

MELTON GRANGE ROAD AREA

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HELLO NEIGHBOURS

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With the evenings slowly getting lighter and the weather improving allowing us to spend more time outside in the garden or visiting local attractions, it is perhaps a timely reminder to ensure your windows and doors at the front and side of the house are secure to deter any opportunist criminals from entering your property. Likewise, your car should be locked, valuable items removed, and the keys kept well away from the front of the house to avoid 'cloning' by would be car thieves.

I mentioned in my last Newsletter that I was going to pursue the matter of parking in our area and the 20mph speed limit.

Firstly, the parking. In March I had a meeting with the Headteacher of Woodbridge Primary School in which we discussed the way parents/guardians of pupils who attend the school tend to park without thought for local residents and sometimes keeping their engines running whilst waiting for their child. The Headteacher assured me that in the school's Newsletter to parents/guardians she would highlight the need to park sensibly and turn off their car engines. I would be interest to hear if any of you have noticed a change to the parking in your part of Melton Grange.

Secondly the 20mph speed limit. I have continued to correspond with the Clerk of the Parish Council on this matter. It was put on hold towards the end of April due the forthcoming local elections. Since then, the processing of councilors has taken place which delayed any response other than to be informed there is now a wait while SCC Highways estimate the costs for the implementation of the 20mph zones. I also intend asking for a "school" sign to be put in place close to the corner of Melton Grange Road and Pytches Road. So far, I've had no luck in getting the road parking restriction lines repainted. I am told the signage on poles showing the parking restrictions is adequate.

CRIME FIGURES are shown in the link below along with other interesting stats for the period April 2025 to March 2026 in the Woodbridge/Melton area:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/deben-and-orford/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us>

COURIER FRAUD

The Suffolk Police are urging families, friends, and neighbours to make their elderly relatives or vulnerable members of the community aware of courier fraud after recent incidents were reported.

Courier fraud occurs when people are contacted by fake companies or people pretending to be police officers or bank officials and convince you into handing over money, valuables, or bank cards, which are collected from your home address, often by couriers. The criminals use a variety of different tactics, often calming that there is a problem with your account, and they need your help to catch the real criminals. In total there have been at least 14 incidents reported in the county between Feb and May, with around £160,000 stolen.

Recent incidents have been reported in Ipswich and the Babergh areas. One victim is believed to have had around £80,000 stolen after a fake company called "FCA" contacted them. They stole from the victim via the online transfer of money, with loans being taken out in the victim's name and the collection of gold. Other methods of theft included credit cards being collected from victims with amounts then spent using these, as well as handing over large amount of cash.

Suffolk Constabulary is sharing a YouTube video from West Midlands Police to try and make people aware of the dangers of courier fraud, the signs to look out for and how you can protect yourself, your family, and your friends. [Courier Fraud Warning: Stay Wise, Don't Compromise](#)

SUSPECT EMAILS: forward to the **Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS)** at report@phishing.gov.uk.

SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS www.suffolknwa.co.uk/news.html

LATEST SCAMS: www.which.co.uk/news/tag/scam-alert

SUSPECT TEXT MESSAGES: forward to 7726 (free of charge).

VICTIM OF FRAUD: inform your bank and report to Action Fraud. 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk/

USEFUL CONTACTS

Call 101 for non-urgent matters. Always call 999 in emergencies.

Crime prevention advice: Suffolk Police website at: www.suffolk.police.uk/advice

Local information: www.suffolknwa.co.uk or www.suffolk.police.uk/news

To report something, or otherwise to contact Police use: www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on: **0800 555 111** or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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