

Cllr Jones sends her apologies as she returns from her holiday today..

You will remember that last month I reported about the Blue whale challenge and I'd like to update you that there has been an arrest made re the leader of the horrific challenges

Statement following London Bridge terror attack

With the tragic events that took place in London and Manchester recently, Suffolk Constabulary's Chief Constable has moved to reassure local residents and visitors that although the county remains safe, the approach to policing will be continuously reviewed to help mitigate any potential further threats.

Latest guidance on recognising the terrorist threat and remaining vigilant can be accessed via the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>

To report any suspicious activity or behaviour call **0800 789 321** or in an emergency dial **999**.

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity and please pass any useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THE LINKS IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website.
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

I would also like to remind you that you can sign up for Police Connect, a messaging service connecting you to the latest policing news for the area via email, text or phone. There is no charge for the service – all messages are free. You can register to receive information for issues that that matter to you. Police Connect:
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect> Register:
<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736722380#/login>

Thanks for your support at the Suffolk Show!

Thank you to all that attended or helped at our Get Active in Suffolk Coastal stand within the sports village at the Suffolk Show. The show also gave us the opportunity to inform people about the Leisure Redevelopment Programme and meet our

operators, Places for People Leisure and to also find out more about our other events happening this summer, including Women On Wheels and Operation Camouflage and of course the Tour of Britain. Well done to all the people who took part in our competitions – we will soon be announcing the winners.

Suffolk Day 21st June

This year will mark the very first Suffolk Day, being held on Wednesday, 21st June, to celebrate our wonderful county. Suffolk Day is an opportunity to celebrate Suffolk's history, art and culture, cutting edge technology, stunning coastline, wildlife, food and drink, businesses, sport, university – the list goes on and on. The launch of Suffolk Day is being spearheaded by the EADT, Ipswich Star and BBC Radio Suffolk, and has the support of a wide range of organisations throughout the county, including Suffolk Coastal. It's based on a highly successful model in Yorkshire, where a special day has been running for more than 40 years. Every year on August 1, organisations throughout Yorkshire hold events, and demonstrate their pride in their county.

Countdown to The Tour.

There are 86 days left to the start of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, which is coming to Suffolk Coastal! Stage One of the Tour starts in Edinburgh on Sunday 3 September, with Suffolk gearing up for the arrival of Stage Six on Friday, 8 September. The 183km Stage Six is being held entirely within Suffolk, starting from Newmarket and travelling east to finish in Aldeburgh. Suffolk Coastal is hosting the Stage Finish on Aldeburgh's High Street. Building on the success of the Women's Tours, Suffolk Coastal hopes the arrival of the national event will inspire greater leisure, activity and health opportunities for east Suffolk, which is reflected in the Council's Business Plan. Among the schools welcoming the Tour along the route, is Kesgrave High School who are well known for their love of cycling, and proudly hold the record for having the more pupils cycling to school than any other in the country.

Enabling Broadband Project:

The Suffolk Better Broadband Programme aims to provide superfast fibre broadband coverage across the county. However, it is now recognised there is likely to be 2-3% of properties across Suffolk that will not have access to reasonable broadband services, when the existing programme ends in mid-2020. In rural areas, the percentage of properties without access is expected to be much higher. We believe access to high speed (>10mbps) broadband services is vital for economic growth and the development of a strong local economy, particularly in rural areas. Delivery of many commercial and public services is increasingly dependent on internet access leading to real disadvantages to those residents and businesses without it. The Suffolk Better Broadband Programme Project continues to work with the government to develop a policy which completes the rollout to these 'hardest to reach' communities, which are predominately in rural areas. But, as yet, there are no firm commitments or additional funding agreed. In keeping with Suffolk Coastal's Enabling Communities ethos, we are planning to establish an Enabling Broadband Project, to support our communities who are likely to be among the 2-3% left without access to an affordable high speed broadband service

Aldeburgh - Thorpe Road Car Park repairs

The Thorpe Road Car Park in Aldeburgh is to receive minor repair works later this month to repair the surface of parts of the car park.

The work is planned to start Tuesday 27 June following the Aldeburgh Festival and is expected to last two weeks.

As an interim measure, the loose surface of the car park has been compacted, however, until the permanent repairs are made, the surface will be unsuitable for motorhomes and larger vehicles.

During this time, temporary signs will be put in place at the entrance and we would remind visitors of larger vehicles to use alternative parking.

Suffolk Coastal invested in improvement works to the car park earlier this year to upgrade the drainage of the site and surface of the car park. Although the works were completed to the specification that we provided, and within the approved budget, we are now responding as quickly as possible to address the teething problems that have appeared since the completion of the work.

Operation Camouflage

Once again we are running this successful and popular event for those 8-16 years old who live or go to school in Suffolk Coastal. They must be able to attend all 4 days 8th-11th August 2017 at Rock Barracks, Sutton Heath, £80.00 per child. Please book by 10.07.17 or visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/operation-camouflage or call 01394 444652

Suffolk Police is supporting this year's National Neighbourhood Watch Week, which runs from this Saturday 17 – Sunday 25 June.

Neighbourhood Watch is a useful way in which communities can work together with the police to prevent, detect and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. The message for this year's awareness week is Connecting and Protecting Communities, with particular focus on raising awareness of scams.

Scams often target people in vulnerable situations and can come in many forms; emails, letters, telephone calls or in-person visits where rogue traders make false claims to con the victim out of money.

The national Neighbourhood Watch Network is working with the National Trading Standards Scams Team and, as part of the week, is encouraging its members to join Friends Against Scams to enable communities to talk about and understand scams, and to take a stand against them.

Alan Osborne, Community Safety Manager at Suffolk Police, said: "Scams often prey on the elderly and vulnerable, which can leave victims feeling more socially isolated as many choose against reporting them to their loved ones or to the police.

"We can all play a part in protecting ourselves, our families, friends and neighbours from falling victim to scams by raising awareness of them and how they work to defraud people.

"Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme builds a stronger community spirit and by knowing your neighbours, anyone suspicious becomes more much obvious. By working together, we can continue to keep Suffolk a safe place to live and work."

There are a number of watch schemes in operation across Suffolk, which reflects both the rural and urban make-up of the county. You can find out more about each of the watch schemes by visiting: <https://www.suffolk.police.u/advice/home-safety/watch-schemes>.

For more information about Friends Against Scams, please visit: <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>.

Which leads onto : Police are reminding residents to be alert for telephone scams after an incident in Ipswich.

On Monday 12th June, an elderly man received a phone call from someone saying they were from the tax office and that the resident owed money. He was then told he would be arrested unless he purchased £500 of iTunes vouchers.

The elderly resident suspected something wasn't right and reported the incident to police.

Police have also received reports of scam tax emails being sent telling people that they have a tax rebate and to log on to a website with their details.

Fraudsters are contacting the elderly & vulnerable claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs and victims are being told that they have arrest warrants, outstanding debts or unpaid taxes in their name. If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately and report it to police.

HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty and will never ask for payment in this way.

Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.

Further advice on keeping yourself safe can be found on the Suffolk Police webpage www.suffolk.police.uk or the Action Fraud webpage www.actionfraud.police.uk

I even received a phishing email to my SCDC address yesterday asking me to log in to expand my inbox, it looked very real but thankfully I reported it and deleted it. Always, if you're not sure don't open or enter any confidential information.

Military exercises at Army Rock Barracks and Woodbridge Airfield

Military exercises will be taking place at Rock Barracks and Woodbridge Airfield on the 14 and 16 June 17.

There will be two occasions when there will be excessive noise after 11 am;

- 14 Jun – Small arms fire and pyrotechnics within Rock Barracks. This is likely to last between 11am – 3am
- 16 Jun – Small arms fire and pyrotechnics on the Airfield. This will be in the vicinity of the end of the airstrip towards Folly Cottage Tangham.

Again, this is likely to take place at irregular intervals between 11am-3am

We do apologise for any noise disruption and inconvenience to our neighbours.

If you do receive any complaints, please contact Stirling Askew, Station Staff Officer on: Woodbridgestn-ssso@mod.uk or tel: 01394 421051

Suffolk Coastal elects new Chairman

Suffolk Coastal District Council's new Chairman is Councillor Chris Blundell.

Cllr Blundell, who represents the Martlesham Ward will be Chairman for the next 12 months, taking on the post from Cllr Mark Newton.

He officially became the district's first citizen, when he was elected as Chairman of Suffolk Coastal District Council at its Annual Council meeting on Thursday, 25 May 2017.

Cllr Blundell, who lives in Martlesham, was first elected to Suffolk Coastal Council in 2007, so has already given a decade of service to the district. He is also a Martlesham Parish Councillor.

"I'm really looking forward to my year in office. I am particularly interested in using this opportunity to promote apprenticeships in the district. From my personal experience, I can testify to the difference they can make to a young person's life. I could not have achieved what I have in my professional life without my apprenticeship kick starting my career," said Cllr Blundell.

Cllr Blundell wants to promote apprenticeships during his year in office. His chosen charities for the year are the life-saving charities of the RNLI and Air Ambulance.

The new Vice-Chairman of the Council is Cllr Nicky Yeo, who represents the Nacton and Purdis Farm Ward.

Sadly - May we also take this opportunity to convey our thoughts and prayers to the family of Tony Woods from Aldringham, he did so much for the communities around the area and will be sadly missed.

TJ and Maureen.