

# Babergh East, Police and Parish Forum

## Hadleigh Locality

### Meeting Minutes: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Hadleigh Guild Hall

Trott Ward addressed the meeting outlining that the format was for all Parishes and parishioners to attend the forum, this was our chance to bring forward any issues in your local areas, which can then be brought and discussed with the Local SNT team, and taken forward for action.

A question being asked, who can attend, parish councillors, parish clerks, anyone who the parish council wish to send on their behalf, and parishioners, yes the doors are open to all, make use of your quarterly meeting with your local police force, in fact, nearly every meeting someone brings forward information or has their chance to talk to the police, one to one.

## Present

Trott Ward, (Brantham) Chairman  
Adrian Rust (Secretary)  
Bill Davies, Stratford St Mary  
PC Niall Johnson  
Inspector Naomi Lofthouse, Hadleigh and Nayland

## Apologies

Stuart Hopgood

## Attendance 11

## Matters arising from Minutes, None

Trott welcomed Inspector Naomi Lofthouse to the meeting

## Report from Inspector Naomi Lofthouse

### Hadleigh Nayland Area, Last 3 Months

Criminal damage and anti social behaviour Hadleigh, low numbers  
Some off road biking, Farmland, Baylham, Sproughton  
Burglary, Minimal, 1 dwelling, 3 outbuildings  
White Horse Chapel St Mary, Hadleigh Cricket Club.  
Stoke By Nayland, Out Buildings, Tools taken, No patten  
Drugs, Chapel St Mary Cultivation, Hadliegh Intent to supply  
London Road Chapel St Mary, Cultivation

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Weapons, Hadligh, Knife incident, Arrested, Known person  
Public order offences, minimal  
Sexual Offences, minimal  
Theft, shops, working with co-op work in progress  
Theft, Capel St Mary clothing bank  
Theft of Oil, Please beware  
Vehicle Theft, 5 theft from vehicles, 5 vans locks drilled  
Biggest problem is a lot of vehicles are not locked !!  
Offence against a person, no serious crime  
Anti Social Behaviour, Door Knocking  
Hadleigh Bridge Street car park, noisey vehicles  
stop searches, Minimal but a 70% success rate

### **Claydon / Copdock Area**

Criminal damage anti social behaviour motorbike, Neighbour dispute  
Burglary, Rise, 7 propertiies Great Blakenham 1 arrested, local group identified.  
Drugs, Copdock and Henley, Bramford Warrant  
Package intercepted, property searched and weapon found, Bramford.  
Weapons, Minimal  
Public Order, Minimal  
No Robberys 1 anti social behaviour  
Sexual offences, none  
Theft from persons 1  
Theft from vehicle, tools, vehicle insecure  
Theft, Parcels  
Against a person, Slight Rise, nothing affecting the wider public  
Antis Social Behaviour, off road biking, Wherstead, Copdock, Rise in reports  
Motor bikes normally seasonal, slight winter drop, problem has been around a long time on and off.  
Vehicle Offences, drive off from petrol station.  
Copdock anti socail driving behaviour

Off road bikers seem to be many reports coming in quite early in the year, Police Operation Clarify has been started and we will taget the bikers, especailly farm land, school visits to inform people not to do it.  
Enforcement, bikes can be seized

### **Open Meeting**

#### **Bill Davies, Speed Watch**

Bill gave us a run through of how speedwatch works  
The scheme wont stop speeding but helps to prevent it, it is a widespread problem.  
All set ups are set out and approved by police and documented.  
All helpers ware high vis clothing and take speed checks on vehicles at designated 30mph locations  
At 30 -34mph they are not reported, but at 35mph they are noted with vehicle reg, make colour etc and the results are sent to the police who issue the warning letters, if you get caught 3 times, you may also get a visit.  
In suffolk there are currently 84 schemes all run by trained volunteers, the first one started in 2009.  
At Stratford St Mary they carryout speedwatch twice a week. This was first started in 2013

In 2022 we did 85 sessions, 18703 vehicle movements were recorded, 843 were speeding, 4.5 %

2023	77 sessions 17035 Vehicles	524 speeding	3.08%
2024	84 sessions 17687 vehicles	453 speeding	2.56 %

2025

85sessions

18546 vehicles

467 Speeding

2.52 %

So over 4 years of speedwatch, the numbers are actually dropping, now half the amount of speeding, which shows that this scheme is actually working.

For speedwatch you need 6 volunteers as a minimum, you need 3 to carry out a speed watch survey and they must all be over 18

Supported by the parish Council

Training provided

Supported by the police

Robert Tilbury Hadleigh

Used to volunteer across many sites in Hadleigh but some people just give abuse

Lady lane Hadleigh, 168000 vehicles and a lot were traveling at 40-50 + in a 30

There are lots of issues of speeding In Hadleigh, anagel street bottle neck so people put their foot down after the bottle neck

Thanks to Niall for his support for the teams.

Lyn Mathews East Bergholt, we have 20mph signs up, the 1070 runs past the high school and we have had 2 accidents involving pupils, huge speeding problem on the 1071 at the school, is there a meeting when they discuss these backspots, yes.

Peter Gower Hadleigh, Speedwatch has lack of volunteers to run the scheme on the day to run the scheme

Hugh Robert Hadleigh, SCC looking at 20mph signs for communities, yes, data would be looked at.

Peter Gower, Suffolk County Council were to convert speed signs which would take the data of the car

Stoke By Nayland

Range rover and quad bike and dirt bike, racing through Nayland area.

Beverley Haughley, is there any data on having external Pir lights will help eliminate burglary

Gordon Watkins, Flowton, The pit, 6 month injunction, have to wait and see if he clears the site or face further prosecution, civil matter the police wont attend until instructed by other agencies.

Peter Hadleigh

off road bikes, need drone to follow identify them

No where to ride bikes, but they would have to pay elsewhere

Do the police have a drone unit, Suffolk doesn't but Norfolk do and we could request help from the Norfolk side for help with off road bikers

## Trott Ward Thanked Stoke By Nayland Parish Council for The meeting Venue

**Next Meeting** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Capel St Mary Library

7.30pm Start, All Welcome,

**Future Meetings** 16<sup>th</sup> September Hintlesham Village Hall  
16<sup>th</sup> December Wherstead Village Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> March March 2027 Hadleigh Town Hall

**Report something**– 999 in an emergency, call 101 to speak to the contact centre (non-urgent matters) or report online at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk>

Chat-bot also available on the new website, live chat

**Community Engagement Officer** [CEOipwesthadleigh@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CEOipwesthadleigh@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

please can parishioners be reminded that crimes and intelligence should not be reported via email, they must be reported via one of the options listed above

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