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Operation Randall

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Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome back. I hope I find you all well and coping as best you can with the current situation. Firstly, I must apologize for the slight delay in getting this edition out.

COVID-19

As the Prime Minister announced the end of phase one of the country's response to the COVID crisis, Norfolk Constabulary's Chief Constable Simon Bailey reminded residents that "there are still risks within our communities" and that it's important we continue to apply social distancing, in his latest video message.

Mr Bailey also highlighted how the constabulary's response will continue to look the same as his officers

prioritise engagement, education, and encouragement to ensure that people understand the virus is still here.

He also praised Norfolk as a county that had "responded brilliantly" and hoped that we would all carry on working together to respond "to the crisis in the way that we have".

#StaySmartStay2mApart #ProtectTheNHS

COVID-19 FAQ

Can I now meet my friends and family? Do I still have to stay at home? For guidance on what you can and can't do following the Governments recent announcement, please visit www.gov.uk for a coronavirus frequently asked questions section.



Op Randall Rural Crime WhatsApp Group

I'm still currently looking to increase numbers on the police rural crime **WhatsApp** group, so if you are interested feel free to drop me an email james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk providing your name, dob, address and a brief outline of what you could bring to the group by way of your job, expertise, position or anything else you think may be relevant.

Fly Tipping

As promised this month I thought I'd provide some details on fly-tipping. With the lockdown many of the local authorities made the decision to temporarily close many of their recycling centres and as a result I think we all expected to see an increase in fly-tipping. Nationally the press was reporting an increase, and certainly there has been an increase in anecdotal reports, but Norfolk doesn't seem to have seen an increase in reported cases in Norfolk. Although the reports aren't showing a significant increase, this doesn't however mean that it isn't happening, and just going unreported. I would always encourage you to report fly-tipping, or any criminal activity for that matter. The more information the police and the local authorities have, the easier it is for us to act upon.

So how do I report it?

Firstly, I would recommend photographing the waste where it is found and noting its exact location. The easiest way to do this is through the **3WordPhoto** app, which will give you the exact What3Word location stamped onto the photo. Once you have done this, go to the following website www.gov.uk/report-flytipping type in your postcode and you will be directed to your local council fly-tipping page.

A number of the recycling centres have now re-opened as of the 11th May. To check if your local re-cycling centre is open please follow the below link.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/rubbish-and-recycling-coronavirus-update>

Scams

Officers are urging residents to be vigilant following a number of telephone scams in the North Norfolk area.

The victims received telephone calls from a caller who has claimed to be a police officer from a fraud investigation team. The caller has coerced the victims into withdrawing large sums of money from their bank accounts, which has then been collected by a courier.

Courier fraud happens when a fraudster contacts a victim by telephone claiming to be a police officer, bank or from a government department, among other agencies. A number of techniques will then be adopted in order to convince the victim to hand over their bank details or cash, which may then be passed on to a courier.

Residents are reminded that neither your bank nor the police will ever ask you to withdraw money or purchase items.



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WHAT3WORDS

<https://what3words.com>

Further advice includes:

- Your bank or the police will never ask for your PIN, bank card or bank account details over the phone – never give these details to anybody.
- Neither the police nor the banks will send a courier to collect money from you.
- Always request Photo ID and if unsure call the police.
- If you're asked to telephone a bank, then always do it on a different phone to the one you were contacted on.
- Fraudsters will keep the line open and have been known to play ringtones, hold music and a recorded message down the phone so the victim believes they are making a call to a legitimate number. Ensure you can hear a dialling tone before calling police or use a friend or neighbour's telephone instead.
- Never download any software suggested by caller.
- Do not rush into complying to the scammers demands / requests.
- Friends, family, carers and neighbours are asked to spread the word to ensure everyone is aware of this scam and what they should do.
- If you have already given your bank details over the phone or handed your card details to a courier, call you bank straight away to cancel the card

Officers are urging members of the community to ensure they contact family and friends, particularly elderly relatives to ensure they are aware of these scams.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who may have received a similar type of telephone call or have any information about these incidents. Contact Norfolk Police on **101** quoting crime reference number 36/30104/20 or 36/29830/20.

Alternatively, Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

In an emergency always call **999**.

For further advice, head to the Action Fraud website: www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Dogs Stolen Upwell

Please can I make you aware of the theft of 14 dogs from Upwell, on the 11th May 2020 between 1:30am and 2:30am. The stolen dogs are:

- Two golden Cocker Spaniels (bitches)
- One sable Cocker Spaniel (bitch)
- One black Cocker Spaniel (bitch)
- One lemon and white Cocker Spaniel (bitch)
- One lemon roan Cocker Spaniel (dog)



- One blue roan Cocker Spaniel (bitch)
- Four Cocker Spaniel puppies (white and sable bitch, white and sable dog, sable dog and an orange and white dog)
- Three Cockapoo puppies (one black, one apricot dog, and one apricot bitch)

We would like to hear from anyone who has witnessed any suspicious activity in the area around the time of this offence,

or anyone who has been offered the dogs for sale.

Any information to PC Daniel Brock at Downham Market Police Station quoting reference 36/30593/20.

Next Month

I'm always open to suggestions, if anyone has anything they would particularly like in the next edition. Can't make any promises, but will do my best.

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<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/campaigns/grow-your-support>



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