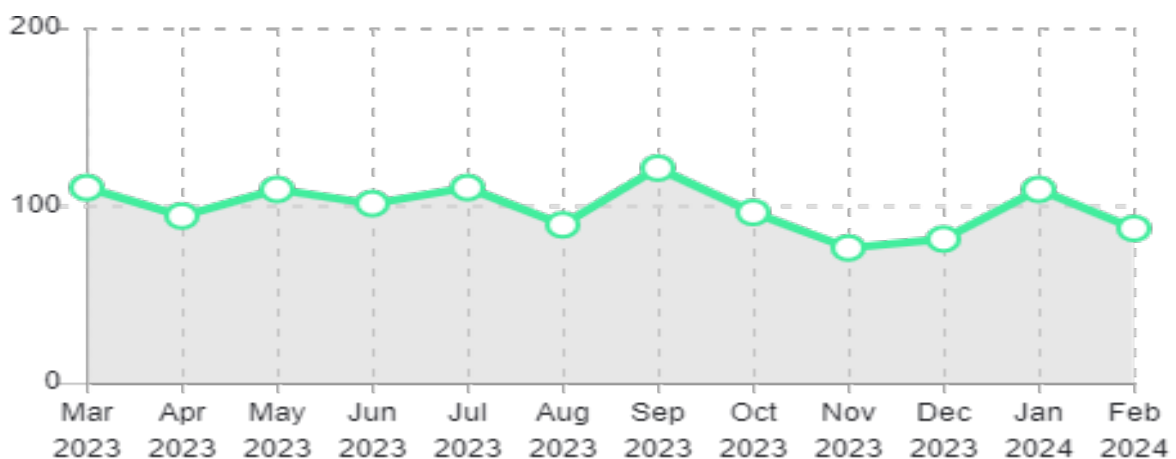


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Throughout 2023/24 your local Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager Pc Austin Clarke with support from his Safer Neighbour and Response colleagues have continued to respond to priority calls as well as conducting reassurance patrols and of course this includes answering to the Priorities that have been set quarterly at our local Priority Setting or SNAP meetings throughout this financial year.

We have found locally that crime in general for the period April 2023 – March 2024 has decreased, and this is reflective of the engagement and reassurance patrols carried by the local officers.

The stats provided is courtesy of Police.UK and a break down in respect of crime type can be viewed on their website.



Your Beat Manager have continued to work in partnership with Watton Town Council and Breckland District Council over the last 12 months and is looking to reestablish the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which currently sits in public consultation. The PSPO is currently live until July this year. Information relating to this can be found on Breckland District Council website just type in their search facility **Watton PSPO** and you will be able to see the detail. We are expecting this will continue to include The High Street, the Memorial and Church Walk, Harvey Street etc and again this is in response to concerns raised around street drinking and Anti-Social Behaviour. Once we are informed of whether this will continue, then we will make sure this is circulated. Decision rests with Breckland District Council.

Those that are frequent users of Church Walk will undoubtedly see that the appearance of the location has changed and the new PSPO signage have been installed. You may have also seen that a new CCTV camera has been added overlooking the Dereham Road end of Church Walk, plus preparation has been made for another CCTV camera to be installed at the Church Road end. Those involved in the process for improving the area is thanks to the endeavours of Austin in getting project off the ground. That said the was very much a team effort.

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We have been conducting our Priority Setting/SNAP meetings for many years in Watton and appreciate the use of the Town Council Chambers. As the area for which Austin covers is vast, the decision has been made to take these meeting on the road and make them more inclusive.

So, the next Priority Setting/SNAP meeting will be held at the Shipdham Women's Institute for a 7pm start. Please attend or join us online... The link to join the meeting will be posted on social media should you wish to take part from the comfort of your home or elsewhere.

We really hope you can join us and have a real say on how we police your area!