

Norfolk Police Report Potter Heigham Annual Parish Meeting April 2024

Between 24 April 23 -24 April 24 we have received 120 calls from Potter Heigham so averaging 10 per month

They are graded as the following

25 x emergency calls (ie blue lights and sirens)

These have been broken down and consist mainly of Domestic , concern for safety ,highway disruption and road traffic collision .

There's one on there for a vehicle on fire on the A149 last September and one in October whereby some persons unknown have entered the grounds of a property and taken some metal items , other than them there are none which would impact local residents

36 x priority calls (as soon as possible without blue lights)

Not anything to impact local residents , a good mix of Domestic issues , Highway disruptions , several explosive items found by metal detectorists and quite a few from the same location related to mental health

2x scheduled calls which are usually by appointment , both highway disruptions

39x non attendance calls which are usually resolved /recorded over the phone and not requiring a police attendance although this can generate an investigation which will be allocated to an officer to follow up , there's some thefts included in these including a spate at the start of the year whereby some energisers and electric fencing batteries have been stolen along with a quantity of horse equipment which we believe was a small gang using the A149 as they hit several locations that night ending up at Holt

18x Diary calls which consists of crimes being reported at a time /date to suit the caller

Good range including anti social behaviour /criminal damage which appears to be mainly neighbour related , some damage to vehicles and a sign near the Bridge stores , wildlife calls (usually dog related) and again some domestic /mental health related calls .

Overall not much impacting local residents .

Items which have been raised this /last year include issues along Marsh Rd /Church Road with inconsiderate road users ,vehicles being used in an anti social manner and complaints regarding people /drivers using the services of Glebe Farm This was raised as a priority and is still getting targeted patrols and will continue too for the foreseen , following these complaints the following has been undertaken -

Conducting both mobile patrols , static patrols and foot patrols on a regular basis even adjusting duty times to ensure it is patrolled at times reported as being the busiest

Conducting house to house enquires with residents gauging local concerns

Liaised with NNDC

Liaised with Highways

Liaised with Parish council /District council including sending reports for parish meetings highlighting the issues
Participated in meetings with Duncan Baker MP
Liaised with our operational partnership team
Liaised with our problem solving team
Engaging with business owners at the location
Arranged for our commercial vehicle team to not only visit the site but conduct enquires around all the vehicles being used by the Scaffolding company operating out of the farm to ensure they comply with imposed restrictions

We have also unfortunately had our fair share of deaths in the area including most recent David over at Hickling broad which did involve several enquiries in the Potter area which drew considerable attention as did the flooding

I have conducted a good share of speed enforcement as have my roads policing colleges at areas identified as being particularly busy .

In 2023, the average camera between Stalham and Potter Heigham detected 237 offences.

So far, 69 have completed a Speed Awareness Course, 63 paid a fixed penalty and 20 have been prosecuted.

The Illuminated boat parade last year was pure chaos (but a lovely evening) with the A149 turning into a giant car park , this was addressed but I have been informed it will not be happening this year

I would welcome anyone wishing to assist in creating a community speed watch group and am happy to pass details to anyone interested and we also have a new Neighbourhood watch coordinator who will be more than willing to assist with any interested parties looking to start up a group in the village

Overall it's a pleasure to have Potter Heigham on my Parish list and could I just reinforce that should I be absent / abstracted or on holiday the area is always adequately covered by my response colleges and we always have a patrol car assigned to the area without fail daily covering 24/7

Any issues which may arise from the meeting or I have failed to provide an update for please let me know

Thanks

Matt