



# **WOODBIDGE AND DISTRICT** **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Woodbridge SNT, Theatre Street, Woodbridge

## **BAWDSEY PARISH COUNCIL POLICE REPORT**

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Good Evening everyone and a Happy New Year. I cannot attend your meeting tonight as I am attending the Community Panel Meeting.

As you may or may not know there have been a number of changes made to the way in which the SNT teams will work in the future. There will definitely be a reduction in staffing levels, and these will be implemented from April 2016. What effect these changes will make to yourselves and the other 31 parishes we currently cover is as yet unknown; we do however know that the number of parishes we here at Woodbridge SNT will cover will grow substantially.

So to clarify that is less staff, bigger area to cover !

Also as I may of mentioned in my last report to you, due to a major change in the operating system we now use in Suffolk it has made researching crime figures very difficult and time consuming. As a result I am unable to give crime figures/statistics for your village, going forward we, the police, will not be providing a police report in its previous format as the figures you require and currently receive are available and accessible from the constabulary home page at:

<https://www.police.uk/>

The above link will take you to the crime map this service is provided by an outside agency and as such we have no control over. Although is currently out of date with the figures we have been assured this will be rectified in the near future.

If you would like to know what our current priorities are below is a link to the Woodbridge & District SNT website.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/myneighbourhood/woodbridgeanddistrict.aspx>

## MOBILE POLICE STATION

We will endeavour to continue with the mobile police station visits in 2016 but as yet we do not know what effect the planned changes will have on the timetable therefore we have only made arrangements to visit up until April. However we have decided to come more frequently until then, the location remains unchanged and the times will be 08:45-10:15hrs.

**January 21st**

**February 11th**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24th**

**Please can I ask that you forward me details of the 2016 meeting dates as I would still like to attend if possible (that's if I am still here myself !).**

## How we use social media



Suffolk Police supports the use of social media as means of talking with and listening to the communities we serve.

Our networks provide people with an alternative source of the latest information in real time, often accompanied by images or videos.

We can be found Facebook and Google+, where users are encouraged to comment on our posts that include news stories, campaigns or seasonal advice.

On our YouTube channel [🔗](#), you can see videos we've produced highlighting safety advice, our services, awareness campaigns and news.

We also use Twitter, a social network that is growing fast and often in the news.

Our Twitter account currently has over 5,000 followers who look to us for us to 'tweet' the latest news, information and advice.

A tweet is like a text message that can only be a maximum of 140 characters long. You can re-tweet (or forward) a message to those that follow you which means conversations or information can be shared or passed on quickly.

Our appeals for witnesses or information can be shared with thousands of people across Twitter within minutes - making it a powerful form of communication to help detect crime and keep people safe.

In addition to our main corporate account @suffolkpolice - we also have district accounts providing information at a local level.

You can also follow our Chief Constable @CCSuffolkPolice [🔗](#) to see what he's up to in his work to keep the county safe.

### **THEFT OF HEATING OIL**

As the weather turns colder once again it is time to think about the security of your heating oil.

Oil tank owners are being given the following advice:

Position your oil tank to allow maximum view from your property – this may discourage passing thieves.

Use control switches to stop the flow of oil when the tank is not in use.

Buy an oil level gauge which will sound an alarm if the oil level in your tank suddenly drops.

Use dusk-to-dawn security lights to make the property a less attractive target for thieves.

Defensive planting helps reduce crime – thieves don't want to force their way through or over a prickly hedge, but do not allow vegetation to block any natural surveillance from the road or from neighbouring properties.

If you already have lockable gates in place, get into the habit of securing them.

Additional security; a wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall can offer additional protection, although the tank must be accessible for the oil tanker driver.

CONTACTING THE POLICE

**YOUR LOCAL CONTACTS AT THE MOMENT ARE:**

**PC 156 Karen Clabburn**

**PCSO 3058 Amy Giddins**

**In an emergency always dial 999**

To report a crime, speak to your local officers or leave a message please dial **101**

Any member of the team can be contacted at [woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

Check the website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) for our engagements

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Woodbridge and District Team website please see [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Karen Clabburn