

2020 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR BRADFIELD ST GEORGE

Introduction. The Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) Bury St Edmunds Area B covers the 6 parishes of Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare, **Bradfield St George**, Rushbrooke with Rougham, Little and Great Whelnetham, and Nowton.

The statistics below have been extracted from the Suffolk Constabulary's website and the 14 defined crime categories is a National system used by 43 police forces across England & Wales. It is recognised that the National reporting format has its limitations.

2020 Statistics. During 2020, **Bradfield St George** reported/recorded 21 crimes: 8 x violence/sexual, 7 x anti-social behaviour, 2 x criminal damage/arson, and one each of burglary, public order, other theft and 'other'. This crime rate is just below average for our 6 Area B parishes. The 2020 monthly average for the whole of Area B was 13 (cf. 9 in 2019) while the monthly average for the whole of the Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area was 480 (of course, the majority occurred in Bury St Edmunds itself).

Points of Note.

- Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse): our Area B saw a **64% increase** (Covid-19 impact?) & the category accounted for **43%** of our Area B recorded crimes.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: a slight increase on 2019 & accounted for 18% of local crimes.
- Burglary: small decrease on 2019 and accounted for 6% of our Area B recorded crimes.
- Vehicle: is on the increase with 5 in 2020 (cf. 0 in 2019), accounted for 3% of crimes.
- Cybercrime (scams) continues to be a huge problem and thanks to victims forwarding scam emails to report@fishing.gov.uk, between April and December 2020 the National Cyber Security Centre have taken down over 26,000 scams and 48,000 URLs.
- For the year ending June 2020, the Office for National Statistics ranks Suffolk as having the 10th lowest crime rate out of 43 Police Forces (excl. British Transport) across England & Wales, with Suffolk being second lowest in the East of England 6 counties.

Area B Network. SNWA Bury St Edmunds Area B Network continues to be extremely healthy and pro-active. Over 100 local residents receive alerts, information and monthly stats via e-mail (incl. parish councils, our County & Borough Cllrs as well as our MP's office) however, social media is proving hugely successful. The Nextdoor.co.uk site is highly recommended. Alerts & monthly stats etc are also posted on 3 parish/village community facebook pages (Bradfield Combust & Stanningfield Residents, Rougham Village Community and Great Whelnetham Residents) as well as the BSE Villages Coronavirus Community Support page reaching hundreds of followers. The monthly stats and other information are also uploaded onto the Bury St Edmunds Area B page of the SNWA's website (suffolknwa.co.uk/bseb.html). It is estimated that well over 2,000 residents (with some duplication) in our Area B are now connected electronically to our NHW network.

Team Effort. Finally, thank you to our 7 registered NHW Scheme Coordinators, parish councils & clerks, residents, our CEO, SNT, SNWA, the various agencies and other key individuals (esp. Sgt. Angela Puiy!) for making our Area B NHW Network meaningful and hugely successful!

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