

2021 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR BRADFIELD ST CLARE

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 just 3 crimes: 1 x violence/sexual, 1 x criminal damage/arson, and 1 x anti-social behaviour. This crime rate is well below the average of 20 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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