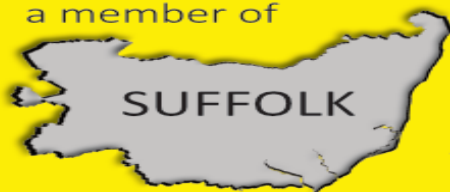


# MELTON GRANGE ROAD AREA

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



### HELLO NEIGHBOURS

September 2025

I'm into my seventh year of writing the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter as your Co-ordinator, and I hope that you are finding the information useful. It looks like we might be getting a second summer although darker evenings are slowly approaching. With this in mind, and especially after those car break-ins I mentioned in my emergency July e-mail, can I recommend to everyone some of the precautions that you might wish to consider taking.

- Double check that you have locked your car and all the windows are shut.
- Ensure that any valuable items are removed from the car, e.g., laptops, phones, important papers etc.
- Store your car keys well away from the front door so they are at a lesser risk of being cloned.
- Close the downstairs curtains/blinds as soon as you put a light on so as not to advertise the inside of your property.
- Double check all doors are locked when you leave the property and before retiring to bed.
- Report any incidents directly to the Police by phoning 999 and obtain a crime report number to use for any insurance claim that you might have to submit.

**CRIME FIGURES** are shown in the link below along with other interesting stats for the year ending June 2025 in the Woodbridge/Melton area:

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

Here are couple of the scams that are currently being highlighted by several agencies.

**New parking fine scam texts.** Convincing parking charge scam text messages continue to circulate, targeting people with warnings about a non-existent unpaid fine. A recent example of this scam involves a copycat government website that aims to earn your trust by mimicking official organisations and well-known brands, often these are government bodies, transport companies or couriers. Typically, these scams charge you a fee for something you can do for free or tell you you've done something wrong and need to pay a fine to avoid further payments or even legal action. Variations of this message all aim to get you to act as quickly as possible and include a malicious link to steal your money and data.

**Debt Collection Scam.** Scam letters that state you have unpaid debts and are being summoned to court as a result have triggered warning from both HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) and a branch of Scotland's Citizens Advice Bureau. An example of these type of letters says that you have an unpaid debt of £5,985, including interest, which you owe to a financial firm. It includes a number to call to avoid 'any further action being taken against you'. This number will put you through to a fraudster intent on getting you to part with your money and personal details. You're also warned that if you don't respond within seven days of the letter, a county court judgment could be made against you, affecting your credit file. The number included in the letter has been reported as a scam. One recipient of the letter reported that the caller asked them to put money in an envelope and post it. Another report said the fraudsters claimed to be from the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

In addition to fake letters, there have also been numerous reports about debt management scam calls. Reports detailed on the "Who Called Me?", the scam-call database, included unexpected calls claiming to be from debt advice companies, impersonations of Citizens Advice and calls from a debt management company called "Debt Solutions"

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

**SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS** [www.suffolknwa.co.uk/news.html](http://www.suffolknwa.co.uk/news.html)

**LATEST SCAMS:** [www.which.co.uk/news/tag/scam-alert](http://www.which.co.uk/news/tag/scam-alert)

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

**VICTIM OF FRAUD:** contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud. 0300 123 2040 or online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://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](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice)

Local information: [www.suffolknwa.co.uk](http://www.suffolknwa.co.uk) or [www.suffolk.police.uk/news](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/news)

To report something, or otherwise to contact Police use: [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us)

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on: **0800 555 111** or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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