

Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch Report for Parish Council April 2023

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 54 bulletins since last April, 14 more than last year.

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, the same as 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.

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.

2022

April	1	Violence & sexual offence*	Hall Lane
	1	Criminal damage /arson**	Hall Lane
Sept	1	Theft	Helen's Close
Nov	1	Burglary	Half-Moon Lane
	1	Burglary	Churchway
Dec	1	Violence & sexual offence	Hall Lane

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Feb	1	Criminal damage & arson	Churchway
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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, which makes me think that liaison between police and public is one-way.

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John Campbell
Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator