

Suffolk Constabulary Report 21-2022

Please find below the Police Report for use at Swefflings' APM on 10th May.

Total recorded investigations for Sweffling addresses between 01/05/21 & 04/05/22 – 10 , consisting of;

2 x Burglary

05 x Violence & Sexual Offences

2 x Theft

1 x Vehicle Crime

This compares with the same period in 2020 /2021 when there were 03 recorded investigations for Sweffling. The preceding twelve month period was during much more stringent Covid lock-down restrictions when crime reduced nationally, the majority of parishes in the Halesworth locality seeing an increase in 2021/22, not a reduction. Swefflings' increase is not uncommon for our rural parishes and is simply reflecting a return to normal crime levels.

The category 'Violence & Sexual offences' includes Indecent Assault and Unlawful (under age) Sexual Intercourse Assault with injury Common assault Harassment Murder (homicide) Offensive weapon Other violence Wounding/GBH

Other types include:

- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Indecent exposure

Crime trends in the Halesworth policing locality most recently have seen an increase in theft offences where items which have seen their value escalate in recent weeks have become especially attractive to criminals.

These include the theft of domestic heating oil, catalytic converters and scrap metal. Heating oil theft in particular is an offence which usually occurs at the beginning of the winter season when oil tanks are full. With the increase in the cost of heating oil, it is now worth the time of criminals to steal smaller quantities.

Of the more unusual crimes, we have seen the theft of 'heritage post boxes' in the west of our area, not for scrap value, but as historic items sold on auction sites. Prices can be as high as £500.

The lighter evenings are now seeing an increase in ASB and the Halesworth policing locality has launched an internal operation in an attempt to curb increases before the summer months when ASB traditionally reaches its peak. We are trying to ensure ASB incidents are

dealt with speedily and their investigation incorporates all means at Police and partner agency disposal to deal with them.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Suffolk Constabulary on-line crime reduction resource, 'First Principle, which can be found via this link to our website <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/crime-prevention-z>.

If trying to contact Suffolk Constabulary, please opt for the on-line reporting tool from our website first, before using the 101 telephone number here <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>. Reports are dealt with in exactly the same way and you will avoid being placed in a queue.

Always dial 999 if you are reporting a crime being committed.

Regards,

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