

Downham Market

Date: December 2017



Message from Inspector Mark Cant

The dark and cold nights are definitely upon us so can I ask that if you know your neighbour is away you keep an eye on their property and report anything you consider suspicious. Also, that you keep valuables locked and secured.

Rural offences remain low compared to this time last year. However, sheds and outbuilding are still being targeted.

Crime Updates (November 2017)

| Offence | Numbers | What could this entail |
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| Arson | | Damage caused as a result of fire. |
| Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) | | Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident. |
| Burglary—Business and Community | 1 | A person commits theft in a building or structure that is not lived in. |
| Burglary—residential | 2 | Entry and theft in a building or a structure that is lived in. |
| Criminal Damage | 4 | A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else. |
| Domestic | 5 | Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality. |
| Hate Incident | | Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender. |
| Race or Religious aggravated public fear | | Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above. |
| Possession of controlled substance | 1 | Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C. |
| Possession of weapons | | Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon. |
| Public fear, alarm or distress | 1 | Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence. |
| Robbery | | Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear. |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | | Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle. |
| Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle | | Any motor vehicle including those abandoned. |
| Theft of pedal cycle | | From a public place, if stolen from a shed or garage this would be a BOTD. |
| Theft from a person | | Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket. |



Message from your Engagement Officer

We are urging residents to be vigilant as reports of heating oil thefts increase during the winter months. In Norfolk there were 100 incidents in 2016 where heating oil was a factor. There have been more than 110 in 2017 so far.

The increase in the price of heating oil can result in oil tanks being targeted by thieves and we would urge people to take some simple measures to secure them. Just keeping an eye on oil levels in your tank and fitting a good quality locking device is a good start, but we'd also recommend installing security lighting or CCTV cameras.

We're also asking communities to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you spot something suspicious at a friend, neighbour or relative's house, or at a nearby business premises, call police on 101 or dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

What is happening in your area

There are a number of street briefings to be held this month, in Southery and Downham Market which gives the community a chance to catch up with their local Police and raise any issues or concerns they have.

Neighbourhood Priorities

The Priority patrol area remains along the A10 and 134. We are also concentrating on anti-social behaviour in Downham Market town centre and Terrington St Clement organising patrols accordingly.

SNAP meeting to be held at Downham Market Town Hall Monday the 4th January at 7pm.

Point of contact

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