Babergh West rural area Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

22 October to 5 November 2013

PROPERTY CRIME FOR West Babergh
BURGLARIES
None reported for the period.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
Between 0930 – 1530 04/11 Fourth Ave, Glemsford. Door lock tampered with.

THEFT FROM OTHER BUILDINGS (SHEDS GARAGES ETC.)
Between 0800 20/10 – 1200 25/10 Harwood Place, Lavenham. 2 x metal detectors.
2330 26/10 Sudbury Rd, Bures. Numerous items taken.
Attempt – between 1700 31/10 – 0700 31/10 Tentree Rd, Gt. Waldingfield.
Between 1600 30/10 – 0930 31/10 Valley Rd, Gt. Waldingfield. Fishing gear & 2 x gas powered nail guns.
Attempt - 0440 02/11 Kings Rd, Glemsford.
Attempt – Between 1700 04/11 – 0730 05/11 Chadburn Rd, Long Melford.

VEHICLE CRIME FOR West Babergh
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES
Between 2030 24/10 – 0730 25/10 Harwood Place, Lavenham. Diesel.
Between 2000 24/10 – 0745 25/10 Canon Pugh Drive, Acton. Diesel.
Between 1730 24/10 – 0715 25/10 Harwood Place, Lavenham. Diesel.
Between 29 – 31/10 Cobles Way, Acton. Rear index plate.
Between 1730 30/10 – 0800 31/10 Kings Close, Acton. Index plate.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
None reported for the period.

The crimes published in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters are designed only to give an indication of levels of crime and should not be relied upon as being an accurate and up to date indicator of all crime within Babergh.

Appeal after teenager assaulted - Long Melford

Police are appealing for witnesses after an assault in Long Melford.

The incident happened in High Street outside the Melford Hall on Friday 1 November at approximately 11pm.

A 17-year-old female teenager was approached by a male teenager who has assaulted her in the face, causing swelling to her nose and a cut to her eyebrow.

The victim was assisted by several members of the public, but no details were taken from them. The offender walked off.

A 19-year-old male teenager from the Long Melford area was arrested on suspicion of assault ABH and has been bailed to return to Bury Police Investigation Centre on 02/12/13.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to come forward and contact PC Kevin McCarthy from Hadleigh on 101, quoting crime reference SU/13/2192.

Specials Superintendent Retiring after 40 years

Specials Superintendent Gloria Lawrence will be retiring later this month after volunteering with Suffolk Police for forty years.

Gloria joined the Special Constabulary on 25 October 1973 in Ipswich as a Special Constable and moved up through the ranks to her current role. Her last day will be Tuesday 12 November.

She fulfilled many roles both in Ipswich and Stowmarket, including working on the traffic unit for eight years, escorting prisoners, presenting information evenings to promote the role of Specials, helping to run assessment centres and arranging Specials assemblies for the last 15 years.

Specials Superintendent Gloria Lawrence said: "I have always been a people person and therefore enjoyed working in the public sector dealing with the general public. I always wanted to be a police officer but due to life circumstances something always stopped me so I joined the Special Constabulary in 1973.

"The main difference between now and back then is the amount of training Specials get nowadays. Back then you were given a little black book to read and allowed to go out on patrols one Saturday a month. The nickname for them was 'hobby bobbies' as you couldn't develop further and it was just seen as an 'interest' for someone to do in their spare time.

"Nowadays the training is very in-depth as the role of the Specials is seen as a stepping stone to joining the police and they deal with situations that any police officer would. I would probably say that 95% of people that join the Specials have the aim of getting into the regular police."
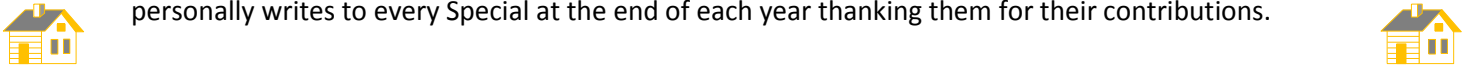
Gloria has previously worked for the Post Office, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and Suffolk Constabulary within the Enquiry Office and as a Control Room Operator in the Contact and Control

Room. She has also been involved with three jail and bails to raise money for CLIC Sargent and personally writes to every Special at the end of each year thanking them for their contributions.

In 2000, she met the previous Home Office Minister Paul Boateng about a new scheme which she helped to set up involving Specials being attached to the hospital to improve the security and safety of staff and patients.
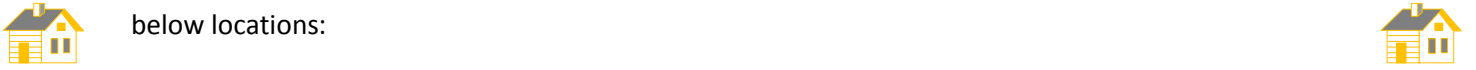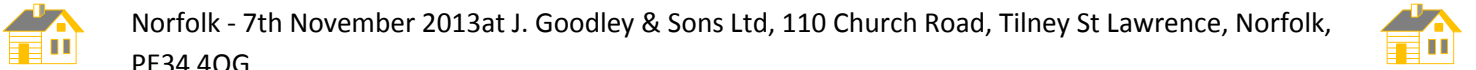
'CESAR' agricultural marking event cancelled
A two day 'CESAR' marking event, aimed at reducing the risk of the theft of agricultural machinery, has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of demand.

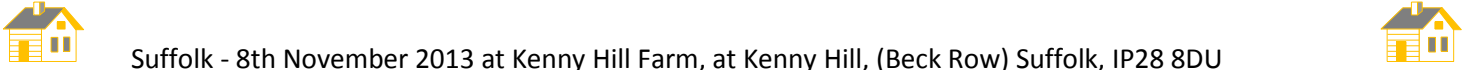The event was to have been held on Thursday and Friday of this week (7 and 8 November) at the below locations:
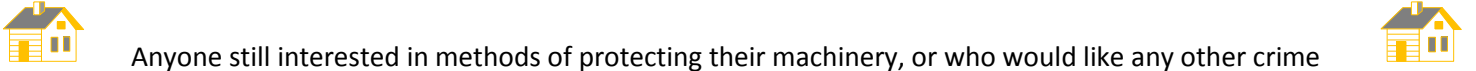
Norfolk - 7th November 2013at J. Goodley & Sons Ltd, 110 Church Road, Tilney St Lawrence, Norfolk, PE34 4QG

Suffolk - 8th November 2013 at Kenny Hill Farm, at Kenny Hill, (Beck Row) Suffolk, IP28 8DU
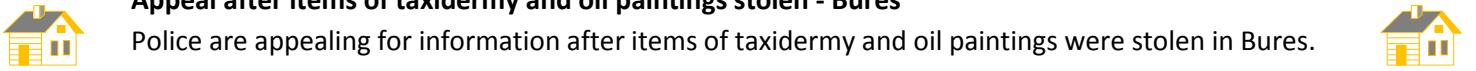
Anyone still interested in methods of protecting their machinery, or who would like any other crime prevention advice, should call 101 and ask to speak to their local Crime Reduction Officer.

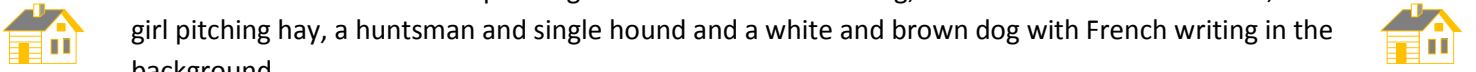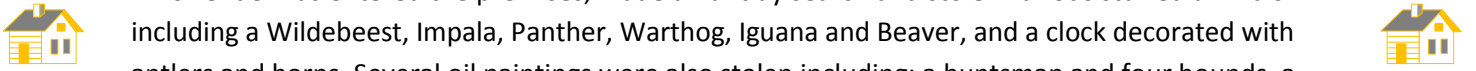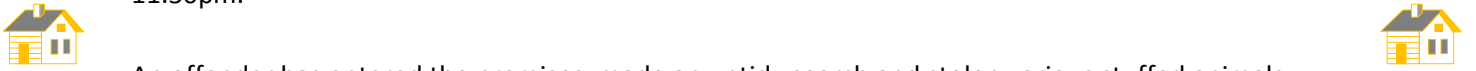**Appeal after items of taxidermy and oil paintings stolen - Bures**
Police are appealing for information after items of taxidermy and oil paintings were stolen in Bures.
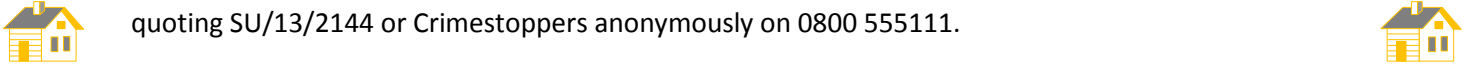
The incident happened at an outbuilding in Bures on Saturday 26 October at approximately 11.30pm.

An offender has entered the premises, made an untidy search and stolen various stuffed animals including a Wildebeest, Impala, Panther, Warthog, Iguana and Beaver, and a clock decorated with antlers and horns. Several oil paintings were also stolen including; a huntsman and four hounds, a girl pitching hay, a huntsman and single hound and a white and brown dog with French writing in the background.
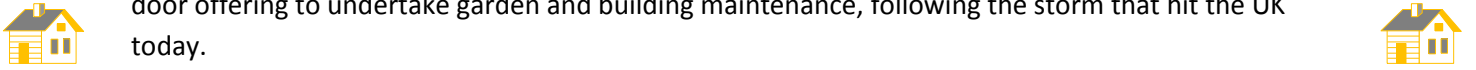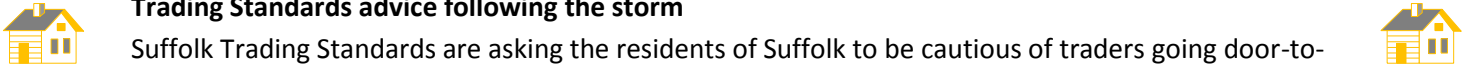
Anyone with information relating to this crime should contact PC Lloyd Shelley from Sudbury on 101 quoting SU/13/2144 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.
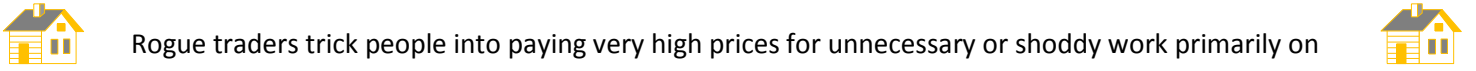
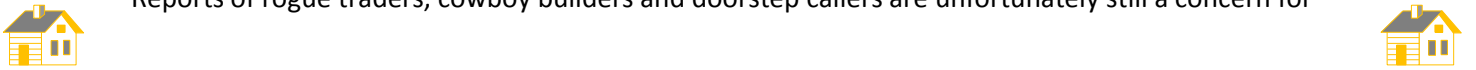**Trading Standards advice following the storm**
Suffolk Trading Standards are asking the residents of Suffolk to be cautious of traders going door-to-door offering to undertake garden and building maintenance, following the storm that hit the UK today.

Rogue traders trick people into paying very high prices for unnecessary or shoddy work primarily on homes or garden maintenance.

Reports of rogue traders, cowboy builders and doorstep callers are unfortunately still a concern for

Suffolk Trading Standards. Each year, we receive many complaints from residents who have been conned on their own doorsteps by rogue traders. These cons can involve many thousands of pounds and often target vulnerable residents.

To avoid becoming a victim of rogue traders, follow these simple steps:

← Never agree to have work done by somebody who is just passing or take their word that it needs to be done at all
← Never pay for work before it is completed
← Do not accept any offer from them to drive you to the bank to withdraw money
← If you need work done, then visit www.checkatrade.com – a free directory of reliable traders who are carefully vetted. Alternatively contact by phone on 0845 408 4866.

Trading Standards is urging everyone who knows or cares for a vulnerable or elderly person to make sure they are aware of their rights when it comes to suspect door step approaches and to carefully research salespeople before inviting them into their home.

No one should feel pressured into making a rash buying decision. If in doubt always think twice and get a second opinion.

Suffolk residents concerned about doorstep callers operating in their area or worried about elderly or vulnerable neighbours being targeted can contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 040506.

CANDLE FIRE SAFETY WEEK: SNUFF OUT THE FIRE RISK
Fire and Rescue Services across the country are asking people to take care this Candle Fire Safety Week and snuff out the risk of fire in their homes

With the days growing darker and winter setting in, a few candles scattered round the room can lend a warm glow to an evening in or add some festive cheer to the season's celebrations such as Guy Fawkes' night, Diwali and Christmas.

But with candle fires resulting in around 350 casualties each year, Suffolk Fire & Rescue are asking people to take extra care with candles this winter - nearly 40% of all fires started by candles result in a death or injury.

The most important step you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe is to ensure your home has a working smoke alarm. To prevent candle fires from starting in your home, you should make sure your candles are kept away from flammable materials like curtains and ensure candles are put out when you leave the room, even for a moment.
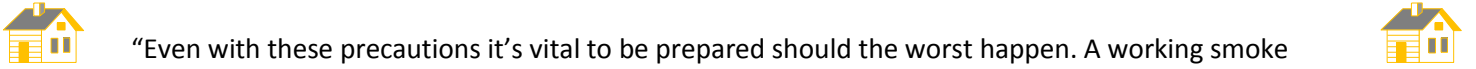
A Suffolk Fire & Rescue spokesperson said
"Candles are a typical sight in many homes, scenting our rooms and giving an atmospheric glow to cold winter nights. But it's important to remember that a candle is not just a decorative feature. Left unattended, an open flame scenting your home could leave a trail of devastation.
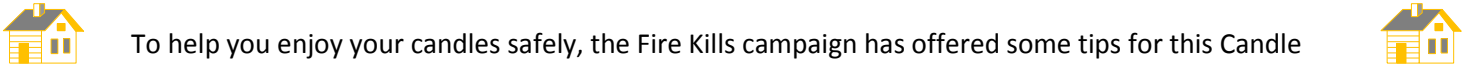
"Place your lit candles with extra care, away from curtains, pets and children and always remember to put them out when you leave the room, even for a moment."
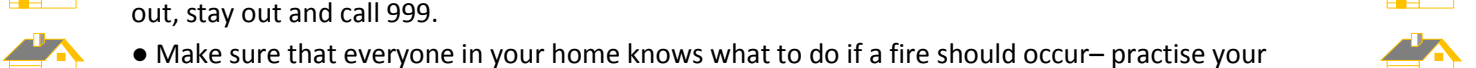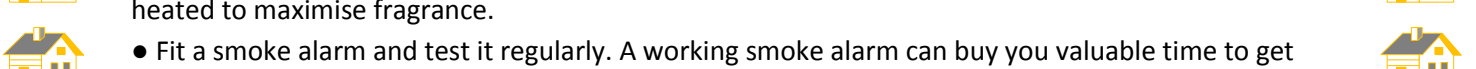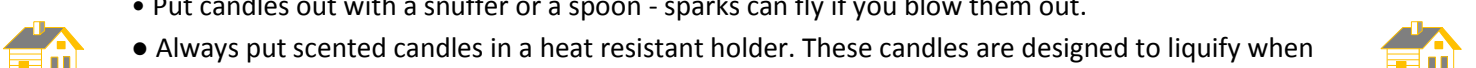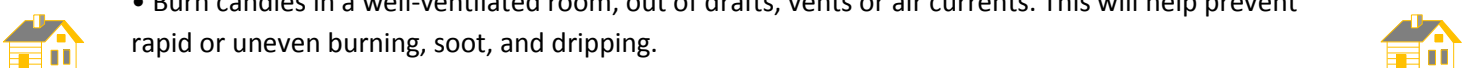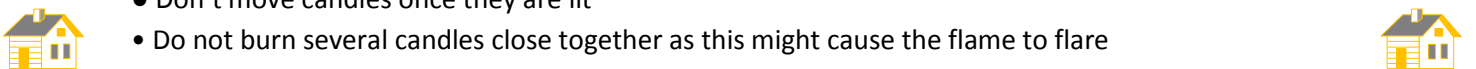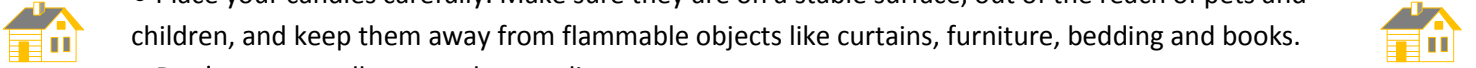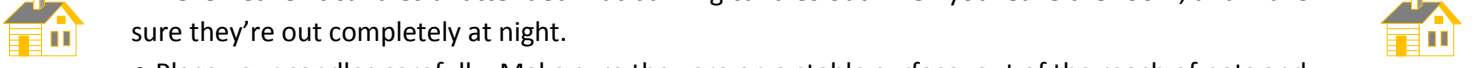
"Even with these precautions it's vital to be prepared should the worst happen. A working smoke alarm can give you the vital time you need to get out, stay out and call 999. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe by testing your alarm regularly and by practicing your escape routes."

To help you enjoy your candles safely, the Fire Kills campaign has offered some tips for this Candle Fire Safety Week:
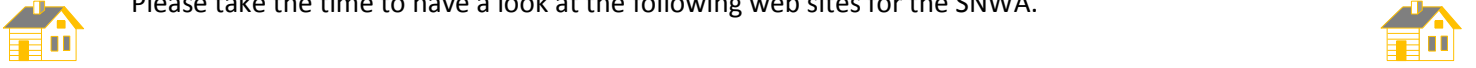
● Never leave lit candles unattended. Put burning candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're out completely at night.
● Place your candles carefully. Make sure they are on a stable surface, out of the reach of pets and children, and keep them away from flammable objects like curtains, furniture, bedding and books.
● Don't move candles once they are lit
• Do not burn several candles close together as this might cause the flame to flare
• Burn candles in a well-ventilated room, out of drafts, vents or air currents. This will help prevent rapid or uneven burning, soot, and dripping.
• Put candles out with a snuffer or a spoon - sparks can fly if you blow them out.
● Always put scented candles in a heat resistant holder. These candles are designed to liquify when heated to maximise fragrance.
● Fit a smoke alarm and test it regularly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999.
● Make sure that everyone in your home knows what to do if a fire should occur– practise your escape route.

SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
Please take the time to have a look at the following web sites for the SNWA.
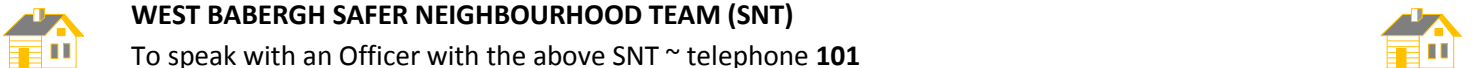
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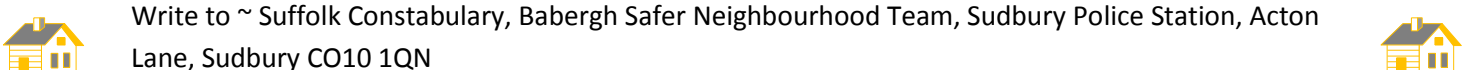You can now follow the SNWA on twitter @SuffolkNWA

WEST BABERGH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)
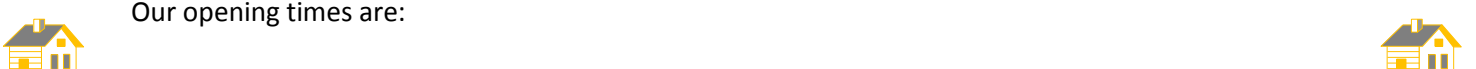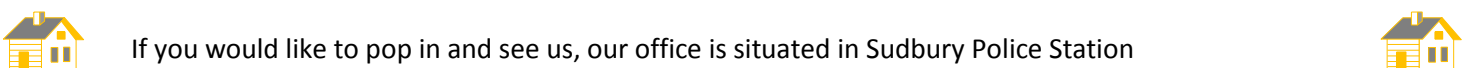To speak with an Officer with the above SNT ~ telephone **101**

E-mail Babergh West SNT

Write to ~ Suffolk Constabulary, Babergh Safer Neighbourhood Team, Sudbury Police Station, Acton Lane, Sudbury CO10 1QN

If you would like to pop in and see us, our office is situated in Sudbury Police Station
Our opening times are:

9am – 5pm Monday - Sunday

For further information about Safer Neighbourhood Team's (SNT) please click on the below link.

www.suffolk.police.uk

Please remember to visit your local SNT's web site on a regular basis to find out their 'priorities' and the action they are taking and much more about your area.

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If you have details about any crimes, then please contact your local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.