

Dereham, Swaffham & Watton

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Message from Inspector James Makepeace

Local Policing Commander, Breckland North

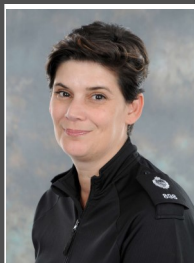
As Inspector for Dereham, Swaffham & Watton I recognise that these are very different times since our last Newsletter and the recent Government announcement of a further extension to the current restrictions may be a worry to some in our communities. But I would like to reassure you that we are all in this together and I and my colleagues extend our sincere thanks to you all for your assistance by way of complying with the restrictions to #StayHomeSaveLives and #ProtectTheNHS. I would also like to express my thanks to all the local companies and residents for their support over the last few weeks. It is heart-warming to see such a positive community spirit and the support is very much appreciated by us all. I would like to assure you all that my officers are still here, we are still policing; continuing with business as usual with patrols, investigative enquiries, crime prevention and providing advice in the face of the current pandemic. On behalf of myself and my officers THANK YOU for your help and assistance and stay safe.

What is Happening In Your Area

We just wanted to send you all a message from the Dereham, Swaffham and Watton Safer Neighbourhood Teams during these challenging times we find ourselves in. Although we are having to find different ways of working and engaging we just want to let you know that your Beat Managers are still here for your communities; dealing with local priorities and concerns. We have been out on foot patrols, and in vehicles getting to as many places as possible, hopefully some of you will have seen us and given us a wave. We are really keen to continue to hear from our communities about issues and concerns you have and as always we are reliant on you being vigilant and reporting incidents and information to us. This can be done through the normal routes, for instance if it's a crime in progress or threat to life always call 999, otherwise call 101, or use the online reporting forms at our website www.norfolk.police.uk or you can contact your local Beat Managers via email at SNTDereham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk SNTWatton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

When we are able we will be holding our usual Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) meetings where we will be able to provide you with a detailed update on local priorities. In the meantime we can advise that there has been a number of positive arrests due to proactive policing to combat criminality despite the change in demand. We have arrested a frequent disqualified driver who made off from police. Local officers along with our colleagues in Roads Policing were tenacious in finding the male and seizing his vehicle. We have also been patrolling the rural and the industrial areas and targeting drug providers. Remember you can follow some of our activities on Twitter @BrecklandPolice and Facebook BrecksPolice - you don't need to be signed up or registered to view these, although if you are signed up you can leave comments for us as another way to engage.

Message from your Engagement Officer, Pc Paula Gilluley



Working together with the East of England Ambulance Service, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and other public services, Norfolk Police are encouraging communities to display sunflowers in their windows. These can be drawn, painted, knitted, or created in any other way. Homes which are seen displaying their sunflower display by officers, or members of the other blue light services, whilst on shift/patrol will receive sunflower seeds through the door which can be planted. Homeowners can then watch it grow over the coming weeks and months – with a beautiful sunflower to look forward to at the end.

Paula

