

Framlingham Annual Police Report For Period 21/04/21 to 21/04/22

Total recorded investigations for Framlingham addresses between 21/04/21 & 21/04/22 – 183 , consisting of:

- Violence & Sexual – 56
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 33
- Theft – 14
- Criminal Damage & Arson – 29
- Burglary Non-Dwelling – 14
- Drugs – 5
- Public Order – 21
- Burglary – 8
- Other Crime – 17

This compares with the same period in 2020 /2021 when there were 156 recorded investigations for Framlingham, an increase for 2021/22 of 17.3%.

The preceding twelve month period however was during much more stringent Covid lockdown restrictions when crime reduced nationally.

Other Crime

The category 'Other Crime' is a broad class of crime types not covered in other categories. They range from weapon-related crimes to hate crimes and robbery.

Other types include:

Gun crime

Motor vehicle crime

Domestic crime

Racist and religious hate crime

Homophobic crime

Anti-Semitic crime

Islamophobic crime

Most serious violence

Anti-social behaviour

Robbery of mobile phone

Violence with injury

Knife crime

Violence & Sexual offences

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

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.

We have also 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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