

# Bedingfield & Forest

Date: December 2018

Encompassing: Cockley Cley, Oxborough, Gooderstone, Foulden, Didlington, Ickburgh, Cranwich, Mundford, Tottington, Sturston, Stanford, Lynford, Weeting & Broomhill, Brettenham, Croxton, Kilverstone

Message from  
Inspector Jo Walmsley



After a successful and very peaceful Hallowe'en and Bonfire night, my team were proud to take part in various commemorative events in Thetford and Attleborough for Remembrance Sunday recognising the very important Centenary year. We are now preparing for the busy Christmas period, having already seen the Christmas Lights Switch on and extra festivities in both Towns. Whilst many of you are enjoying the various events and activities across the area, please be aware that it is a time when criminals are extremely active. Please ensure that you keep windows and doors locked at all times to prevent opportunist thieves helping themselves to your presents, wrapped or unwrapped, and ensure your cars remain locked with no valuables left on display such as SATNAV's, mobile phones, ipods, wallets, loose change, etc. We are also having a number of different scams being reported in all different forms. This ranges from people knocking on doors purporting to be police officers investigating fraud offences and specifically requesting the occupant attend their bank and withdraw large sums of money following a fraudulent transaction to e-mails from TV Licensing stating your direct debit payment was unsuccessful to phone calls from British Gas advising that your bill remains outstanding and phone calls from HMRC advising that you are being taken to court for unpaid tax. All of these are trying to get you to hand over your credit card details and sound very convincing, especially when pre-occupied with other things. Please don't get caught out; make sure that you check identity cards for those coming to your house and only pay bills through official channels and never share your bank or credit card details with anybody upon receipt of a telephone call. My team and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and crime free New Year

## What is Happening In Your Area

The SNT and Response teams have had a busy period tackling street drinking in Thetford town centre, including positively dealing with breaches of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and arresting one individual for urinating in the street whilst intoxicated. The Beat Managers enjoyed some Engagement Opportunities, patrolling the town at the Christmas light switch on and with help from response, took home a number of youths for their own safety after catching them climbing on the roofs and to prevent them ruining the enjoyment of others. Several successful drugs warrants were carried out in the area resulting in 3 arrests and the seizure of a large quantity of drugs and money. PC Nick Harris targeted road safety and in a two hour period issued 2 speeding tickets, a ticket for a damaged windscreen, another ticket for no registration plate and stopped 20 other drivers to give words of advice about their speed on Nuns Bridges and Brandon Road. Following complaints of illegal motorcycle riding in Thetford Forest and Forestry Commission land, SNT joined forces for the day with Diss Motorcycle Club on Harling Drove to educate riders and deal with any offences. Finally, our Engagement Officer and DC Dave Armstrong from the Rural Crime Team attended Oxborough Parish Council meeting to update them on a recent incident of hare coursing which resulted in a male from London being arrested.



### Neighbourhood Priorities

#### Thetford Stag:

Next Open STAG meeting **3rd January 2019 at 1900hrs at Thetford Methodist Church**

#### Current Projects:

- 1) Street Drinking, Youth ASB & Drug Misuse in Thetford Town Centre PSPO area..
- (2) Breach of 7.5T Weight Restriction in Ford Street & Nuns Bridges Road, Thetford.

### Message from your Beat Managers

#### Pcs Norton, Whatmore & Maguire



It's that time of year when we purchase gifts for family & friends so please remember to think crime prevention. Keep wallets, purses & handbags securely with you when out & do not leave valuable items on display in your vehicles. During this festive period, enjoy your parties but remember to drink responsibly, look after your fellow partiers so you all get home safely. The festive crackdown on those who drink & drug drive has already started & we encourage you to report any concerns relating to drink or drug driving to us or to Crimestoppers.



## Message from your Engagement Officer

This month we have received several reports of Scammers/Fraudsters in our area who appear to be targeting our more vulnerable community members. The scam can take various forms, but we are seeing a concerning trend towards fraudsters pretending to be Police Officers. Please be aware that Police will never ask you to go to your bank and withdraw money and if you are ever unsure who is at your door always ask for identification. You can confirm this identification by calling 101. **Never, ever hand over money to someone at the door.** Please spread this advice to your family members and neighbours. You can get more advice on how to beat scammers at [norfolk.police.uk/coldcallerscam](http://norfolk.police.uk/coldcallerscam).

*Paula*

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy festive period.

## Crime Update (November 2018)

(More Statistical Data including Offences & Location Detail can be Obtained from [www.police.co.uk](http://www.police.co.uk))

Offence	Numbers	What could this entail
Arson	0	Damage caused as a result of fire.
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	0	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	0	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	4	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	2	Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.
Possession of weapons	1	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	2	Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2	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.

### Point of Contact

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