



# Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the **SEPTEMBER** edition of our newsletter.

Our focus this month is the Members meeting and Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in The Coddendam Centre, Mary Day Close, Coddendam, Nr Ipswich, IP6 9SR.

Read more about it in this newsletter and our [website](#).

As always, please remember to check our “news” page on our website for updated news in between newsletter editions, and if you use social media, why not visit our [Facebook page](#), follow us and give us a “like”.

*The Executive Committee*

## Suffolk Trading Standards



[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)



**REPORT IT, HELP OTHERS! #RogueFreeSuffolk**

If you see a scam, an unsafe product, OR a Rogue Trader, report it via **0808 223 1133**.

To find out about scams across Suffolk, [you can sign up to the Trading Standards email alert](#) on their website. Trading Standards can investigate and take court action against scammers.

By becoming a Consumer Champion you can help protect and build resilience within your local community against rogue traders and scams; and make Suffolk a safer place to live

You can also find out about [common financial scams](#) on the Financial Conduct Authority’s website.





# Come join us!



## Members and Annual General Meeting 2023

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th September, 7pm, at the Coddendam Centre, Mary Day Close, Coddendam, near Ipswich, IP6 9SR.**

This year, the key focus is our guest speakers, followed by a very quick AGM process. Come and meet fellow schemes, and take the opportunity to chat with the constabulary over a cuppa!

You can register your intention to attend below.

[Register here](#)

### Guest Speakers

Tim Passmore - Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner  
Chief Inspector Andy Pursehouse - Suffolk Constabulary  
Sasha Watson, Community Engagement Officer - Trading Standards

Doors open at 6.45pm ready for a meeting start at 7.00pm.  
There are ample parking spaces and refreshments will be available.

Our friends from the Four Counties Crime Prevention Team will also display products available for purchase during refreshments.



### AGM Protocol

2023 Current Agenda:

- Apologies for absence
- Review of Minutes of previous AGM and any matters arising
- Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report and account
- Election of Officers
- Changes to Constitution
- Any other Business
- Date of next meeting

### Documentation

The minutes of the previous (2022) AGM are available [here](#).

The current Constitution can be found [here](#). Members are always advised to consider the current Constitution, should they wish to propose for amendments to be made.

Any queries, matters arising from the 2022 minutes, any proposed changes to the constitution, or any nominations, may be submitted to the executive committee before the 17th September at the following email address: [2023AGM@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:2023AGM@suffolknwa.co.uk)

The Committee's Annual report is provided in advance of the meeting, and can be found [here](#).

The Treasurer's Annual report can be found [here](#), with a separate financial account which can be found [here](#).

### Election of Officers to Executive Committee

Executive Committee members are required to stand down and then apply for re-election. The current committee has 7 members, all of which, if elected, are happy to continue in their role for another year:

Treasurer: Angela Barnetson  
Secretary: Angela Raynor  
Database: Graham Holmes  
Comms: Tony Spall  
Funding: Nick King  
Committee: Paul Garner  
Committee: Brian Sivyer

We are always very keen to receive any nominations from members wishing to join the exec team, either to support an existing role, or to take on a vacant role on the Executive Committee.

**Noticeably, the Association is still looking for a chairperson, a role that is well supported by members of the executive committee.**

Description of typical roles can be found on our website [here](#).

Nominations can be submitted in advance via email to: [2023AGM@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:2023AGM@suffolknwa.co.uk)

In the event of no nominations being received prior to the meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor on the day.





## **PCC & Chief Constable host meetings to discuss community policing in Suffolk**

If any of you miss the opportunity to attend our members meeting with Tim Passmore and Andy Pursehouse on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, you can always attend a number of public meetings to quiz Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.



The way local policing is delivered in Suffolk is changing and a new county policing model goes live in December 2023.

In advance of the changes, the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Chief Constable Rachel Kearton are hosting a series of meetings to talk through the plans with local communities and answer any questions they may have.

Meetings will be held across the county through September and October with an on-line meeting in November.

These are:

WEST AREA: Thursday September 21 2023 at Bury Town Football Club, Cotton Lane, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1XP

SOUTH AREA: Wednesday October 4 2023 at Police Headquarters, Portal Avenue, Martlesham IP5 3QS

EAST AREA: Tuesday October 10 2023 at Wherry Hotel, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3LN

MID SUFFOLK: Tuesday October 17 2023 at the new Stowmarket Police Station, IP14 2QU

All meetings start at 6.30pm and there is no need to book, just turn up on the evening.

There is also an on-line meeting on Tuesday November 7 2023 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Please email [spcc@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:spcc@suffolk.police.uk) to register and an invite will be sent through via email in advance of the meeting.



## Neighbourhood Watch Network: Burglary Prevention Campaign

During September, the national organisation will focus their social media campaign on **Burglary prevention and home security**.

The key messages are:

- **WINDOWS: Lock your windows**
- **INTERIOR: Put your interior lights on a timer**
- **DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors**
- **EXTERIOR: Put your exterior lights on a sensor**
- **(N)EIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for neighbours**



**W I D E (N)**

Windows | Interior | Doors | Exterior | Neighbours

To help with home security, the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association have created a simple checklist to make things easier. You can view and download this from [here](#)

Through support of National sponsor ERA, the Neighbourhood Watch Network also provides free burglary prevention toolkit resources that can be used to share with your community - read more [here](#)



**Burglary prevention toolkit**



## Crimestoppers: Acquisitive Crime

New research shows that levels of 'acquisitive crime' have increased in the last year. Crimestoppers have launched a campaign to spotlight this worrying rise in theft, robbery and burglary, and appeals for people who know about the criminals involved to contact Crimestoppers anonymously.

The campaign **aims to encourage the public to:**

1. Learn how to spot the signs of theft, robbery and burglary,
2. Protect oneself, the community and your personal belongings
3. Speak up anonymously to Crimestoppers, as a national charity, independent of the police

# Worried about burglaries in your community?



If you have information about  
crime, speak up to our charity.  
100% anonymous. Always.

[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.



## Neighbourhood Watch in Suffolk: Engaging in the community

For the first time since Covid, the Danforth Drive NW scheme in Framlingham managed to hold their annual community BBQ.

The scheme uses the occasion primarily to meet and greet new residents and to forge good neighbour relationships.

Danforth Drive is a small estate of 37 houses and friends and neighbours always look out for each other. Everybody attending the BBQ makes a donation and any money left after paying for the food goes to a charity. This year the scheme sent £80 to East Anglian Children's Hospice.

Thank you to Robbie Abraham for providing us with this story.



### Have you got a story you would like to share?

Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.

Send us your story via email to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Comms team: [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)



Thank you to all the schemes that send us their newsletters. You can send yours to [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)

If you would like them uploaded to our website, just let us know!

