



**REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
PERIOD: 01/01/14 – 19/01/15**

Village	Date/Time	Offence	Location	Crime Ref / Comments
Acton				
Alpheton				
Assington	1600 hours 01/01/15 – 1815 hours 02/01/15	Criminal Damage to Vehicle	The Street	SU/15/9 – Rear passenger window smashed
	1130 – 1345 hours on 12/01/15	Criminal Damage to Dwelling	No street name	SU/15/60
Bildeston	0945 hours on 05/01/15	Theft - other	Market Place	SU/15/30 – Unattended bag stolen
Boxford	Timeframe unspecified 15/01/15 – 16/01/15	Criminal Damage - Other	Stone Street	SU/15/93 – damage to plastic lid of oil tank
Boxted	1200 hours 21/12/14 – 0700 hours 06/01/15	Burglary - Other Building (Sheds, Garages etc.)	The Street	SU/15/42 – wiring stolen
	1800 hours 13/01/15 – 0645 hours 14/01/15	Theft - Other	The Street	SU/15/80 – chain link fence has been cut
Brent Eleigh				
Brettenham				
Bures St Mary				
Chelsworth				
Chilton				
Cockfield				
Edwardstone	1700 hours 13/01/15 – 0700 hours 14/01/15	Burglary – Other Building (Sheds, Garages etc.)	No street name	HD/15/74 – 20L of red diesel stolen
Glemsford				

Great Waldingfield	2200 hours 09/01/15 – 1000 hours 10/01/15	Criminal Damage to Vehicle	Kenyon Drive	SU/15/66 – car wing mirror was smashed
Groton				
Hartest				
Hitcham				
Kettlebaston				
Lawshall				
Lavenham	1900 hours 15/01/15 – 0800 hours 16/01/15	Criminal Damage to Vehicle	High Street	SU/15/103 – Vehicle has been scratched with sharp object
Leavenheath				
Lindsey				
Little Cornard				
Little Waldingfield	0715 hours 13/01/15 – 0715 hours 14/01/15	Burglary – Other Building (Sheds, Garages etc.)	No Publicity	No Publicity
Long Melford				
Milden	1200 hours 13/01/15 – 0800 hours 14/01/15	Burglary – Other Building (Sheds, Garages etc.)	Powney Street	HD/15/77 – 2x boat batteries & electric converter stolen
Monks Eleigh				
Newton				
Preston St Mary				
Shimpling				
Somerton				
Stanstead				
Thorpe Morieux				
Wattisham				

Please note the crimes are those that are in the interest of the residents of the parish, but should not identify specific addresses. Where there is a risk that an address could be identified and it does not pass the public interest test the address will not be identified. For the same reason domestic disturbances are not identified.

Further Crime information can be seen on the Suffolk Constabulary Crime Mapper

If you have specific information in relation to any of the crime reports please contact
baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Press Releases

Two burglaries – west

Police are appealing for witnesses after two burglaries in west Suffolk. The first happened in Wilby Road in Stradbroke between 10.30am and 7.30pm on Thursday 18 December. An offender has broken into a property and stolen jewellery from within. The second happened in Chaucer Road in Sudbury between 1am and 7am on Thursday 18 December. An offender has entered a property and stolen a handbag containing a purse, cards and keys to a car. The handbag was later found discarded in Chaucer Road. The car parked on the driveway of the property was then stolen using the keys. The vehicle is a silver Volkswagen Tiguan with the registration AY14 RRX.

Anyone with information relating to these crimes should contact Bury Priority Crime Team quoting either ST/14/3405 for the Stradbroke crime or SU/14/2470 for the Sudbury crime on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Lights on Timers Campaign – prize draw winners

Two Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators from Babergh and the St Edmundsbury area have become the lucky winners of a competition, winning crime prevention equipment for their local schemes.

During Suffolk Constabulary's 'Lights on Timers' week (20th – 24th October) Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators put a crime prevention postcard through the letterboxes of neighbours' properties they saw in darkness during the campaign week. The postcards gave advice to residents encouraging them to think about the security of their home when it is not occupied. Over 100 schemes took part distributing in excess of 5,000 cards. Participating co-ordinators names were entered into a prize draw with the opportunity to win crime prevention equipment such as alarms and timer switches for their scheme.

On Tuesday 16th December Graham Rolfe, co-ordinator of the Woolner Close scheme in Hadleigh received his prize, presented by Pc Matt Thomas from Babergh East Safer Neighbourhood Team. The other prize winner was Sharon Lusher co-ordinator of Millfield Road scheme in Barningham.

Read more on this story visit <http://www.suffolknwa.co.uk/latest-news/lightsontimers.html>

Anyone wishing to find out more about crime prevention advice, home security or Neighbourhood Watch should contact their local Crime Reduction Team at Suffolk Police on 101.

Mercury Articles Dec 2014 – Jan 2015

Don't let speeding ruin Christmas/New Year

Speeding is probably one of the most emotive issues that blights our communities as the dangers it poses to pedestrians, cyclists, horses and fellow motorists can be severe. These dangers can be significantly reduced by motorists observing and respecting speed limits. It may seem cliché but speeding does kill, motorists can become complacent and think "it won't happen to me" however I would say to them; why take the risk? Why risk devastating a family's Christmas by being responsible for a fatal collision because you were speeding? Why ruin your future because you've been banned from driving? The Highway Code tells us that the typical stopping distance for a vehicle travelling at 30mph is 23 meters this increases to 36 meters when travelling at 40mph. So I implore motorists to consider their actions very carefully, is an extra 5 minutes off your journey worth the extra 13 meters stopping distance when that pedestrian un-expectantly steps into the road ahead of you when you are exceeding the speed limit by 10mph? Even if you feel you know the roads 'like the back of your hand' whether they be country roads, sub-urban residential streets or our busy high streets you can never prepare for spontaneous hazards but you can reduce the risks by adhering to speed limits. Recently our speed enforcement officers were on the B1115 at Great Waldingfield and shockingly 35 vehicles were clocked exceeding the 30mph speed limit over the course of 2 hours. Please pay attention, observe speed limits and adhere to them. Those caught by our enforcement officers will face a £100 FPN and 3 points on their license.

Vehicle Care

Maintaining our vehicles can often be a mundane and sometimes challenging task however failing to do so can incur fines for motorists and endanger lives. As a rural County motorists encounter wet country lanes and farm tracks which can often lead to mud caked number plates, cycling enthusiasts keen to take their pride and joy with them can obscure their number plate with a misplaced cycle rack and those utilising tow bars can inadvertently cover a few digits of their index mark. Did you know it can be an offence under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 to use a motor vehicle with an obscured registration mark? Whilst some may think this a trivial matter, if the worst occurred and your vehicle was stolen with an illegible number plate it could prevent police from recovering your vehicle. I frequently witness cars travelling at night with only one headlight working – this can be incredibly deceptive as on country roads these vehicles look like motorcycles. What is even more concerning is that some motorists compensate by utilising their full beam – just because one light is out doesn't make the full beam any less dazzling. It is an offence under s42 of the Road Traffic Act to use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort as well as using a vehicle on a road and failing to ensure all lamps are in working order. Motorists can incur fines if caught however more seriously at night they can endanger the lives of other road users – particularly on dark rural roads. I implore you to regularly have your vehicle inspected for defects.

Winter driving advice

Please visit

www.suffolk.police.uk/newsandevents/newsstories/2014/december/winterdrivingadvice.aspx for winter driving advice, issued in December on the Suffolk Constabulary website.

SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Please take the time to have a look at the new SNWA website at www.suffolknwa.co.uk

BABERGH WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

SNT EVENTS

SNT Priority Setting Meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2015

11am-12pm

Alpheton

Village Hall

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

E-mail ~ baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Write to ~ Suffolk Constabulary, Babergh Safer Neighbourhood Team, Sudbury Police Station, Acton Lane, Sudbury CO10 1QN

If you would like to pop in and see us, our office is situated in Sudbury Police Station

Our opening times are:

9am – 5pm Monday – Sunday

Closed on Bank Holidays

For further information about your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) please visit –

www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/myneighbourhood/baberghwest.aspx

Please remember to visit your local SNT's web site on a regular basis to find out their priorities and the action they are taking and much more about your area.

If you have details about any crimes, then please contact your local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.