

Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch

Report for Parish Council April 2022

Communication with the Police

I am still receiving communications from Suffolk Police Connect, and these have increased appreciably. I also receive bulletins from Norfolk Police, which are useful for information on rural crime. I also receive useful emails from our Community Engagement Officer, PC Stefan Henriksen. The Police UK website continues to be quite helpful, and is the only means of finding out the levels of crime in our area.

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletins

I've sent out 40 bulletins since last April up to and including 19th February.

I get information from;

- Suffolk Police Connect (crime, missing persons, escaped prisoners, scams etc)
- Norfolk Police Connect (rural crime)
- Suffolk Trading Standards (scams, illegal traders, product recalls mainly)
- Police UK (street-level crime)
- Safer Neighbourhood Team (more local police matters)
- Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- Nextdoor website
- Action Fraud (scams, illegal trading etc)
- PC Stefan Henriksen (Community Engagement Officer)
- Peter Beck (Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch)
- Local residents

Present situation regarding members

Currently 156 people receive information from me by email, an increase of 6 from last year, even though some of these no longer live in the Parish. Very few residents ask to stop receiving my bulletins when they leave the area and one ex-resident living in Australia still receives the bulletins. My bulletins also go to residents in Rickinghall and Botesdale, as Peter Beck (Rickinghall Coordinator) forwards them to his members.

Recruitment

I have reminded residents to contact new neighbours to let them know about Neighbourhood Watch. I have also put notes into the doors of new residents. As I don't always know when people are moving, this makes things a bit hit and miss.

Meetings

I still don't hold meetings as I see little point unless I can get a police officer to attend. In any case, Covid put a stop to that.

Street-level crime figures

I accessed the Suffolk Police website to get the number of street-level crimes for our area, from last April. They only go as far as January this year. Unfortunately the website no longer gives details of the outcome.

2021

April	1	Burglary	Hinderclay Road
	1	Criminal damage / arson **	Mill Lane, just off Churchway
May	Nil		
June	Nil		
July	1	Theft	Hinderclay Road, near Gressingham Foods
Aug	Nil		
Sept	Nil		
Oct	Nil		
Nov	1	Anti-social behaviour,	Hinderclay Road, near Gressingham Foods
	1	Violence & sexual offences *,	Hinderclay Road near Gressingham Foods
	1	Violence & sexual offences *,	Mill Lane, just off Churchway
Dec	Nil		

2022

Jan The police have not yet published figures for January and February.
Feb

PC Henriksen gave me these descriptions of the above terms -

- * *Violence & sexual offences - Sounds quite extreme but can be a very low-level assault, without injury or even actually hitting anyone.*
- ** *Criminal damage / arson - Can be as little as having an argument and knocking a mobile phone to the floor and cracking the screen.*

On none of these occasions have the police reported anything to me.

Coronavirus

I have informed Redgrave Parish Council that I am happy for them to contact residents via my Neighbourhood Watch contacts list if there is any information they wish to pass on regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, but hopefully that will no longer be needed.

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John Campbell
Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator