

Lowestoft Town Council Annual Assembly 2021

Police Annual Report

PCSO Mike Soanes has highlighted some of the key issues that have been addressed over the previous year within the Lowestoft locality. By working closely with our partnership agencies, the incidents of street drinking and begging have decreased due to the issuing of Community Protection Notices (warnings and full notices) to those caught in the act of the offences. PCSO Soanes said this would not have been achieved without the assistance of the general public and reiterated that people should not be fearful of reporting this kind of activity. He confirmed that our partnership agencies have remained operational during this lockdown period, stating that both East Suffolk Council and the Environmental Health office are fully contactable, and encouraging the public to report such issues to these relevant agencies only. The issue of rough sleeping is currently being dealt with by East Suffolk Council's dedicated contact, Tracey Kemply, so any reports of this nature should be made to her in the first instance. East Suffolk Council have now taken full responsibility of parking issues around the town, and again, any potential reports should be made to them in the first instance.

In terms of reporting incidents themselves, if it is not considered to be an emergency then an efficient option would be to use the police online reporting facility. This can be accessed via the Suffolk police website, and by reporting in this way, waiting times can be reduced considerably. Moreover, the public can be assured that a police officer will most certainly be in receipt of these enquiries and will deal with them in a timely manner. Another very useful way to find relevant local information is to use our Facebook and Twitter social media pages (visit @LowestoftPolice or @SuffolkPolice). Police-related information can also be found by visiting the www.police.uk website. If you would like to contact the constabulary's local Community Engagement Officer (PC 1330 Amy Yeldham) directly, you can email her at CEOlowestoft@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Regular foot patrols have taken place during the past year by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the Community Engagement Officer, as well as PCSO Soanes. The areas covered include Bellevue Park, the Sparrow's Nest, North Denes, the Triangle, the High Street, London Road North and South respectively, and includes local shops and businesses. PCSO Soanes has been working very closely with both the Safer Neighbourhood teams and our recently established Kestrel team, and since its formation in 2020, the Kestrel team have had a very positive impact and have achieved some very good results (For more information please see our social media pages). We have conducted a series of 'Street Meets' in the mobile police station where possible, the locations of which have been the Britten Centre, London Road South, and Links Hill. These always prove to be very popular, and give us the opportunity to chat with local residents and to listen to any concerns they may have.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our message to the general public that, despite the challenging times we currently find ourselves in, the constabulary is still very much committed to providing help and support where required. We would also urge everyone to

take some time to look at the '1st Principle Crime Prevention' information which can be found by visiting <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Summary of crime figures for the period January 2020-21.

- Criminal damage incidents: **905** crime reports recorded.
- Burglary incidents: **262** crime reports recorded.
- Theft – shoplifting incidents: **229** crime reports recorded.
- Vehicle related incidents: **306** crime reports recorded.
- ASB related incidents: **172** crime reports recorded.

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