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# Bedingfield and Forest



## Message from Inspector Jo Walmsley

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a good Christmas. For us, it is always a busy time of the year trying to keep everyone safe as they celebrate the festive season. Although we did see a rise in calls, the holiday period went fairly peacefully in both Thetford and Attleborough. Please remember to property mark your new Christmas presents and note any serial numbers so they are more traceable should they ever be lost or stolen.

My main message to everyone in these dark winter months is about crime prevention. Please make sure that all valuables are removed from cars and all cars, sheds and especially houses are kept locked and secure at all times, even when occupied. We see far too many crimes committed by opportunists who enter unlocked cars and buildings. It also helps to leave some lights on or to use timer switches to give the appearance that your home is occupied especially during the late afternoon and early evening. For any other crime prevention advice, please refer to our website.

## Crime Updates

Offence	Numbers	What could this entail
Arson	0	Damage caused as a result of fire.
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	1	Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident.
Burglary Residential	0	Residential Burglary will encompass entry to any building within the curtilage/boundary of a residence, e.g. garden sheds and garages
Burglary Business and Community	2	Business and community Burglaries will include shops, businesses and other property. In general, the purpose for which a building is designed will determine whether it should be classified as 'Residential' or 'Business and Community'.
Criminal Damage	3	A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else.
Domestic	3	Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality.
Hate Incident	0	Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.
Race or Religious aggravated public fear	0	Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above.
Possession of controlled substance	0	Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.
Possession of weapons	0	Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon.
Public fear, alarm or distress	0	Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence.
Robbery	0	Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear.
Theft from a motor vehicle	0	Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1	Any motor vehicle including those abandoned.
Theft of pedal cycle	0	From a public place, if stolen from a shed or garage this would be a BOTD.
Theft from a person	0	Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket.



## Message from your Engagement Officer

We are urging residents to be vigilant as reports of heating oil thefts increase during the winter months. In Norfolk there were 100 incidents in 2016 where heating oil was a factor. There have been more than 110 in 2017 so far.

The increase in the price of heating oil can result in oil tanks being targeted by thieves and we would urge people to take some simple measures to secure them.

Just keeping an eye on oil levels in your tank and fitting a good quality locking device is a good start, but we'd also recommend installing security lighting or CCTV cameras.

We're also asking communities to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you spot something suspicious at a friend, neighbour or relative's house, or at a nearby business premises, call police on 101 or dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

## What is happening in your area

There has been a rise in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) by youths in the Town Centre and on the Pine Close and Redcastle estates during the evenings. We have managed to identify a number of persons involved and are working with parents, the local and District council, the Academy and other agencies to address both short and long term issues. If you are experiencing any issues or can identify those involved, please report this to us.

Over the last month there has been a rise in Theft from motor vehicle offences across the Town. These mainly occur overnight. If you see any suspicious persons or activity, please report it immediately so we can catch those responsible. Please also remember to "Lock it, or lose it!"

## Neighbourhood Priorities

### Thetford

Street drinking, ASB and drug misuse in Thetford town centre and surrounding areas

Vehicle ASB and speeding on Redcastle Estate and Fulmerston Road including mini-motos and quad bikes

Next open meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm at The Guildhall in Thetford.

## Point of contact

### Follow us on social media



[www.crimestoppers.co.uk](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk)

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## Partner contacts



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