

## 2023 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR NOWTON

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 19 crimes (cf. 16 in 2022): 10 x violence & sexual (cf. 11 in 2022), 3 x burglary (cf. 0 in 2022); 2 x criminal damage & arson (cf. 0 in 2022); 2 x public order (cf. 0 in 2022); 1 x anti-social behaviour (cf. 0 in 2022) and 1 x other theft (cf. 2 in 2022). This crime rate is 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, thanks to the public forwarding SCAM emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> lowest crime rate (cf. 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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