

2022 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.

2022 Statistics. During 2022, **the Parish** reported/recorded 23 crimes (cf. 16 in 2021): 12 x violence/sexual (cf. 4 in 2021), 3 x criminal damage/arson, 7 x anti-social behaviour (cf. 3 in 2021) and 1 x other theft. This crime rate is below the average of 28 for our 6 Area B parishes. The 2022 monthly average for the whole of Area B was 14 (cf. 10 in 2021) while the monthly average for the whole of the Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area was 493 (cf. 467 in 2021).

Points of Note.

- Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse): our Area B saw an **89% increase** on 2021 & the category accounted for **63%** of our Area B recorded crimes in 2022.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: Our Area B saw 15 in 2022 (cf. 16 in 2021) & accounted for **9%** of Area B crimes.
- Criminal Damage & Arson: with 13 reported incidents, Area B saw a **31% decrease** compared to 2021.
- Burglary: 4 incidents in 2022 (same as 2021) and accounted for **2%** of our Area B recorded crimes.
- Vehicle: 5 in 2022 (cf. 4 in 2021) accounting for **3%** of crimes.
- Cybercrime: thanks to residents forwarding scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk as of December 31st 2022 the number of reports received stand at more than **16,500,000** with the removal of more than **110,000** scams across **200,000** URLs!
- For the year ending June 2022, the Office for National Statistics ranks Suffolk as having the 7th (cf. 10th in 2021) lowest crime rate out of 43 Police Forces (excl. British Transport) across England & Wales, with Suffolk being lowest in the East of England 6 counties.

Area B Network. Our network continues to be extremely healthy and pro-active. 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 reaching residents in all 6 parishes. As off 1st January 2023, **3484** residents (with some duplication) in our 6 parish Area B are now connected electronically (community social media and/or email) to our NHW network. The monthly stats and other useful 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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