

FELIXSTOWE AND DISTRICT SNT Police Report for the WALDRINGFIELD ANNUAL MEETING 9/4/18

For the period 1/4/17 - 31/3/18

During the last calendar year there have been a total of 150 Police investigations in the Kirton ward area. Investigations not only relate to criminal incidents, but also adult and child protection enquiries.

The Kirton Ward covers the areas of Waldringfield, Newbourne, Hemley, Bucklesham, Levington, Stratton Hall, Kirton and Falkenham.

There were 31 recorded Burglary Offences, ranging from break-ins to sheds and beach huts to commercial premises and garages. There were no burglaries in residential houses.

14 offences of theft from motor vehicle.

4 offences under the Dangerous Dog Act

2 recorded incidents of Hare coursing.

Like many theft crimes in rural areas, properties are vulnerable due to remote locations and I have included some advice and recommendations from our Crime reduction staff which will go a long way to help secure your property.

Suffolk Constabulary is joining forces with a home security company to help make properties in the county more secure.

Burglary is an extremely distressing crime for those who fall victim to it, as well as being an invasion of someone's home and their personal space. With this in mind, home security company Ring has provided 50 doorbell cameras to Suffolk police for installation in properties in areas of Ipswich which have previously been targeted by burglars.

The force recognises the huge potential for technology such as doorbell and other remote monitored security cameras to help catch criminals, bring them to justice and prevent crime.

Such a doorbell camera was used to help secure the conviction of a 43-year-old man jailed for four years last September after admitting three counts of attempted burglary in Bury St Edmunds in March 2017.

The suspect was arrested after he unwittingly triggered a doorbell camera as he attempted to break into a home. Although there was no trace of the offender on the arrival of the police, he was identified from the footage and subsequently arrested. A second offender was recently convicted and sentenced to a 12 month sentence for an attempted burglary in Ipswich after being caught on a doorbell camera.

Detective Superintendent Andy Smith from Safeguarding & Investigations said:
"These two cases really illustrate the value of cameras as crime reduction devices. There is no doubt that the quality of footage from the video doorbell captured during these offences led to guilty pleas in both cases.

"We are immensely grateful for Ring's support. We are in the process of supplying 50 donated doorbell cameras to recent victims of burglary and victims who live in areas of Ipswich we know are more susceptible to this crime.

"It has been really gratifying for us to deliver this enhanced service and we hope these cameras will bring some peace of mind to victims.

"We recognise the huge potential for technology such as video doorbells and other remote monitored security cameras to help catch criminals and prevent crime.

"Such smart technology products available are not only affordable but proactively help to deter and detect burglars, keeping our communities safe from crime and creating an environment which is hostile to burglars and other criminals."

"I'd take this opportunity to remind everyone that burglary remains a priority for our force and that we will take robust action against anyone we suspect to be involved in this type of crime. We'd also appeal to the public to think carefully about how they can improve their home security and invest in technology as described."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk Tim Passmore said: "This is a great initiative. Anything that improves the peace of mind of victims of burglary is really welcome.

"It's excellent news that Ring has generously provided these doorbell cameras and I believe this will help catch criminals and get them prosecuted and brought to justice."

"At Ring, it's our mission to reduce crime in neighbourhoods. We're proud to assist Suffolk Police with the installation of proactive, convenient security solutions to homeowners who have been a victim of burglary and to help give them peace of mind in their homes. By working with Suffolk Police on this initiative, we can continue Ring's mission to prevent crime before it happens," said Dave Chattaway, UK Neighbourhoods Manager at Ring.

You will find further information and Crime Reduction advice on the Suffolk Constabulary web site at www.suffolk.police.uk.

You may be aware that we have an active Community Speed Watch group operating on the Felixstowe Peninsular.

The aim of Community Speed Watch is to allow members of the local community to address the issue of speeding in their area by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring driver speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

It tackles the problem of speeding through the joint work of the police, local community, parish councils and other partner agencies.

The intention is not to catch as many speeding drivers as possible, but to reduce speed in areas of concern.

Community Speed Watch informs drivers that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, and helps to re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding, while addressing concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods.

We have over 20 volunteers actively participating in the scheme on the Peninsular. If you are interested in joining or would like more information on Community Speed Watch you can contact me by email at Felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk