



## Annual Report 2018

The main focus of notifications this year also seems to have been cybercrime and scam advice. The Police Connect service seems to be focusing on this aspect as it seems to be easier to send round alerts electronically than it does about more local issues. Because of Police cutbacks there are fewer officers dealing with local issues and they are

more targeted at where there is the most reported crimes.

There have been some problems with theft from trailers and boats especially engines over the last year and many beach huts were broken into during March 2018 but apart from many locks being cut off little seems to have been taken on this occasion. Some thefts from the village, mainly petty theft from cars.

In January 2018 a caravan was stolen from the Boatyard compound overnight. It appears that this was a targeted theft as all security and tracking equipment was removed from the van in the sailing club car park before the thieves whom may have been alerted, tried to make a quick getaway and managed to lose the van on the road in Newbourne. Needless to say it suffered much damage. There were reports of other caravan thefts from other parts of Suffolk too.

Cold callers seem to be doing the rounds again especially rogue fish sellers and Hare coursing was seen down towards Kirton. Men posing as scrap metal dealers were also seen locally.

There was a collision between a care being driven at speed at Mr Clover's garden wall during May which may have been part of a rat run race to see who could get to the other end of the village first. This car didn't make it!

There are links with more advice on the Neighbourhood Watch page of the village website.

<http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/neighbourhood-watch/#scam>

To sign up for Waldringfield Neighbourhood Watch notifications please email [waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk) stating your name and address.

## **BT has a free service to all its landline customers to block nuisance phone calls.**

BT Call Protect is a call diverting service to prevent nuisance calls and is available for free to all existing and new BT home landline customers.

The service is the first of its kind in the UK and it could see up to 30 million nuisance calls a week automatically diverted before they reach customers (half of these calls coming from personal accident claims and PPI companies alone)

To activate the free service call 0800 389 1572 from your BT landline or sign up via BT's Call Protect webpage: [www.bt.com/callprotect](http://www.bt.com/callprotect)

Once you sign up, it can take up to 24 hours for Call Protect to start working.

### **Boatwatch scheme –**

*(This may not be running any more? – I have been trying to find out but in the mean time contact can still be made with Stephen Badderley as below)*

The scheme operates locally to help recover lost or stolen boats and outboards There is still an ongoing issue of outboards being targeted and the Police use this information in the event of it going missing to pass the information on as quickly as possible to other areas in an effort to make it more difficult to move the items on.

Please consider signing up asap and passing back directly to Stephen Badderley (details below).

There have been a number of outboards in particular being stolen over the last few months.

### **Report fraud and internet crime**

You can report fraud or internet crime using our online reporting service any time of the day or night; the service enables you to both report a fraud and find help and support. We also provide help and advice over the phone through the Action Fraud contact centre. You can talk to our fraud and internet crime specialists by calling 0300 123 2040.

Visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) for more information.

### **Suffolk SAFEKey promotion**



Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) is working with Suffolk Constabulary to promote Suffolk SAFEKey, the Constabulary's key fob recovery and keyholder database service.  
<https://www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk/Home/Benefits>

As a member of Suffolk SAFEKey you will benefit from the following:

- Suffolk SAFEKey branded key fob, with a Constabulary Crest and a unique identifying number, meaning that your recovered keys can be returned to you.
- You don't have to be a Suffolk resident or business, Suffolk SAFEKey operates across the UK & EU.
- £10 reward to the finder of your keys courtesy of Suffolk SAFEKey.
- Notification of found keys typically within 24 hours of being lost.
- Affordable membership, money generated supports local charities.
- Accessible emergency contact and keyholder details recorded on a secure database letting the police know who to call in the event of an incident at your unattended property – your nominated keyholder is someone you trust and lives in the vicinity of your property.
- A window sticker to confirm your membership to officers attending your unattended property meaning reduced risk of forced entry and potential incurred costs.

To join Suffolk SAFEKey today, and start benefiting from being a member of the scheme click [Register](#)

Money generated by the SAFEKey initiative is driven back into the community, supporting projects that improve the quality of life for those that live, work, travel and invest in Suffolk. And your support will benefit our association too, as for each account opened through Neighbourhood Watch, £1 will go to SNWA.

### **Where can I get information and news on crimes, scams and issues affecting my community?**

We suggest that you sign up sign up for news and bulletins via the sources detailed below.

#### **Police Connect**

Police Connect is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone. You can register to receive information about the issues that most matter to you and be among the first to be alerted by police in the case of an emergency affecting your area. Police Connect messages will be more targeted and timely, therefore more effective.

There is no charge for this service - all messages you receive are **free**.

Police Connect replaced Police Direct last year and subscribers to Police Direct were not automatically transferred to Police Connect, which means people need to sign up again, if they have not already done so. There are 2 ways that people can subscribe:

Go to the [Police Connect](#) web page on the Constabulary website, and sign up on line.

**Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity.**

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Police station opening hours**

Some front counters at police stations across the county now have reduced opening hours.

Police are no longer attending Parish Council meetings in an effort to save money, nor are they sending out any meaningful data to the local PC.

Police can be contacted at any time in an emergency on 999 or on 101 for non-urgent matters.

Full information on the Suffolk Local Policing Review can be accessed [here](#)

**Suffolk Police Website**

Go to [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

The website has current news, appeals and details of your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). You can also follow Suffolk Police on Facebook and Twitter

**Felixstowe and District Safer Neighbourhood Team Information**

To speak with an Officer with the above SNT ~ telephone 101\*

E-mail ~ [felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)