

Police Engagement meeting 26/11/18 14.00hrs at Downham Market Police Station.

Inspector Mark Cant opened by saying that the purpose of the meeting was to update us on the new Local Policing Teams that have replaced the PCSO's. All members of the teams are warranted officers.

Tom Metcalfe is the local **Sergeant for West Norfolk** with a focus on neighbourhood policing rather than response.

He outlined the goals of the N.P.T's as:

- 1) Increased visibility and accessibility
- 2) Reduction in fear of being a victim of crime
- 3) To work with the vulnerable within each community
- 4) Aim to attend at least 1 P.C.C. meeting a year in each village

Ryan Williams is the Beat Manager for Watlington/ Shouldham/ Marham/ **Fincham** and surrounding area

Tracey James is the Beat Manager for areas from Emneth to Feltwell

Andy Smith is the Beat Manager for the Terrington area

John Chandler is based in Downham Market dealing with Rural Crimes throughout West Norfolk

Lee Anderton is the Engagement officer for West Norfolk working with the Beat Managers. His brief also included Community Speedwatch.

Inspector Cant then asked for questions from the floor. Several people said the SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meetings were poorly attended and they felt that this is because they are not advertised properly.

Lee advised that they are currently advertised via Police Connect and in the local media. He will be advising Parish Clerks in future if they send him their details.

SNAP meetings are public meetings where you can raise any concerns you may have about your community. The meetings are generally chaired by a borough councillor, and attended by police and our officers. Other agencies, such as housing associations or Norfolk County **Council**, are invited to attend when needed.

Many present felt that these were outdated but Inspector Cant advised that they are a Government requirement and as such cannot be stopped.

Another point raised once again was the ineffectiveness of sending data collected by SAM 2's to the Camera Partnership Safety Team. Lee advised that the information should now also be sent to him and he will ensure any

action necessary is taken. He also advised that high speeds is defined by vehicles travelling at 52 mph or over in a 30mph area.

The monthly police newsletter is still issued by request to Parish Clerks and contains generic information relating to crimes in the area.

More localised information can be accessed via:

<https://www.police.uk/norfolk/A32/>

A local surgery can still be requested by P.C.C.'s to meet specific needs –i.e. crime prevention information; property marking etc.

Speedwatch teams now have a new Community Protection Order if they are verbally abused during their watch and a note of the vehicle's registration is sent to Lee with relevant details of the situation and names of watch members involved.

We were all issued with 'How to contact your local police' notices to be displayed for the public information. Further electronic copies can be obtained from Lee.

In the event of a crime taking place then 999 should always be used
For cases involving crimes that have taken place or are non urgent then call 101

To keep your local Beat Manager informed of issues of concern that are non urgent then contact him using the SNT email.