

**SHOTLEY PARISH MEETING,  
THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006**

I am pleased to be able to attend your meeting tonight on behalf of the Suffolk Constabulary and introduce myself.

As of today I am the Community Parish Officer for Capel South, which incorporates the ten parishes on the peninsular including Shotley and Shotley Gate. As some of you may be aware, until recently I worked this area in a response role for almost two years. During this time I got to know some of you and I am keen to get to know more of you in the near future. For those of you that do not know me, I have been an officer in the Suffolk Constabulary for ten years, I spent the first 6 years in Ipswich and the last 4 years based Hadleigh sector, during my ten years service, I have been in a response role and I am now looking forward to being more community oriented.

Over the last month there have been 14 crime related incidents recorded in the Shotley area and it is worthy of note that of the 5 theft related crimes, 3 of these relate to vehicles or premises that had been left insecure. Although Suffolk is reported to be one of the safest counties in England and Wales to live in, I cannot stress the need to be security minded at all times, even if you are leaving your vehicle, house etc for just a few minutes.

There were two recorded assaults that allegedly occurred at the same time in the area of Bristol Hill. The suspects for these are currently under investigation and therefore I am unable to comment any further on these at this time.

I am aware of recent problems with regards to damage in the play area in Kitchener Way, this is something I will endeavour to monitor and try and to find solutions towards. However, am please to report that there have been no incidents of damage in this area reported to police over the last month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Rowland and Jeremy Peters for inviting me to this meeting and look forward to working with you all closely in the future.

Unfortunately I am not able to stay for the full duration of the meeting, but will be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have before I leave.

If there are no further questions, concerns or comments, I wish you a pleasant evening and a safe journey home.

Chris Garrod PC1220  
Capel Police Station



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**REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS  
PERIOD: 01.03.06 – 31.03.06**

**Extract for Shotley**

<b>Village</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Shotley</b>	2200 – 08.15 - 02/03 – 03/03	Criminal Damage	Village Hall	Damage to village hall window
	18.02.06 - 03.03.06	Theft	Lower Harlings	Theft of CD's from insecure vehicle
	2130 – 0800 - 12/03 – 13/03	Theft	Orwell View Rd	Theft of audio equipment from car
	2200 - 14.03.06	Theft		Car broken into – loose change taken from inside vehicle
	1200 – 0645 - 21/03 – 22/03	Burglary – other building x 4 and Theft	Old Hall Rd	Theft of two quad bikes from shed – one bike has been recovered. Also car entered and audio equipment taken. Also 3 further sheds entered and strimmer, hedgecutter and stereo taken

**Report from Sector Commander**

This report is provided for Parish Councils and also Community Watch Schemes providing information relating to policing of Hadleigh Police Sector. We strive to provide this on a regular basis but there may be occasions when competing demands and resource availability prevent this. Sector policy is for the local Community Police Officer to endeavour to attend meetings every 3 months.

Yet again I will refer to the 195 Internet crimes we suffered last year, which inflated our figures. This is the last time I shall need to refer to this as we are now at the end of the statistical year. I am sure you will share my joy in not having to repeat that process again. Taking those figures into account we have had a decrease in crime of **4%** for the 12-month period. Without that factor we have had an increase of 6½%.

**Increases of note within the 12 month period April-March as compared with the same period the previous year are: -**

Theft from Motor Vehicles	21%	(+37)
Arson	17%	(+5)
Criminal damage	21%	(+63)
Burglary other Building	33%	(+38)

**Decreases of note are: -**

Theft of Motor Vehicles	12%	(-8)
Violent Crime	9%	(-21)

146 crimes for the month is one more than for March 2005 and is also the second lowest monthly figure for this current year. Whilst not a decrease of note I am pleased to report a slight decrease in burglary dwelling over the year of 5% whilst within Ipswich Town there has been a 33% increase. I will show local variations that have occurred over the last year on individual Community Police Officer areas. I stress this does not reflect to a large part on Community Police management but local factors.

Pc Philpot/Haddock	Capel and Capel Rural West	-7%
Pc Garrod	Capel Rural South	+13%
Pc Austin	Capel North and Pinewood	+33%
Pc Finbow	Hadleigh Rural North	-60% (+5% ignoring 195 internet crimes)
Pc Wren	Hadleigh Rural South	+8%
PC's Colbear and Hart	Hadleigh Town	-4%

5 burglary dwellings occurred during the month, one each in Layham, Nayland, Wherstead and East Bergholt and a distraction burglary again in Layham. The hoax on this occasion was that the water pressure required some attention and householder was invited to run the taps whilst another individual snuck in. Whilst traumatic, the amount of money stolen on this crime was not substantial. The other 4 burglaries all included rear ground floor entry, two through windows and two through doors. That's a fairly good hint as to where householder should invest most in physical security.

Our efforts against the targets set for us for the year was more good news than bad. We made 5 out of 7 targets, albeit the margins were very tight, on the flip side we failed on criminal damage substantially i.e. 106 offences and vehicle crime by 7 offences. We will be targeting these two crime types in particular over the next year.

During March an operation was run in Hadleigh targeting under age drinking and criminal damage using dedicated resources and I am pleased to say that the criminal damage figures were the lowest for the last year, in fact the lowest since Autumn 2004. The behaviour of young people was also challenged as association in large groups has been intimidating local residents. There has existed a good relationship between police and young people despite seizure of reasonable quantities of alcoholic drink. Police inputs have been provided at Hadleigh High School to years 9 and 10 and a letter appealing to parents to increase their participation in their young people's behaviour and welfare was placed in the local Community Newsletter.

Hadleigh Sector will welcome the first 2 Police Community Support Officers for our sector within the next few weeks and they will be working in tandem with Pc Gary Austin on Capel North and Pinewood. Further PCSO's will join us within 2007. PCSO Steve Cooper and Denise Ford will provide a sustained high visibility presence in Pinewood and the associated villages and not least with the retail park.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of PC Chris Garrod as Community Police Officer to fill Pc John Campbell's shoes wef Tuesday 18 April 2006. Chris is very familiar with the geography and is looking forward to meeting key stakeholders and settling into his new role.

Chief Inspector Chris Stokes joins us week commencing 10 April 2006 as Babergh District Commander, a new post replicated in all other districts with a view that Chris takes over much of the partnership working from both myself and the Sudbury Sector Commander. It is also planned to take away from my role as Southern Area duty inspector responsibilities using a new pool of 4 Inspectors and the bottom line benefit will be much more capacity to manage sector issues and quality management.

My successor will reap the benefits of these changes as I shall be retiring in May, my last working day being Thursday 4 May. That successor has not been appointed yet and will likely not be until June/July time. Meanwhile Acting Inspector Danny Cooper will take charge supplemented by another colleague when needs be. They will both more than adequately look after sector needs.

In closing I would like to thank all those in Parish councils, local communities and partnerships for the help and support we have received in my time within Hadleigh Sector for the last nearly 5 years, which has helped us collectively to maintain the very good quality of life for residents and visitors in this area. I shall look forward keeping up with local matters through various means and I wish you all well.

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