

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Temporary Assistant Chief Constable

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Information

SUBMITTED TO: Police Accountability Forum

SUBJECT: Breckland District Performance Overview

SUMMARY: The following document gives an overview of recent performance in the Breckland District.

RECOMMENDATION: The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note the contents of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Safer Neighbourhood Team Priorities

1.1 The following Safer Neighbourhood Team Priorities have been agreed:

B1 - LPC - Inspector John Papworth

SNT & BM	Identified Issues	Next Meeting
B11 Dereham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB Speeding in Town Centre. • ASB Speeding in surrounding Villages. • Drug Warrants. 	Meeting every 2 months Next Meeting 28/3/2018
B12 Swaffham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB –Theatre St. car park. • Youth ASB in Swaffham. 	Meeting every 2 months Next Meeting 20/3/2018
B13 Watton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB at Blenheim Grange, Carbrooke. 	Meeting every 2 months Next meeting 24/01/18

B2 LPC Inspector Jo Walmsley

SNT & BM	Identified Issues	Next Meeting
B21 Thetford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Drinking, ASB and drug misuse in Thetford Town Centre and surrounding areas. • Vehicle ASB and speeding on Redcastle Estate and Fulmerstone Road. 	Meeting every 3 months Next Meeting 05/4/2018

<p>B22 Attleborough</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking issues outside the school East Harling • Speeding through Brettenham and Kilverstone Road 	<p>Meeting every 3 months</p> <p>Next Meeting 21/03/2018</p>
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1.2 Priority setting process

- 1.2.1 Throughout the Breckland District we engage with each market town through regular public meetings. Dereham, Watton, Attleborough and Swaffham holds a public meeting every two months to discuss concerns and set priorities.
- 1.2.2 Thetford has the Safer Thetford Action Group that is a similar format but has a closed monthly meeting involving councillors and partners to discuss and problem solve the set priorities.
- 1.2.3 Priorities for the neighbourhoods are formerly announced at a public meeting to which parish, town, district councillors and the media are invited. Priorities are also published in the neighbourhood monthly newsletters along with outcomes and activity against the priorities from the last quarter.
- 1.2.4 The Breckland team complete further engagement through planned surgeries at supermarkets across the district.
- 1.2.5 The LPC Commander and Inspectors for B1 & B2 hold bi-annual briefings/meetings with all parish/town counsellors.

1.3 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

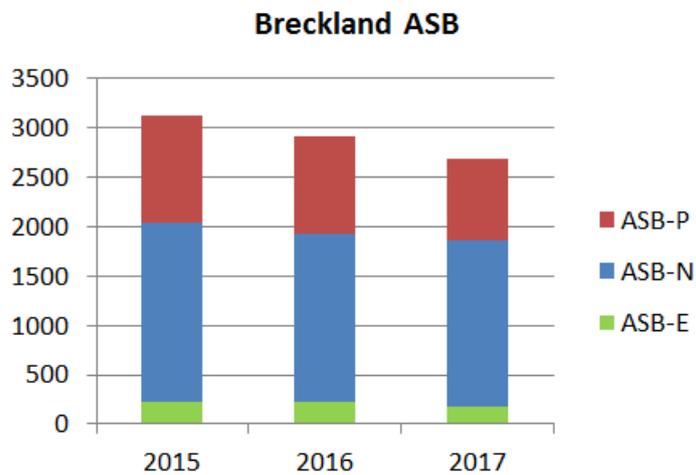
- 1.3.1 Breckland has an established Operational Partnership Team (OPT) based at Breckland District Council as well as an Early Help Hub. Close working relationships developed between Norfolk Constabulary and partner agencies has enabled quicker sharing of information, direct access to representatives from each organisation providing more effective problem solving, early intervention and preventing duplication across services.

The last 12 months has seen reduction in reported ASB incidents in Breckland with an overall reduction of 8% or 228 fewer reported incidents.

Disposal Code	2015	2016	2017
ENVIRONMENT	225	233	171
NUISANCE	1808	1690	1691
PERSONAL	1085	993	826
Total	3118	2916	2688
% change on previous year	N/A	-6%	-8%

	2015	2016	2017
B1	1574	1446	1388
%Change	N/A	-8%	-4%
B2	1544	1470	1300
%Change	N/A	-5%	-12%

1.3.2 Anti-social behaviour Yearly Comparisons



DISPOSAL CODE	2015	2016	2017
ABANDONED CARS	44	79	52
BALL GAMES	50	36	16
BEGGING	6	5	6
BULLYING	33	31	26
CAR REPAIRS ON STREET OR GARDEN		4	1
CLIMBING ON BUILDINGS / THROWING MISSILE	142	104	118
COMMUNICATIONS-NUISANCE/OBSCENE/MALICIOUS	377	295	237
CYCLE/SKATE IN PED AREAS/FOOTPATH	11	7	13
DISCARDED NEEDLES / DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	2	2	2
DRUG DEALING	2	5	8
DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR	280	281	254
FIREWORKS - SALE/POSSESSION/INAPPROPRIATE USE	30	30	34
GROUPS CONGREGATING IN PUBLIC AREAS	323	296	301
GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS MAKING THREATS	109	87	76
LITTERING/RUBBISH	57	43	31
NEIGHBOURS-NUISANCE/NOISY	410	408	404
NOISE FROM BUSINESS/INDUSTRY/ROAD WORKS	11	8	6
NOISE FROM PUBS/CLUBS	8	5	3
PARKING- INCONVIENIENT/ILLEGAL	58	46	54
SHOUTING/SWEARING	163	164	128
STREET DRINKING	28	36	26
TRESPASSING	20	28	10
UNDERAGE DRINKING	3		
URINATING IN PUBLIC	13	19	23
VEHICLE-NUISANCE / INAPPROPRIATE USE	365	263	267
VERBAL ABUSE	228	193	157
NOT SPECIFIED	345	441	435

Top 5 Disposal codes in bold

1.3.3 Powers to tackle anti-social behaviour

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 consolidated the powers available to tackle ASB from 19 down to 6, at the same time it removed some of the bureaucratic hurdles that were previously faced. This now enables powers to be used in a more efficient and straightforward way, with lower evidential thresholds and the admissibility of hearsay evidence.

1.3.4 Criminal Behaviour Orders replaced the Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) and now allow for the order to be sought in relation to any behaviour, be it anti-social or criminal, and to impose both restrictive and positive requirements upon the offender. This is of significant benefit when dealing with those suffering mental ill health and alcohol/drug dependency, ensuring that positive requirements such as attendance at GP and mental health support appointments are monitored and that those involved receive the necessary support and medical care.

1.3.5 In total 10 CBO's have been obtained in Breckland with a further 5 pending, these range to tackle issues around drunken behaviour to stopping burglary offences. An example is when we imposed a CBO on an offender that had a long history of committing burglaries in the local area. His restriction was not to enter gardens without the express consent of the owner. This condition was

breached and, with other offences, he was convicted and received a sentence of 15 months in prison.

- 1.3.6 Public Space Protection Notices are applied for by the local council to be applied to a geographical area where there is evidence that behaviour has to have or likely to have a detrimental effect on quality of life in the locality, be persistent or continuing in nature and be unreasonable. Public Space Protection Notices are in place in all five market towns in Breckland to tackle Street Drinking with an emphasis on Thetford. An enforcement campaign regarding street drinking in Thetford is due to commence at the end of January. The campaign will focus on rehabilitation rather than prosecution, with Access Community Trust leading a working group to coordinate rehabilitation on the worst offenders.

1.4 Stops and Search Warrant Powers

1.4.1 Stop Searches

Stop search is a significant tool in the prevention of crime particularly offences such as the possession of drugs, weapons and items for committing crime. In 2017, 281 stop searches were conducted. These searches are monitored by the sergeants to ensure they are proportionate and necessary.



Top 5 Stop Search Reasons 2017	Count
C - Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act)	185
G - Going Equipped (S1 PACE)	34
B - Stop and Search for Stolen Property (S1 PACE)	30
E - Offensive Weapons (S1 PACE)	18
D - Firearms (S47 Firearms Act)	6

There were 281 Stop Searches in 2017 in Breckland (66 over the last 3 months)

1.4.2 Search Warrants

We continue to take positive action against drug offence, since April there has been 57 warrants applied for on the district with the majority targeting drug activity 28 of which has seen a positive result.

1.5 Demand

- 1.5.1 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Demand: Between 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017 Received 25622 CADs; (an average of 70 a day); 8.1% have a vulnerability marker (vulnerable adult or vulnerable child/young person qualifiers).

- 1.5.2 Grade A and B CADs only – 11747 CADs, an average of 32 a day. 45.8% of Cads in the year are grade A or B. Grade A demand has seen a 5.5% increased from 5706 to 6036 cads. Grade B demand has stayed the same.

1.6 Recorded Crime for Breckland District

1.6.1 Crime Recorded (01/01/2017 – 31/12/17)

(Based on Date Submitted, and includes crimes requiring allocation, filed and under investigation)

9629 crimes were recorded, of which 373 were sexual offences, 1217 were domestic-related offences, 2737 were offences of violence against the person, 47 were assaults on police officers and 127 were hate crimes.

Offence Banding	2016	2017	Analyst Note
Burglary Dwelling*	145	236	Average of 7 more offences per month. Known offenders prevalent Nov/Dec. Known group active in Breckland in July.
Burglary Non-Dwelling**	199	191	
Criminal Damage	688	548	
<i>Inc. Arsons</i>	28	27	
<i>Drugs Offences</i>	270	240	
Fraud and Forgery	2	4	Includes NFIB Fraud
Miscellaneous	259	345	Increase of 76 crimes of 'Without authority possess inside a prison an item specified in Sec 40D (3A)' from 51 to 127 offences. Accounts for 22% of 2017 offences (accounts for 20% in 2016).
Public Order Offence	390	546	Main increases in Sec 4a POA Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress and Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence (62% and 68% increase respectively)
Robbery	37	32	
Sexual Offences	276	373	Increase in Sexual Assault on Female and on Sexual assault of a female child under 13 – total of 31 more offences than 2016.
<i>Inc. Rape</i>	85	91	
Theft from Motor Vehicle	102	117	
Theft of MV Inc. TWOC	71	67	
Theft Other	905	880	
<i>inc.: Cycle Theft</i>	41	39	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	452	389	
<i>Theft from Person</i>	24	30	
Violence Against Person	2124	2737	Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery (+28%) and Assault ABH (+22%) together account for 59% of the increase. Aside from this, there is no specific offence which has increased, smaller increases across various offences. See next slide for domestic breakdown.
<i>Homicide</i>	1	4	
<i>Violence without injury</i>	1302	1677	
<i>Violence with injury</i>	821	1056	
Total	8222	9629	

* Includes Burglary Dwelling offences prior to 01/04/17, and Burglary Residential Dwelling offences after 01/04/17.

** Includes Burglary Non-Dwelling offences prior to 01/04/17 and Burglary Residential Non-Dwelling and Burglary Business & Community offences after 01/04/17.

(Hate crimes figure obtained from combining crimes with an included 'hate' offence; crimes with keywords: disability, racial, sexual orientation, transgender, religion, religion-Buddhist, religion -Christian, religion-Hindu, religion-Jewish, religion-Muslim, religion-No religion, religion-Other, religion-Sikh, religion-unknown; and racially or religiously aggravated offences).

1.6.2 There has been an increase in crime across the district, with the majority being Public Order or violent offences. With a 29% increase in common assault this signifies that a proportion of this increase is due to National Crime Recording Standards with the ethos to record then investigate. 35% of all violence related offences are domestic related. With the increase in violence the most significant increase is in Harassment and Threats to Kill – the proportion which is domestic has increased slightly from last year indicating more Harassment. Table below shows the top 5 violence against the person and the proportion of which are domestic.

Table 11: All Crime in Norfolk Prisons (01/01/2016-31/12/2016)

All Crime Types 2016	Prison			Grand Total
	HMP Bure	HMP Norwich	HMP Wayland	
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	0	22	11	33
BURGLARY	0	1	0	1
DRUG OFFENCES	0	12	16	28
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	1	117	121	239
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	0	1	1	2
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	1	1	0	2
SEXUAL OFFENCES	4	5	3	12
THEFT	0	1	0	1
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	9	121	58	188
Grand Total	15	281	210	506

Table 12: All Crime in Norfolk Prisons (01/01/2017-31/12/2017)

All Crime Types 2017	Prison			Grand Total
	HMP Bure	HMP Norwich	HMP Wayland	
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	0	12	10	22
DRUG OFFENCES	0	9	18	27
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	1	92	132	225
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	0	1	1	2
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	0	1	4	5
SEXUAL OFFENCES	6	6	2	14
THEFT	0	2	1	3
VEHICLE OFFENCES	0	0	1	1
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	9	151	135	295
Grand Total	16	274	304	594

1.7 Engagement

- 1.7.1 Beat Managers and Safer Neighbourhood Teams as well as the Engagement Officer frequently attend fetes, schools and other community events across the district.
- 1.7.2 Parish and town councils have been introduced to the availability of crime data on <https://www.police.uk>. In addition a monthly newsletter is sent to each parish council, library, local newspapers and any other individuals who have requested a copy. The newsletter is often used by beat managers at street surgeries, engagement events and chosen locations including libraries. The Breckland engagement events, Street and online surgeries are advertised in the newsletters. Whilst officers no longer routinely attend all parish and town council meetings, there is a standing offer that where the council or any other key stakeholder has a policing related issue we will attend those meetings on invite.
- 1.7.3 The Engagement Officer has developed links with many other agencies including local businesses, schools and hard to reach groups.
- 1.7.4 The Engagement Officer delivers an excellent link between the community groups and the police. This is achieved through a communication plan that utilises social media, meetings in person, and the local press.

1.8 Media

- 1.8.1 Quarterly meetings are held with the local press. All local editors have regular contact with the District Commander. The engagement officer meets with the local reporter on a monthly basis and the reporter has been out on patrol on a number of occasions. Contact has also been made with the local radio

station, Brecks FM, and they are seeking to have a regular police slot, this will be developed in 2018.

1.8.2 Social media: @BrecklandPoliceUK

Breckland has both Facebook and twitter accounts to which numerous officers contribute and post live tweets and information. The Facebook account currently has 1047 followers and the Twitter account has 3397 followers, including all local news teams.

1.9 Special Constabulary

1.9.1 Special Constables work on the district priorities in addition to specific events, pre-planned operations and road policing events. There are currently 12 Special constables in Breckland, a number of which are in training. It should be noted that a significant number of the district special constables joined Norfolk Constabulary as regular officers in recent months. A recruitment campaign is in place, further interviews due to take place later in the year with a view of attracting more Specials that work in local businesses.

1.9.2 From January to November 2017, 6239.55 duty hours were conducted by Breckland Special Constabulary:

Oct-16	Breckland	Ave PP
Staff Completing Duty Hours	22	
Staff completing 0 Hours	0	
Duty Hours	6239.55	
Average Hours per Officer	567.23	25.78
Arrests	42	1.9
Assist Arrests	120	5.45
Prisoner Transports	91	4.13
Statements Taken	43	1.95
Statements Written Own	68	3.09
CAD'S Attended	1157	52.59
DASH Books	50	2.72
PNC Person	329	14.95
PNC Vehicle	608	27.63
Attend RTC	123	5.59
Compliant Stop NFA	97	4.45
Section 165	6	0.27
Breath Test -Negative	119	5.41
Braeth Test-Positive	13	0.59
TOR	173	7.86
Vehicle Stop Moving	227	10.31
Vehicle Stop Roadside	357	16.22

1.10 Police Cadets

1.10.1 The Police Cadets team was formed in Breckland in 2013. We now have two units, the original Thetford unit and a second in Dereham. In total we have 26 young people aged between 13 – 18 years They have been supporting local policing through engagement at events and assisting with ASB patrols as well as gaining experience and knowledge of the service and communities.

1.11 Community Speed watch

1.11.1 There are 20 speed watch schemes including 221 volunteers in Breckland. The Engagement Officer regularly advertises the Speedwatch scheme through social media and residents groups and in response to speeding complaints. The example below is a month's data from our speed watch teams in October.

October results

Team	Number of volunteers	Hours worked	Vehicles captured	Letters sent	Community Camera Enforcement Officer
Ashill	10	5	47	41	24
Attleborough	10	3	31	23	0
Beetley	18	4	25	23	18
Billingham	11	4	16	4	0
Caston	12	3	26	24	10
Croxton	10	6	32	28	0
East Harling	23	5	24	18	0
Garveston	13	5	24	46	54
Gt. Ellingham	10	2	12	10	0
Little Dunham	6	6	37	32	5
North Lopham	13	2	9	7	0
Old Buckenham	11	0	0	0	0
Oxborough	8	7	23	21	8
Saham Toney	9	0	0	0	0
Shipdham	10	4	13	5	0
Shropham	9	6	33	28	40
Thetford	11	2	6	6	0
Watton	6	0	0	0	0
Weeting	9	2	45	32	41
Wretham	12	0	0	0	0

1.11.2 When a community speed watch records 15 or more offending vehicles in their area, this activates the camera safety team to go out and enforce. As a result of this the camera safety team has dealt with 1373 motoring offences in Breckland alone.

1.12 Roads Policing and Response

1.12.1 Breckland work very closely with Road Policing colleagues and task accordingly to the crime trend. The below table details the motoring offences not including the camera team.

Time period: Calendar years 2016 and 2017

CCCJS OFFENCE DESC	2016	2017
Speeding - motor vehicle exceed 70 mph on a dual carriageway - manned equipment	99	33
Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	271	228
Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - <u>endorsable offence</u>	172	90
Use a motor vehicle on a road without a valid test certificate	195	120
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt (as included offence)	93	84

Please note, this includes officer issued offences only (not camera team)

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1 None

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

3.1 None

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Police and Crime Commissioner notes the contents of this report.