



Neighbourhood Watch Report 2014

We now have 108 households registered and receiving updates by e-mail, but I am always happy to hear from other residents if you would like to sign up to the scheme. If you need to update your email address or just want to join up to the scheme email me at waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk

Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team

The contact details for this area are:

Felixstowe Police Station
32 High Road West
Felixstowe
Suffolk
IP11 9JE

Local non emergency telephone - 101

Email – Felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Walk in thefts to unlocked property and theft from mainly unsecured vehicles continue to be an ongoing problem over the last year, but not so prevalent as previous years which is a good sign. Last year there was again number of marine thefts, mainly boat engines (at least 5 from Woodbridge), and Police warn everyone to remain vigilant for this season just getting underway. It is thought to be part of larger racket targeting outboards and then exporting them. One was found in Lithuania recently. Trackers can be fitted and advice can be taken from Marine Watch. The Maybush PH was broken into in November 2013, and an amount of cash stolen. A reward was offered but so far no arrests have been made as far as I am aware.

New Crime prevention advice is available from the Neighbourhood Watch Section of the Village Website.

The Suffolk Police are continuing to encourage people to join Police Direct for prompt notification of any local problems and also have their own Facebook group. Links are available from the village website.

The village website Neighbourhood Watch section address is:
<http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/about-us/neighbourhood-watch/>

New Crime Prevention Website

Calvin Beckford is a retired Metropolitan Police Officer and Crime Prevention specialist and author who operates The Crime Prevention Website - <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> this provides visitors with some extra crime prevention advice. A number of Police forces including Suffolk and the Metropolitan Police link to and promote this website.

School Laptops

There had been a large number of break ins to Suffolk Schools with the aim of stealing computers and laptops. Over £100,000 worth of equipment was stolen. A gang have now been charged with these thefts.

Caravan Thefts

This continues to be an issue and Police are asking everyone to remain vigilant. This would seem to be part of another organised group as all evidence was removed from the site including the cut and removed hitch locks, and wheel locks. Fences and gates were also cut or removed to gain access to these winter storage sites.

Scam Advice

Police advise anyone who suspects a scam, or who has been the victim of a scam, to report it to the police on www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040. However, it is always better to take preventative action where possible and it is good to know what to look for to avoid being taken in, as well as to advise friends and family members when necessary.

The charity **Think Jessica** (www.thinkjessica.com) provides a lot of useful advice about scams. Their 12-page booklet, '[Scam mail is blackmail](#)', is particularly useful and covers: lottery and prize draw scams, clairvoyant scams, catalogue scams, courier scams, bank / building society scams and more. You can order a **free hard copy** of this booklet by writing to:

Think Jessica

PO Box 4442

Chesterfield S44 9AS

(Please enclose a 2nd class stamp)

Or by emailing advice@thinkjessica.com.

They also provide information packs, including a DVD, which cost £7 per pack, and free downloadable posters which you can access at www.thinkjessica.com/posters.htm.

For a cost they will supply bulk orders to a group or organisation, which can be personalised with your logo and local contact details if you wish - contact Think Jessica at the address above or on advice@thinkjessica.com to discuss your requirements.

Neighbourhood Return



Neighbourhood Return launched on 1 November 2012. Midway through December 2013, they had 5,796 volunteers signed up across the UK, and 299 carers registered. They're on course to begin 2014 with 6,000 volunteers, and 300 carers.

At the end of January 2013, they had 36 people with memory problems signed up. By the end of June, that figure had risen to 175.

Neighbourhood Return is an innovative service to help address the problem. They want to make contact with people affected by memory problems before they go missing. They know that not everyone does – 67% of carers they spoke to in the summer said the person they care for has never been missing before. But they are there in case they do. And of the 12 people reported missing to them in 2013, all 12 were returned home safely.

James Maddan, NHWN Chair, comments: "The Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network is all about building community capacity to respond to issues affecting residents safety. It should also relieve some pressure on local police forces who may otherwise be called out to look for a missing dementia sufferer."

You can find out more about the service and register as a volunteer, a carer or just to receive updates at: www.ourturn.org.uk.

Non Emergency Telephone Number

Last year Suffolk Constabulary introduced the new telephone number 101 for people who want to talk to the police about non-urgent issues. It has been up and running for well over a year now and seems to work well.

Smartwater kits

There is a new offer of Smartwater kits at a one-off charge of £25 inclusive of VAT and postage. The pack contains:

1 x bottle forensic coding solution

6 x window warning labels

30 x tamper proof warning labels to stick onto valuable items which are marked

2 x metal gate post signs

1 x application guidelines

There is no minimum quantity to order so each NHW member can purchase their kit individually online via our the SmartWater web shop <http://affinity.smartwater.tv/>

All that is needed is to enter the promo code which will then automatically forward you to the actual pack which can be easily purchased. The member's details will also be automatically captured by use and stored in our database which means there is no need to complete and return a registration form.

If you are interested please quote this discount code when ordering: **NHW25H**

Should you not have access to the internet then you can still call and order your pack over the phone, quoting the discount code:

Direct: +44 (0)1952 204127

Mob: +44 (0)7827 892 744