



Welcome to my monthly Partnership Funded PCSO report for March 2019

**UPDATES:**

**VEHICLE CRIME-**

A hot topic this month has been an increase in vehicle related crime on the East of Ipswich including Rushmere St Andrew.

Whilst a number of reported investigations are still ongoing I am limited as to how much information I can update you with until they have reached a conclusion, however I can give reassurance that one suspect has been interviewed and is still currently under investigation and intelligence work has revealed further potential suspects. Work is continuing in order to put evidence together in order to progress the investigations. Meanwhile I have been in contact with a number of residents and offered crime reduction advice. I have noted that the residents on the Broke Hall area have used some of this advice and devised and delivered their own leaflet offering awareness and guidance which shows a lovely joint approach from members of the community. Due to the majority of the offences occurring overnight, I have put forward requests for response patrols to be conducted during these times.



## **BROADLANDS WAY –**

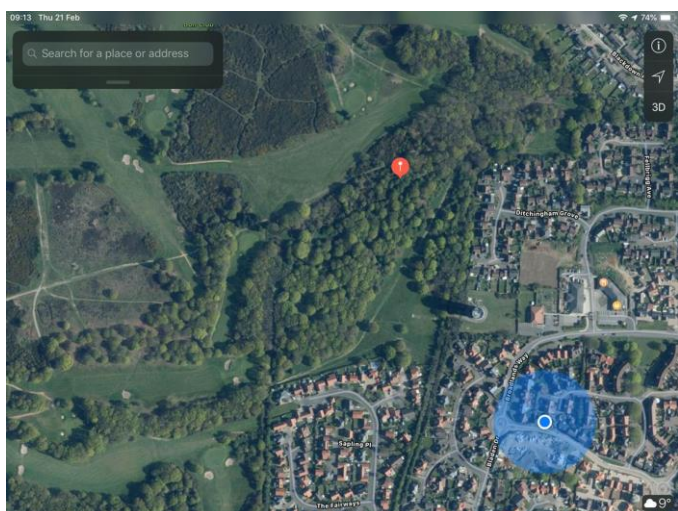
A request was made for Response Officers to Patrol the area of Broadlands way during the evenings to assist in identifying and dealing with any offences occurring in relation to ASB and/or Drug use.

In late Feb a vehicle was stop searched and as a result an occupant was dealt with for possession of Cannabis.

Since this time the East SNT has received reports that an area along Heath Lane is suffering from vehicle related ASB and drug use, Intelligence suggests that this may be the same group from Broadlands way that have moved to a new spot. This is currently being monitored by SNT and the Roads Policing unit has been notified and are also conducting Patrols.

## **RUSHMERE HEATH –**

I have been notified of a hotspot area on Rushmere Heath that is being used by youths to gather after school and into the evenings. Upon visiting the area a vast amount of litter was discovered including a few small clear plastic bags consistent with Cannabis/drug use, although thankfully no Class A drug paraphernalia or alcohol related litter. With Help from colleagues I personally cleared up the area and disposed of the litter and I will continue to monitor the area. I plan to make this a priority during the Easter holidays as I predict with better weather and no school the attendance will increase, giving me the opportunity to identify those responsible.





### GRANGE FARM PARKING CONCERNS –

Following a number of reports from residents highlighting issues with double parking and obstruction I have devised an advice letter for residents to help promote considerate behaviour but also warn that if issues continue then then consideration will be given to issuing tickets to offending vehicles. Both Offord Close and Thomas Crescent have had letters hand delivered to the entire Street.

### MODERN DAY SLAVERY WARRANT - KESGRAVE.-

On Tues 12<sup>th</sup> February I started my shift at 6am and took part in a warrant that was executed in Kesgrave in relation to Modern Day Slavery offences. I ensure to work with our intelligence department to keep updated with any information they can share with me about our local area, as a result this lead me to become involved in this important piece of work. Due to the sensitive nature of this information I will share with you the official press release:

Seven people have been arrested in Ipswich in connection with modern slavery offences.

The arrests were made on Tuesday 12 February following a pre-planned operation.

Working with partners in the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), National Crime Agency (NCA), Romanian Police, The British Red Cross, Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk County Council, a number of warrants and searches were conducted in central Ipswich and **Kesgrave**. Europol also supported the investigation by providing analytical support, deploying one analyst during the operation phase to deliver cross-checks immediately.

Officers made seven arrests – five men aged 49, 47, 21 years and two men both aged 23 years along with two women aged 20 and 31 - were arrested on suspicion of slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. They were taken to Martlesham Police Investigation Centre for questioning and were later released on police bail until Friday 1 March 2019 pending further enquiries.

A 45-year-old man was also arrested for a European arrest warrant.

A large quantity of paperwork and a quantity of cash were recovered and seized as part of the operation. A number of potential victims were also located and spoken to by the agencies involved.

Detective Chief Inspector Angus Moir said: "These arrests came about as a result of information we received from a number of sources. Modern slavery is hidden in every community and in many cases the victims are very vulnerable and are specifically targeted by their exploiters. It takes many forms but the most common include criminal exploitation, sexual exploitation, forced labour and domestic servitude. I would like to thank our partners in working closely together to achieve these results."

GLAA Senior Investigating Officer Tony Byrne said: "Working productively with our partners at Suffolk police, we take a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery and labour exploitation. We would encourage people who have reason to believe that someone is being exploited to report their concerns. We can then take swift and decisive action to bring offenders to justice and protect vulnerable workers."

Anyone who has any information about this type of crime or is concerned about someone being a potential victim are asked to call Suffolk Constabulary on 101.

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked – or to get help and seek advice - you can contact the Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700**.

If you believe a person is being trafficked and is in immediate danger, you should call **999** straight away.

You can also report suspicions of trafficking by calling Suffolk Police on 101 or via Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**

### **PCSO AWARENESS –**

Next week I will be providing an interview to the Ipswich Star introducing myself as the new PCSO for Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew. Along with the notifications going into the local magazines I am hopeful that this will increase awareness amongst the community that they do have a local officer and improve public confidence in the Police.

### **POLICE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

As you know I am always happy to give advice and guidance where I can. If it is something that I cannot give an immediate answer too, then I am obviously ideally placed to seek advice from other professionals. Members of the public wanting advice on many police-related matters can be signposted to the Suffolk Constabulary website advice page at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

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