

Annual Report for The Watton Town Council 2022:

This year has been another busy year for the Watton Safer Neighbourhood Team.

This has been another year which has seen the effects of Covid affecting the way in which we have been able to conduct our daily business, restricting face to face contact with the public. However, we seem to now be moving passed these restrictions and we are now starting to see business return to normal.

We now have the PSPO fully in place, which is a great tool to have in aiding the local SNT to act on the communities' concerns around street drinking. This has been obtained and set in place with a good working relationship with Breckland and Watton Councils.

We have also seen the introduction of Street Safe which is a new government led initiative whereby people can go online at www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe to report anonymously areas they feel unsafe. These reports are then sent through to us here at the Watton SNT for us to start ensuring the area is patrolled more regularly to offer reassurance in those areas. There have already been reports sent through and patrols in these areas have already started. Please note that the Street Safe Website should not be used to report crime, and this should still be done in the traditional manner, either through 999, 101 or via the Norfolk Constabulary Website.

Even with the disruptions caused by Covid the SNT have still managed to conduct the quarterly SNAP meetings, which is the community's opportunity to raise their concerns to the police. These priorities have ranged from ASB to starting a Road Safety Campaign, which has brought several policing departments into Watton to help with this and will continue to run through the next year.

Your local Beat Manager Austin and Ed continue to enjoy a close working relationship with our partners and most importantly the local community. Through this close working relationship as a town, we have been able to see continued low levels of crime and ASB across the board.

There were 479 investigations raised for the whole B13R policing area in the year 1st April 2021 to 31st of March 2022. This area includes not only Watton but Mattishall, Scarning, Saham Hills, Saham Toney and other smaller villages. As can be seen by the states that breaks down to an average of 1.35 reports a day, which is positively low figure. There were also 4282 calls for service to the police in this period which breaks down to nearly 12 calls to police a day.

People can review the ASB and crime stats for the areas by visiting <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/norfolk-constabulary/watton/?tab=CrimeMap> or by attending the quarterly SNAP meetings where the SNT give a quarterly breakdown of the stats.

Your local SNT still continue to work closely with other members of our community such as St Marys Church to help those in need, such as people who have through circumstance found themselves to be homeless. Through this work we have been able to get people the help they need and in turn reduce that possibility of them becoming vulnerable to crime, which in turn affects our town. Should anyone become aware of a person who needs help due to being homeless we would strongly encourage them to report this either directly to Breckland Council or to us here at Watton SNT so we can start to get people the help they need.

As we move towards the Queens Jubilee, we look forward to being able join once again with the community to take part in these events ensuring that a fun and safe time is had by all.

Now restrictions are lifting with regards to Covid the SNT will now once again be doing school talks to educate the younger members of our community what our expectations of them are with regards

to their behaviour in our towns and villages. Equally should you have an event, coffee morning or other event that you would like the Watton SNT to attend them please do get in contact.

For all of those that are interested in what your local SNT do or have things they would like to see raised as a Priority then please do attend our next SNAP meeting which will be at 7pm on the 13th of July 2022 at the Watton Town Council Chambers.

Should you need to contact the Watton SNT this can be done by e-mailing SNTWatton@norfolk.police.uk. However, again this e-mail address should not be used to report crime and again this should be done via the afore mentioned methods.

We look forward to another successful year here in Watton and hope you can join us in the upcoming SNAP meetings and events.