain in support of funding my post.
- On Tuesday 20th November I worked another late shift from 1:00pm to 9:00pm to attend a meeting of the Kesgrave Youth Club at the Millennium Jubilee Hall. This was very constructive and it was lovely to see so many young people enjoying the club and the hall facilities. This late shift, and that which I worked on 19th November, gave me the opportunity to patrol the areas in both parishes where we have had previous problems. I am very pleased to report that everything at these locations was peaceful and quiet. There were no issues at the KWMCC play area to report.
- We have known for some time that Suffolk Highways are due to repaint road markings in preparation for the deregulation of parking in the near future. I have noted that the white road markings along the A1214 and Woodbridge Road East are now being repainted. I am particularly pleased to see that they have reinstated the single yellow line in Bell Lane opposite Heath Primary School as I requested. This had previously been painted with double yellow lines in error following roadworks, and it was not possible to enforce parking on that stretch due to conflicts with the associated No Waiting signs.
- My preparation for leaving the constabulary has taken up a lot of time this month. There is a huge amount of paperwork to finalise, together with a lot of uniform and equipment to process. I have also been doing all that I can to ensure that another PCSO is in place to take up my funded post when I leave the constabulary. Once that person is confirmed, they will be shadowing me to familiarise themselves with our hotspots and the processes that we use.

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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