

2023 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.

2023 Statistics. During 2023, **the Parish** reported/recorded just 10 crimes (cf. 7 in 2022): 3 x violence & sexual (cf, 7 in 2022); 3 x anti-social behaviour; and one each for vehicle, public order, drugs and other theft. This crime rate is well below the average of 25 for our 6 Area B parishes. The 2023 monthly average for the whole of Area B was 14 (same as 2022) while the monthly average for the whole of the Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area was 450 (cf. 493 in 2022).

Points of Note:

- Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) accounted for 49% (cf. 63% in 2022) of our Area B recorded crimes. Snapshot - for the period Jul to Sep 2023, 23% of all recorded Violence & Sexual incidents in the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Area were Domestic Abuse.

Other Area B crimes accounted for: anti-social behaviour – 16%; criminal damage & arson – 10%; other theft – 9%; burglary – 8%; public order – 4 %; drugs, robbery, shop theft, vehicle, and other crime all 1% or below.

- Cybercrime: SCAM phone calls, e-mails, texts etc are not included in the stats as Action Fraud is responsible. Nationally, as of 31st October 2023, thanks to the public forwarding SCAM emails to report@phishing.gov.uk, more than 151,000 malicious SCAMs have been removed over 277,900 URLs thereby helping to protect others.
- For the year ending June 2023, the Office for National Statistics ranks Suffolk as having the 6th lowest crime rate (cf. 7th in 2022) out of 43 Police Forces (excl. British Transport) across England & Wales, with Suffolk being lowest (same in 2022) 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 2024, **4600** 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 CPO (PC Emma Macduff), CPT, SNWA, the various agencies and other key individuals for making our Area B NHW Network meaningful and hugely successful!

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