

Diss, Harleston & Long Stratton

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Message from T/Inspector Symonds

Local Policing Commander for Diss, Harleston and Long Stratton

As Inspector for the Diss, Harleston & Long Stratton districts 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; 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 of the local businesses 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 officers here are still working, 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 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 Safer Neighbourhood Team during these challenging times we find ourselves in. Although we are finding different ways of working and engaging, we want to let you know that your Beat Managers are still here for your communities; dealing with local priorities and concerns. We have been conducting foot, cycle and vehicle patrols 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 SNTHarleston@norfolk.pnn.police.uk, SNTDiss@norfolk.pnn.police.uk or SNTLongStratton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk.

When we are able, we will be holding our usual Local Public meetings and Engagement Surgeries where we will provide you with a detailed update on local priorities. In the meantime, we can advise there have been a number of positive arrests due to proactive policing to combat criminality, despite the change in demand. We have identified a number of people still committing crime and have arrested people on suspicion of drug dealing; burglary and a series of Anti Social Behaviour related incidents; notwithstanding identifying suspects for a rural arson.

Remember you can follow some of our activities on Twitter @SouthNorfPolice and Facebook- South Norfolk Police - 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.

Message from your Engagement Officer, PC Andy Hudson



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.

