



Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter.

Last month saw the conclusion of our 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM), and we would like to thank all those members that cast votes to help select the incoming committee. The results of the AGM have now been published, and the Association are pleased to welcome all re-elected officers, including the new "Chair" Mark Lillie. The minutes of the AGM are available [here](#).

As always, please remember to check our "news" page on our website for updated news in between newsletter editions, and if you use social media, why not visit our [Facebook page](#), follow us and give us a "like".

We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

The Executive Committee

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Have you got a story you would like to share?

Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.



Send us your story via email to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Comms team: comms@suffolknwa.co.uk

Thank you to all the schemes that send us their newsletters. You can send yours to comms@suffolknwa.co.uk

If you would like them uploaded to our website, just let us know!



Cyberhood Watch: Public wi-fi and fake hotspots



Research from 16,000 households across the UK suggests Brits connect to unprotected public Wi-Fi networks for convenience - despite feeling insecure and exposed

A new survey with 16,000 households in the UK has found that six in ten Brits regularly use public Wi-Fi, with over a quarter (28%) connecting to these unprotected networks despite feeling insecure and exposed and a further 23% willingly ignoring the risks in favour of convenience. The research, carried out as part of Cyberhood Watch, an initiative created by Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with Avast, a global leader in digital security and privacy, aimed to assess the current level of apathy among consumers when using public Wi-Fi and the risk of data loss this summer as cybercriminals look to exploit the regained sense of freedom among the British public as Covid-19 restrictions end. [Read the full story here.](#)

Avoid Illegal Pet Trading: Government Guidance

Following Government guidelines help people to combat the illegal trade in pet animals.

If you plan to buy a puppy or kitten:

- use the puppy contract or the kitten checklist
- read the RSPCA and Animal Welfare Foundation information
- always see the puppy or kitten with its mother and any litter, and if possible, in the location it was born
- never buy a puppy or kitten younger than 8 weeks old

[Read more here](#)



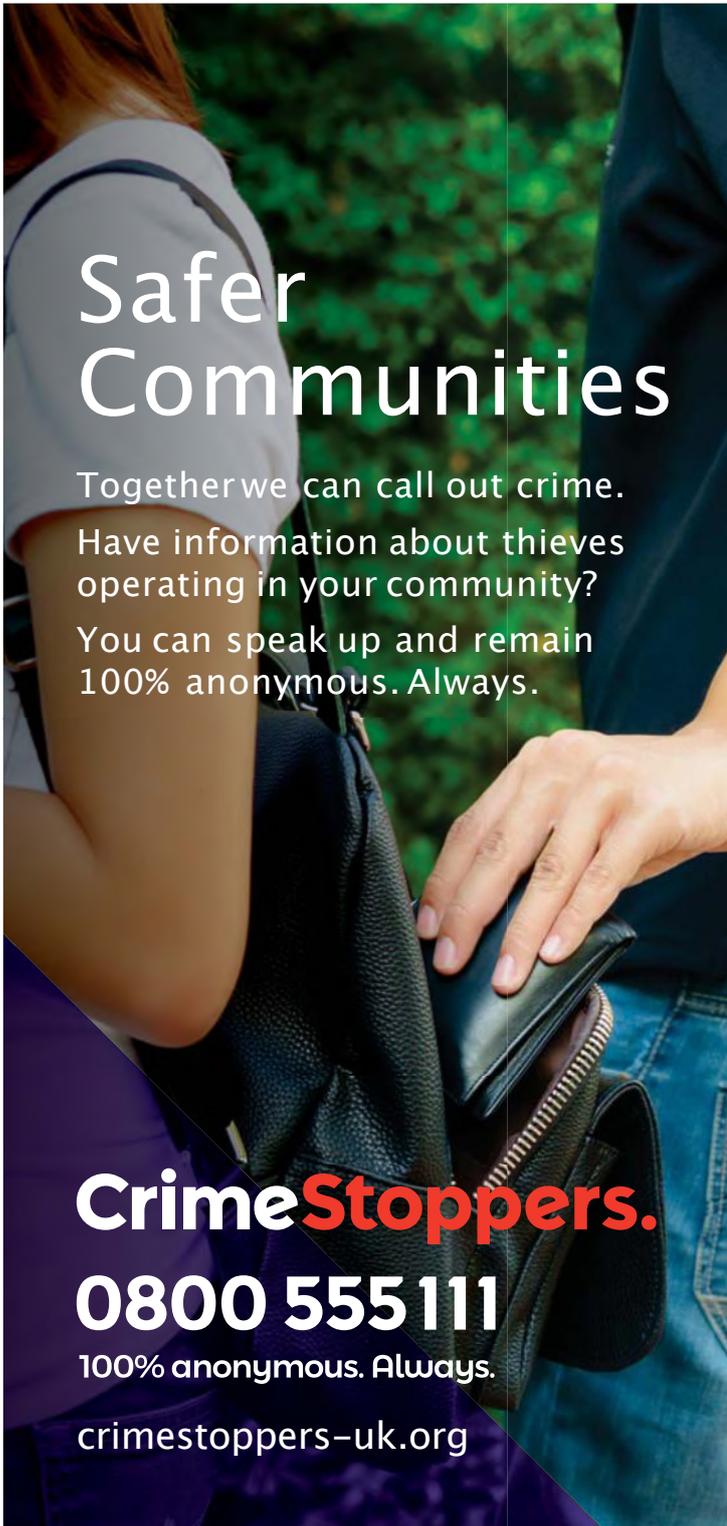
Suffolk Crimestoppers: Report Crime Anonymously

CrimeStoppers.

0800 783 0137

100% anonymous. Always.

Speak up. Stay safe.



Safer Communities

Together we can call out crime.
Have information about thieves operating in your community?
You can speak up and remain 100% anonymous. Always.

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Don't let thieves steal our summer. Thieves operate all year round. That's why this summer Crimestoppers are launching a new seasonal acquisitive crime campaign, 'Safer Communities'.

The campaign raises awareness of the Crimestopper anonymous service and shares prevention advice from partners Mitie and Neighbourhood Watch to help protect you, your home and car from opportunistic thieves.

As lockdown eases and we leave our homes this summer, we need to protect ourselves and possessions from crime. The pandemic has brought neighbours together, and we don't want that to stop - you can still be neighbourly by looking out for each other's homes when you go on holiday.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE CRIMINALS BEHIND ANY CRIMES, TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW - CALL 0800 555 111 OR USE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](#) ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU'LL STAY 100% ANONYMOUS. ALWAYS.

With your help you can reunite people with stolen goods, make communities safer and bring criminals to justice.

[Read more here](#)



Suffolk Crimestoppers: Rural Crime

Speak up about crime.
without revealing your identity



High tech equipment used by Framers is a target for criminals

A technology arms war is escalating as high-tech thieves attempt to steal expensive equipment from farmers. Criminals are also embracing new technology. They are increasingly using e-scooters and e-bikes as they are faster than ordinary bikes and quieter than cars to scope out potential farms as targets.

They also conduct their search for machinery to steal by trawling social media and online publications. It is also increasingly common for criminals to use signal jammers to stop trackers working as thieves escape with a stolen quad bike.

Criminal gangs exploit our local wildlife, environment and communities. Your voice can make a difference. Speak up to stop rural crime. Have information on rural crime? You can speak up and remain 100% anonymous. Always. Contact Crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111.



Security: National Shred Day Saturday October 2nd



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Official Partner



The British Security Industry Association (BSIA) has announced it will be hosting its inaugural National Shred Day in partnership with Crimestoppers.

National Shred Day, which will be held at multiple locations across the United Kingdom on Saturday, October 2nd, is an opportunity for small businesses and **members of the public** to safely dispose their confidential waste for a nominal donation. The BSIA's Information Destructions members will be providing their disposal units at regional sites which will be advertised locally over the summer and will be based in the car parks of large commercial parks in regions stretching from the West Country to Scotland.

All donations given on the day go towards the regional projects carried out by Crimestoppers.

The confidential waste that is collected on the day will be processed using closed loop recycling which will then be given to the NHS to be used in the provision of safety equipment.

The objectives are

- Increase awareness of identity theft
- Provision of a safe and secure way to destroy personal/business/protected documents
- Build confidence in Crimestoppers anonymous service
- Build strong partnership between the BSIA and Crimestoppers
- Provide a 'feel good' national activity

Find out more [here](#).

Coping with impact of crime: How to seek help



My Support Space is for people aged over 16 who have experienced crime and need help to cope and move forwards.

It is designed for people who are experiencing a low to moderate impact after crime. [Read more here](#)



Action Fraud: Vaccine Passport Scams



Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS.

The emails claim to be able to provide people with a “digital passport” that “proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19”. These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, **the vaccine is free of charge**. At no point will you be asked to pay.

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking passwords.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.
- Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

actionfraud.police.uk/mulletover

Tell tale sign that it's a scam!

Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, call them directly.

Action Fraud National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre actionfraud.police.uk

Cyber Aware

TO STOP FRAUD

Many scam messages share common tell tale signs. Asking you to “verify” your financial details is one of them. Could you spot the tell tale signs of a phish? [#CyberProtect](#)



Community: Our Event Programme is back!



Thank you to Needham Market NW who have helped kickstart the event programme since the restrictions around the pandemic have been lifted.

Joined by Suffolk Trading Standards and Community Engagement Officer Stefan Henrikson from the Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood team, the damp start was soon replaced by some sunshine and it proved to be good fun and a welcome engagement with the local community once more.



Don't forget! NW events can have free use of our gazebos, flags etc

If you are planning a NW event in your community, you can book out the use of various pieces of kit to help stand out from the crowd. To enquire, please [contact us here](#).



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