

2021 NHW REPORT FOR BRADFIELD COMBUST WITH STANNINGFIELD

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.

2021 Statistics. During 2021, **the Parish** reported/recorded 16 crimes: 4 x violence/sexual, 4 x criminal damage/arson, 3 x anti-social behaviour, 2 x other and one each of vehicle, public order, and other theft. This crime rate is below average for our 6 Area B parishes. The 2021 monthly average for the whole of Area B was 10 (cf. 13 in 2020) while the monthly average for the whole of the Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area was 467 (80 to 90% of crime occurs in Bury St Edmunds itself).

Points of Note.

- Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse): our Area B saw a **20%** decrease on 2020 & the category accounted for **55%** of our Area B recorded crimes in 2021.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: a **45% decrease** on 2020 & accounted for **16%** of Area B crimes.
- Burglary: a **60% decrease** on 2020 and accounted for **3%** of our Area B recorded crimes.
- Vehicle: a decrease with 4 in 2021 (cf. 5 in 2020) accounting for **3%** of crimes.
- Cybercrime (scams) continues to be a huge problem and thanks to residents forwarding scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk, the National Cyber Security Centre are taking down an average of over **3,000 scams** and over **6,000 malicious URLs** per month!
- For the year ending June 2021, 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 local County & Borough Cllrs and our MP's office) however, social media (esp. facebook and Nextdoor.co.uk) continues to be hugely successful. Alerts & monthly stats etc are posted on 4 parish/village community facebook pages (Bradfield Combust & Stanningfield Residents, Rougham Village Community, Great Whelnetham Residents and Nowton Village) and on Nextdoor.co.uk followed by residents in all 6 parishes. As off 1st January 2022, **3038** residents (with some duplication but excluding innumerable further sharing with family and friends) in our 6 parish Area B are now connected electronically to our NHW network. The monthly stats and other information are also uploaded onto the dedicated Area B page on the SNWA's website (suffolknwa.co.uk/bseb.html).

Team Effort. Finally, thank you to our 9 registered NHW Scheme Coordinators, parish councils & clerks, residents, our CEO (Sgt. Lee Andrews-Pearce), SNT, SNWA, the various agencies and other key individuals for making our Area B NHW Network meaningful and hugely successful!

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