

Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting

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Over the past year there have been issues across the parish with criminal damage, including several instances of graffiti which has caused some concern to the local community. This is something I will be working alongside other members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Parish Council and East Suffolk Council in the aim to investigate and prevent in the upcoming months.

I have recently received some concerns over e-scooters; it is currently against the law to ride them on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements. Riding in such areas constitutes an offence and could result in penalties being issued. Further information can be found on the government website.

In the last year, there have been a number of concerns across the East of Ipswich relating to motor vehicle crime. The general advice is to avoid keeping anything of value in your vehicle (anything from loose change to a laptop case can make your vehicle a target), ensure that your car is locked when not in use and ensure your keys and any spare keys are safe and not visible to any opportunists.

The catalytic converters on motor vehicles also have some value, making them a target. As a method of prevention, in addition to parking in a secure area (or using CCTV and lighting if this is not possible), you can have your catalytic converter marked with your vehicle registration, making it easier for it to be traced back to you should it ever be stolen.

There is currently an ongoing crime prevention initiative being run in the local area relating to motor vehicle security. Officers are checking if vehicles are secured and alerting the owner with any issues should they find any. Should you see anything suspicious or unknown people around your vehicle – please do not always presume this is one of our patrols. If you have any concerns about immediate circumstances, please do call 999.

As the current COVID-19 restrictions start to relax, I am looking forward to the time where community focused events can proceed, and we can enjoy a sense of normality. I will be continuing to patrol the local area so if you see me around, please do come and say hello; I am always happy to assist with any queries you may have.

Should you have any concerns, please report these via the official channels – 999 in an emergency or 101/the online reporting tool for any other police matters.