

Your Views Count

We want to hear your views on local crime and policing.

To help with this, we hold regular meetings where you can tell us your concerns and set our priorities. **Forthcoming meetings are as follows:**

Meeting	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Community Panel Meeting	19th Jan – 6pm	Walton Community Hall in High Road	Sgt Peter Street
Community Panel Meeting	16th Feb – 6pm	Kirton and Falkenham Recreation Ground Pavilion	Sgt Peter Street
Community Panel Meeting	23rd March – 6pm	Bucklesham Village Hall in Levington Lane	Sgt Peter Street



Times, dates and locations are accurate at the time of going to press. Visit www.safersuffolk.org.uk and enter your postcode for the latest information.

If you can't attend but have a local issue you would like the team to deal with, call them on **01473 613500**. We will try to reply straight away – but if we can't, we will get back to you as soon as possible and, in any case, within 24 hours.

Suffolk Police Authority is an independent, open and accountable body of 17 local people. Its role includes:

- Ensuring that Suffolk Constabulary provides an effective and efficient policing service.
- Consulting with local people, so they can have their say on how their community is policed.
- Setting the budget for policing in Suffolk.

The Authority is responsible for ensuring that the Policing Pledge is delivered. To assist with this, each Safer Neighbourhood Team has a Police Authority Link Member.

Your link member is Gill Lewis, who can be contacted on **01473 782773**.

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Get Involved

You can get involved with the work of your local police by:



Giving some of your free time to help you local community by becoming a police support volunteer. Contact Rachel Thacker on **01473 613570** to see if there are vacancies in your area.



Becoming a Special Constable. Contact Mick Mann on **01473 613638**.



Joining a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme to help make your neighbourhood even safer. Ring **01473 613500** and ask for your local Community Watch and Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison Officer.



You can also keep up-to-date by signing up to Police Direct, our FREE hi-tech messaging service which brings you the latest information about crime and policing issues in your area by e-mailing your computer, texting your mobile or leaving a message on your landline. Telephone the Police Direct team on **01473 613997**.



LOCAL POLICE NEWS

AN UPDATE FROM THE FELIXSTOWE & DISTRICT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM - WINTER 2009

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team aims to make your community an even safer and better place to live.

The team consists of police officers; police community support officers; special constables; staff from the local council and community partners; and volunteers.

This newsletter keeps you up-to-date with how your team is tackling the issues which you feel are a priority.

The area covered by the team is detailed on the map below:

Key contacts:

Inspector Steve Gallant
Sergeant Peter Street

Phone: 01473 613500
In an emergency, always dial 999.

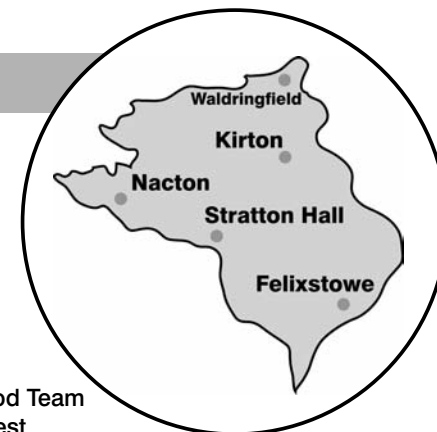
Email: felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Visit or Write to:

Felixstowe and District Safer Neighbourhood Team
Felixstowe Police Station, 32 High Road West
Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 9JE.

Opening hours:

10am-6pm Monday to Friday.



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Tackling your priorities

You have told us that the priorities you want us to focus on currently are:

Priority One:

Deal with cyclists illegally using footpaths and ensure lights are fitted.

Priority Two:

Tackle anti-social behaviour in Church Lane in Trimley St Mary.

Priority Three:

Target the anti-social use of jet skis at Felixstowe Ferry.

As a result, your team is taking the following action:

Priority One:

Officers will be issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to offenders. The team will contact the parents/ guardians of any under 16 year olds via letter and visit their home address if caught again. If an offender is caught numerous times then they will receive a court summons.

Priority Two:

Using high visibility patrols, officers will deter potential offenders and reassure residents. Officers will use powers under Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act to direct individuals to leave a specific area for a period of time. Suffolk Coastal District Council are also assisting with this issue.

Priority Three:

Officers are using high visibility patrols to combat this issue. Suffolk Coastal District Council are liaising with other local agencies to reduce this problem. Officers and partnership agencies will also talk directly to individuals responsible for the behaviour.

Previously, on your request, we dealt with:

Anti-social behaviour at Orwell Green following the opening of the skate park.

Officers conducted high visibility patrols particularly in the evenings and weekends. The team consulted with Suffolk Coastal District Council about damage and littering. The lighting box has been made more secure to prevent tampering. The River of Life 'Boost Bus' visits the skate park every Tuesday to engage with young people. There has been positive feedback from the community that anti-social behaviour has been reduced. Officers will continue to monitor the issue to ensure it does not start again.

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Crime in your area

Here are some details about crime in your area:

- There have been 248 more crimes this year between April and October compared to the same period last year, an increase of 19%.
- Currently 26.5% of all crimes are detected, a reduction of 6.3%.

You can find more detail about crime in your area, and results of local court cases, at www.safersuffolk.org.uk

As well as asking you about the issues we should address, we also conduct surveys asking for views on our quality of service.

Here are some results from these surveys:

- 63.5% think the police and local council are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter.
- 94.1% feel very or fairly safe in the area they live.
- 66.1% think that the local police do a good or excellent job.

Your views are important in helping us get our service right. If you would like to help us, you can join our virtual policing community. Ring our consultation unit on 01473 613500 or e-mail consultation@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Our Pledge

We aim to provide you with a top quality policing service and are committed to the Police Pledge.

The Pledge sets out 10 standards of service that local people can expect from their local police.

These include:

- Providing you with information about your Safer Neighbourhood Team, including how to get in touch.
- Providing you with updates on progress and on local crime and policing issues.
- Ensuring that all Safer Neighbourhood Teams spend at least 80% of their time visibly working in the community, tackling local priorities.
- Acknowledging any report of dissatisfaction within 24 hours - and agreeing with you how it will be dealt with.

For more information about the Pledge, visit www.suffolk.police.uk or see the poster displayed at your local police station.