

# SaferNeighbourhoods

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM YEAR REPORT

Hi, I am Police Community Support Officer Patricia Gibson I started my job in April 2007 and began independent patrol in July last year. I cover the whole of the peninsular.

My job as a support officer is still relatively new and many people still are not aware of my role so I will just tell you a bit about how I fit in to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The concept of Safer Neighbourhood Teams is now a year old. It has taken over the standard role of a beat officer by replacing it with a number of Officers who cover a specific area as beat officers and response trained officers. Further to the team there has been the introduction of PCSOs to work within the community and help officers with community issues. Safer Neighbourhood Teams also encourages partnership working with agencies such as social services, Crime and disorder reduction partnership, Anti social behavior team, local councils and involves schools, parish councils and local businesses.

There are many parts to my role such as taking crime reports from victims, taking statements, visiting schools, gathering intelligence, crime scene preservation and traffic enforcement to name a few. But the lead aspect of my job is high visibility patrols, which I conduct on foot, in a car or my favorite way on my pushbike! I try and get out to as many of my villages as possible on a regular basis and make contact with people offering reassurance and reducing crime and disorder. I take a very positive and pro-active approach to my role and really enjoy my job. I like problem solving and looking at long-term solutions to problems.

I am always looking for you to help me by giving me information on anti social behavior issues, graffiti littering etc so we can tackle these problems together. Suffolk is such a safe place to live so lets keep it that way.

Look forward to meeting you along the way

All the best  
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