

Shotley Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007

According to my records, I last did a formal report for your parish council on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006. I am therefore basing my report for you from then to present day.

You should be aware that the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Team's was formally launched on 12<sup>th</sup> March. These will be referred to as SNT's for short. The main changes that are proposed to take effect as we integrate into SNT's are;

- 1) Each area will be divided up into Safer Neighbourhood teams. In Babergh, these will be divided up into East Babergh (Capel), Central Babergh (Hadleigh) and West Babergh (incorporating Sudbury and Cornard). The plan is to merge Sudbury and the Old Hadleigh/Capel sector as one Babergh area. At present the Hadleigh/Capel area work a different shift pattern from that of the Sudbury area. Once the Safer neighbourhood Teams fully implemented with all the new areas in the Babergh, there will be an additional team and sergeant. So there will then be 4 teams as opposed to currently 3. There will therefore be changes in our current shift patterns, however the details of these are under review at present. Once they have been finalised, I will be in a better position to advise you further as to how this will affect you.
- 2) Each of the new Teams will be responsible for a specific area. These areas will be divided up in line with the current Community Beat Officers areas. This means that all officers in the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be responsible for one smaller area rather than just the CBO.
- 3) The title of the CBO will no longer exist. The CBO form part of the SNT on the area they used to work. It is planned that some of the responsibilities that used to be undertaken by the CBO will be handed over to Community Support Officers, who will now be the focal point to community policing in the SNT. These responsibilities will inc PCM's and schools liaisons etc.
- 4) The general thinking behind the SNT is that smaller teams are responsible for smaller areas and therefore local residents get used to seeing and dealing with the same officers. Officers will then have a better knowledge of the area they work and residents will see a greater uniformed presence in their area.
- 5) For further information or if you wish to make a comment on the safer neighbourhoods, please go onto the Suffolk Constabulary website, click on the 'about us' link and then the 'safer neighbourhood' link.

I am pleased to announce that Tony Simpson started as the neighbourhood watch liaison officer on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006. This post had been vacant for a while and Tony seems quite keen to set up new schemes. If anyone is interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme and be a coordinator, I would ask that their name and address is forwarded onto myself and a

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators pack would be sent to them. Alternatively you can contact Tony directly at the Sudbury Police Station on extension 4313 or email [Anthony.Simpson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Anthony.Simpson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk). The pack he provides is very informative and provides details everything you need to know about setting up and running a scheme.

Moving onto the crimes in Shotley/Shotley Gate area. Since 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006, to present day, there were 31 crimes reported, which were predominantly theft or criminal damage related.

If we compare this crime with the same period 12 months previously, we can see a small improvement. As there were 33 crimes reported during that period and the majority of these were again criminal damage and theft related.

There appears to be a slight increase in the number of outbuildings, barns etc that are being targeted on the Peninsular where insecure buildings are having items stolen like pressure washers, fence posts and diesel etc. Please be aware of this and report any suspicious persons/vehicles that you see.

I am aware of the concerns of large groups of youths gathering and causing a disturbance in the areas of Lower Harlings, Kitchener way and Lloyd road. I have requested that a task plan is started for this in order that extra attention can be made in the area to try and resolve the problems caused, inc criminal damage, noise and litter.

You should be aware that The Suffolk Constabulary are running a campaign until the end of the year for drivers failing to wear their seatbelts, driving whilst on their mobile phone and speeding. I have been involved in this myself on the Peninsular and can advise you many tickets have already been issued and will continue to be so.

Are there any other concerns currently in the village that the police need to be aware off?

This concludes the police report.

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