

**12PT Monthly Parish Council report
February 2009**

Parish	No. of crimes recorded	Same month last year
Kesgrave	25	27
Rushmere St Andrew	12	14
Martlesham	19	19
Grundisburgh	1	8
Culpho	0	0
Tuddenham	1	1
Gt Bealings	2	0
Lt Bealings	2	8
Witnesham	2	2
Westerfield	2	0
Swilland	2	0
Playford	1	0
Crime for this month only	67	79 (+12)
Detection rate year to date	26.5%	
Crime levels year to date	679	Not comparable

For the Kesgrave & District SNT, crime for the year to date is falling at 16.4% which equates to a total of 679 crime recorded this year against 812 for the same time last year.

Detection rates are 26.51% against a target of 32% - but bear in mind that with fewer crimes to detect, detection becomes harder to achieve and I'd rather have a community suffering less crime in then first place.

Stolen cycles remains a problem with in overall increase of 26% - but that's just the cycles reported as stolen at face value ... there are other cycles that are stolen and hidden in the figures for 'burglary other buildings' where insecure sheds and garages have been entered and a cycle stolen from there.

Insecurity remains a common theme with the vast majority of reported thefts from motor vehicles and burglary of sheds and garages from insecure cars and buildings.

The figures for **Rushmere St Andrew** show 12-recorded crimes – six of which were thefts from insecure cars or garages or sheds. In simple words, 50% of recorded crime in that parish was avoidable. The same applies to **Little Bealings, Playford, Tuddenham** and **Swilland**. The community must learn to 'lock it or lose it'.

Great Bealings suffered two crimes last month, but both were commercial offences.

Westerfield also suffered two crimes – but can take comfort in that one was recorded as a “fail to stop for an officer” – which simply means that a police

car used its blue lights to stop a suspect car – which failed to stop! (the car was later found in Ipswich).

Everybody with the exception of **Culpho** was ‘touched’ by crime in February 2009, but I would point out that with a falling crime level consistently achieved month on month, the community can be reassured that the chances of them becoming a victim are very low indeed – but even then their chances of remaining untouched by crime can be improvedif they were only to lock things up.

Whilst there may be some disappointment in the numbers of crimes being recorded – especially in some of the smaller parishes, I can report that a number of lines of enquiry are ongoing and detections are expected and that many of the crimes were linked to matters that would never come to the public notice, such as ‘threatening texts’ or “Send malicious communication” for example. **Witnesham** fell into this category last month.

Crimes in both **Kesgrave** and **Martlesham** are much on par with other months – the usual recording of theft from shops and various frauds (mostly on line auctions that have gone awry) and due to the road network, a smattering of drunk driving.

It is pleasing to note that crime of violence have and public order offences have fallen by almost 20% - a trend that has continued since before last Summer.

Last but not least, **Grundisburgh** has seen a dramatic reduction in crime and matters of anti social behaviours since the beginning of the works undertaken by the different agencies reacting to the reports of door knocking and similar events.

From memory, there was not one single ASB incident reported to the SNT in February. Work is in hand to make sure it remains that way.

Please be aware that the above figures may conflict with those released elsewhere due to the nature of crime reporting and the types of crime known as ‘recordable’ for the purpose of producing formal statistics. Over a period of time, some crimes become ‘non crimes’ – e.g. investigations reveal that no actual crime took place and so they become ‘unrecorded’. These issues are all ironed out by the time year-end figures are released.

A view of crime levels and trends can be found on the Internet <http://suffolk.crimemapper.co.uk/map/suffolk-constabulary/> - and shows that crime affects just an average of 2.2 people for every 1000 residents in the SNT district and that’s not too bad I think.

Regards

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