

## Suffolk Constabulary

### Mid Suffolk Central Safer Neighbourhood Team

#### Report for Debenham Parish Council Meeting 18.02.08

#### Reported Crimes

Since 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 there has been 1 reported crime in Debenham. This involved the theft of a wheelie bin and there is some doubt over whether it was actually stolen or taken by the refuse collectors. However, as MSDC require a crime reference number before replacing missing bins it was logged as a theft.

#### Remaining Aware

Whilst this low crime figure is excellent news I wish to take this opportunity to remind residents to remain vigilant for any suspicious activity. The progress we have made with tackling crime in Debenham is down to people providing information, we have shown what can be achieved if we work together.

#### Crime Prevention

As we patrol Debenham we are still noticing some cars, sheds and garages are being left unattended and unsecured. I know it easy to forget to lock our car or garage at night, especially when we are simultaneously trying to get children, pets and shopping into the house. But the few seconds it takes to double check really can make all the difference. We still speak to victims of car thefts or out building burglaries who use the phrase " I never lock it because we don't get any crime here", let's not make it easy for would be thieves.

#### Alcohol Confiscation

Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008 a police operation is being conducted to specifically target under age people drinking alcohol in public places. The Home Office has granted constabularies nationwide authority to conduct extra patrols in identified "hot spots" to confiscate alcohol from young people. An example of this happened on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February when Debenham saw myself, PC Trevor Harrison and 4 special constables patrolling the village streets. The results of this operation will be carefully evaluated and hopefully we won't have to wait too long before authority to conduct this level of patrolling will be granted again.

#### Contact us

Should you wish to report any criminal, suspicious or anti-social activities then please either contact **PCSO's 3117 Chris Bales & 3170 Emma Cowell on** Tel: 01473 613500 or call the Community Information Hotline on 01284 774029. Or you could bring any issues to the attention of your **Mid Suffolk Central Safer Neighbourhood Team** via your local parish council.

Yours faithfully

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