

## 2022 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.

2022 Statistics. During 2022, **the Parish** reported/recorded just 7 crimes all of which were violence/sexual (incl. any Domestic Abuse) incidents. This crime rate is well 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](mailto: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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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