

Council Tax for the year 2022/23

At a Parish Council meeting held on 25th January this year, it was agreed by members of Pinewood Parish Council not to increase the Pinewood Parish Precept for 2022/23 which in itself forms a very small part of the total council tax levy.

This was once again possible because of economies made by your representatives on the Parish council.

The Parish Council does not have any control over levels raised by other bodies and our precept is normally a small proportion of the total amount we all pay.

How the tax is arrived at for Band C properties:

| | Change |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Suffolk County Council £1,137.04 | +2.0 % |
| 2.0 Babergh District Council £157.64 | +2.0 % |
| Suffolk CC Adult Social Care* £142.00 | +1.0 % |
| Pinewood Parish Council £103.36 | 0.0 % |
| Police & Crime Commissioner £220.16 | +4.2 % |

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Dog Fouling and the Law

As well as being an eyesore and a nuisance, on most public land it is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 not to clear up after your dog when it has fouled the area.

Babergh District Council has the powers to issue fines or prosecute which could lead to a £1000 fine.

Wherever and whoever they may be please report the culprits with photos if possible.

Many complaints have been on local media regarding this issue, report it to get it stopped.

There are sufficient dog bins placed around the parish for use by residents and visitors walking their dogs in the green areas.

Letting dogs mess on the ground and not cleaning up after them is unacceptable and irresponsible.

These bins are emptied very regularly, sometimes on long bank holidays such as Xmas they change collection days. If the bin is full take the poo bag home with you and bin it, there is no need to throw it on the grass close to the overfilled bin.

www.babergh.gov.uk/environment/dog-control/dog-fouling/



Please use the Bins
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Pinewood Parish Information

Copdock Mill Interchange update

National Highways have put forward proposals to improve traffic flow at the Copdock Mill Interchange. These proposals have to be submitted to the Department of Transport for inclusion in the next round of Road Investment Strategy expenditure for 2025 – 2030. National Highways have recently informed us that it is one of 32 pipeline schemes and if the scheme were to progress then a statutory consultation would be carried out.

The first stage of National Highways consultation on proposals to improve the interchange closed on 9th December and Pinewood Parish Council made a response to it. Two options were put forward, Option 1 and Option 4.

We expressed our disappointment and frustration at not being included in an earlier stage of the process. This parish is closest to the interchange and the management of traffic using it has a great impact on the lives of our residents and when we were first made aware of this project, we naturally assumed that this council would be part of any initial discussions.

It was disappointing to learn that we were not to be invited to join the Community and Environment Reference Group which first met in July 2020. Our District Councillor was invited to represent the parish at these meetings, however 4 ward councillors from Ipswich were also invited.

When visiting the exhibition held at the Holiday Inn in November I asked if it would be possible for a representative from National Highways to meet with the Parish Council but was told that this was not possible at that time but may be at a later stage in the consultation process. This was unfortunate as at the council meeting to discuss this issue it was apparent that we had a number of questions to ask before we could make a definitive response as to which would be the preferred option. Our response to the consultation was that at this stage, Option 4 with additional slip roads would seem to be the one to solve the traffic problems in a way that would be of most benefit to our residents and would have a greater long-term benefit.

After the next stage of consultation, it is possible that our collective view may change as to which of the two options is preferable or in fact, if it is possible to make any changes to them.

We have to challenge National Highways to explain in greater detail the effect that both options will have on Belstead Meadows and the benefits which will accrue to traffic flow on entry and exit roads to the interchange and the resultant effect on Pinewood.

We are therefore very keen to be able to participate in the next stage of consultation.

After making enquiries, we have been informed by National Highways that the findings from December's consultation will be published in Spring 2022 on its website and that Pinewood Parish Council will be contacted directly to inform us when that happens.

If the proposal is included in the next phase of RIS, (Road Investment Strategy) funding and when we have further additional information on Option 1 and Option 4 it is likely that we will have a public meeting at the Pinewood Community Hall with Residents to discuss this issue.

Visit Highways England web site on this link:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a14-j55-copdock-public-consultation/>

The National Grid

launches consultation on a project to deliver renewable and low carbon energy to more UK homes

New electricity reinforcement is needed between **BRAMFORD** and **Twinstead** by 2028 to carry renewable and low carbon power to homes and businesses.

The project is needed to carry more renewable and low carbon power from offshore wind, interconnectors and nuclear power.

The plans include building a new 400 kV electricity transmission reinforcement between Bramford substation and Twinstead Tee, comprising 19km of overhead line and 10km of underground cables.

National Grid would also remove around 27.5km of existing pylons.

National Grid held a non-statutory consultation last year, which has helped inform the development of the project.

This statutory public consultation will give local communities the opportunity to see how their comments have been taken into account and to provide further feedback on the plans, before National Grid submits a planning application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Visit the project and have your say

National Grid encourages those interested in the proposals to visit the project website, www.nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead from 25th January to complete a booking form to join a webinar to “ask the experts” questions on the project.

Future Webinars on the project

The following table shows when the remainder of the ‘ask the experts’ sessions will take place. If you wish to get involved and require further information please complete a booking form at

www.nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead to join.

You can call 0808 196 1515 or email the National Grid at

contact@bramford-twinstead@nationalgrid.com

The last Webinars are available to join on the dates below.

15th March 9am – 5pm - 18th March 3pm – 7pm



Pinewood Parish Information

Anti Social Behaviour at the Copdock Retail Park

Last September it was reported that **ASB** was once again creating a noise issue in and around Pinewood, through noisy motors racing around the local roads and groups of people congregating at the Copdock Retail Park causing noise by revving engines and playing loud music.

There have been a significant decrease in issues since last summer and with Suffolk Police working with Tesco on vehicle related behaviour on their car park. With the future car park re-development, this alone should assist in stopping these people congregating at that end as the area they meet at may not be available.

Over time there have been several **ASB** cases reported at the Copdock Retail Park many of these have resulted in the issue of Section 59 warnings, used in circumstances where vehicles are found to have been used in a manner which causes distress, alarm or annoyance, several **Fixed Penalty Notices** to drivers have been dispensed.

Further to the above work carried out by Suffolk Police and Tesco, there is now a warning sign placed on the Retail Car Park warning those responsible for carrying out **Anti Social Behaviour** that they could be prosecuted for their actions.



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Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking! Contact John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Pinewood Parish Information

"Great Hogmond Street" (GHS) Hedgehog Rescue

Julie Moore's dream has come true, she runs a (non profit) making, self funded hedgehog rescue here in Pinewood. Her aim is to treat sick and injured hedgehog's, and then release them back into the wild.

Hedgehogs are small mammals and are a species that sadly, are in rapid decline and as such, there are now a large number of rescuers and carers that are supporting these lovely creatures, in an effort to reverse this trend, of which Julie Moore is one.

Her mission is to rescue and treat sick and injured hedgehogs, with the objective of releasing as many of them back into the wild, as possible.

Julie set out to raise money for her Hedgehog relief fund by walking from Pinewood in Ipswich to Felixstowe, (approximately 12 miles) on 27th November 2021 to raise the profile of her fund raising exercise, dressed as a giant hedgehog, see pictures below.

To improve the quality of care that Julie is able to provide, she will be using the funds that her sponsored walk generated to facilitate the purchasing of items of equipment used to recuperate hedgehogs such as a microscope. Her wish list was for a more powerful microscope, which will enable the earlier diagnosis of any parasitic or bacterial burdens, along with cameras to keep an eye on her patients whilst in their own little rescue homes.

What ways can you help Julie with her rescue charity

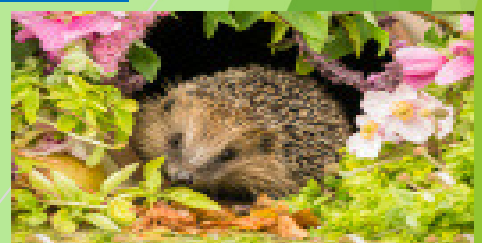
By following "GHS" and sharing its social media pages regularly at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071826687285

By clicking on the Amazon link below, which will take you to a wish list of items that GHS currently requires, and purchasing any of these for the rescue; www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2O6W63O5F8S5Z?ref=wl_share

By clicking on the PayPal link below, and making a donation to the running of GHS, the costs of which are not inconsiderable, i.e. the GHS vets bills for July/August 2021 were circa £400.

www.paypal.me/GreatHogmondStreet

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Pinewood Parish Information

Queens Platinum Jubilee 5th June 2020

Apply for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Road fees will be waived in recognition that Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June 2022, indicating seventy years of service.

You must apply by 11pm on 27th March 2022 for your event



A Platinum Jubilee street party event must meet the following criteria:

The event organised is for residents and neighbours only.

Less than 499 people are expected to attend.

The road to be closed is a residential road with no through traffic (a cul-de-sac or traffic not able to access another road from the event road) and only resident traffic will be affected.

There is no bus route along the road to be closed.

There are no shops or other businesses or access to shops or business premises on the road to be closed.

There is no public car park on or accessed via the road to be closed (other than a residents only car park), The event must be publicised only to residents.

There will be no entry charge for the event.

No commercial activity is to take place within the road closure area.

The event must be for the purpose of celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and be held on 5 June 2022, during daylight hours. This is in-line with national celebrations, referred to as the 'Big Jubilee Lunch'.

Insurance

Party organisers are not required to have public liability insurance cover for their event however, you are strongly advised to obtain cover for a minimum limit of indemnity of £2million.

Look at the www.streetparty.org.uk/insurance/ and shop around.

The cost could be split between people attending, or you could hold a raffle or ask for donations to cover the costs. You should not need a risk assessment – as long, as you give thought to the needs of all those attending, then common sense precautions should be enough.

Licences

Providing your street party is free and open to neighbours, family and friends and there is no sale of food or alcohol then you do not need a licence.

If you're selling tickets, alcohol or food you will require licences in the way through your District or Borough Council.

Guidance and advice

You can find more information at

www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent

Apply online by 11pm on 27 March 2022



New "Highway Code" Rules

One in three drivers are unaware of the major changes to road rules aimed at protecting cyclists and pedestrians that came into force at the end of Jan 2022.

The new rules include some of the following:

Vehicle drivers will have more responsibility to watch out for people cycling, walking or riding a horse, and cyclists will have more responsibility to be aware of pedestrians.

Drivers are required to leave a distance of at least 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists. Drivers turning into a road are instructed to give way to pedestrians waiting to cross.

Car users are recommended to reduce the risk of opening a door into the path of a cyclist by using the hand on the opposite side to the door, as that will often lead to them looking over their shoulder, this is known as the Dutch Reach technique.

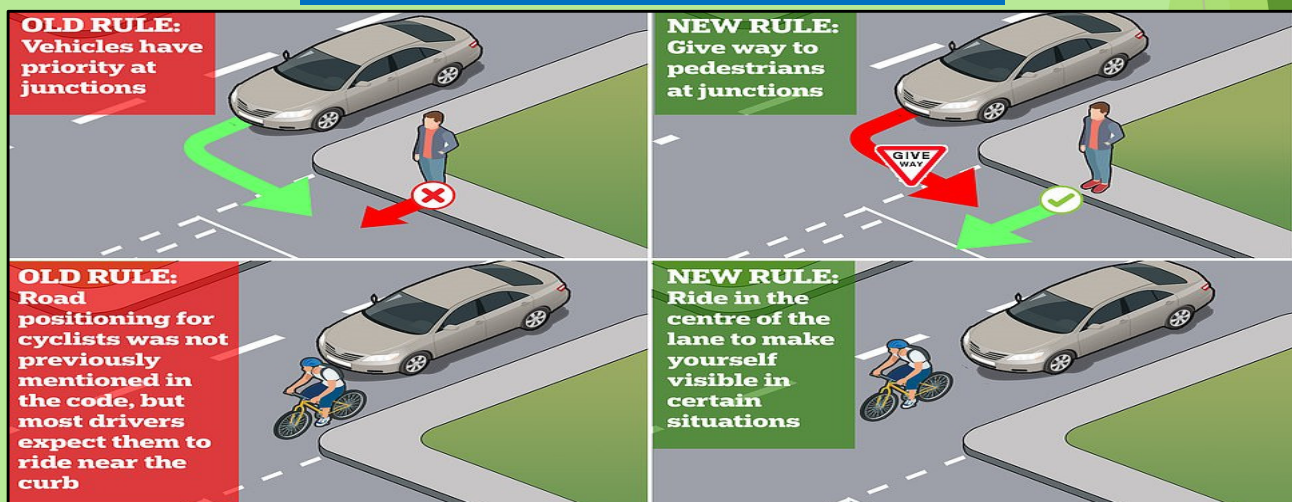
There is also new guidance for Cyclists:

Cycling in groups should be considerate to the needs of other road users, they can also ride two abreast when accompanying children or the less experienced. Cyclists are asked to be aware of people driving behind them and allow them to overtake when it is safe to do so.

"These changes affect everyone, so we encourage people to read the updated code now so we can make our roads safer."

Click on the link below for a full update of the 8 new changes to the rules

www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022



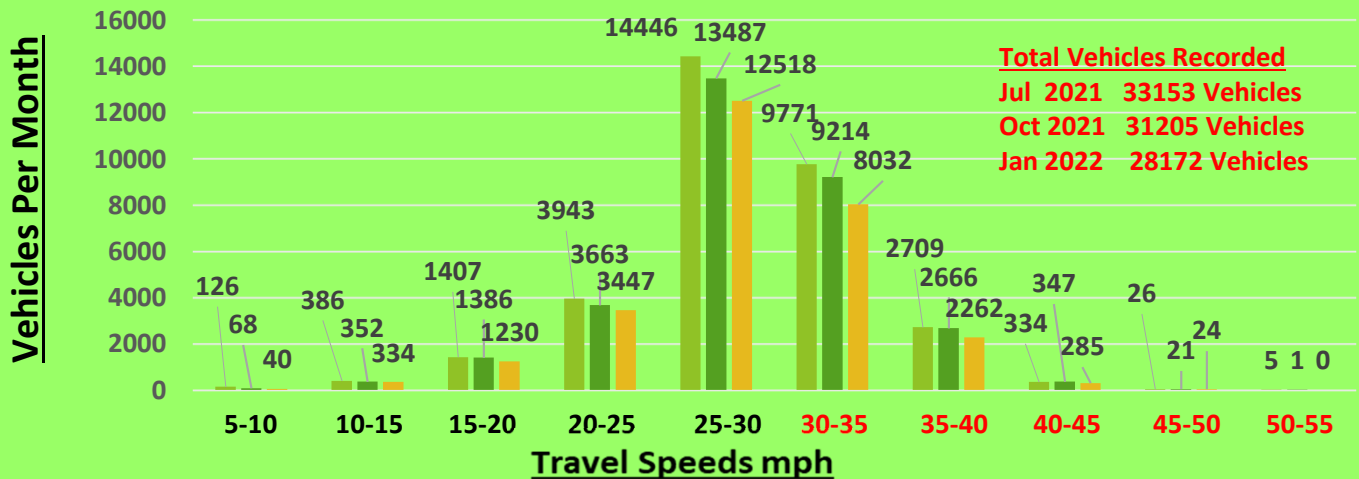
Take the quiz on the new Highway Code changes

You can follow the link here www.quiz-maker.com/QG20TF8NL

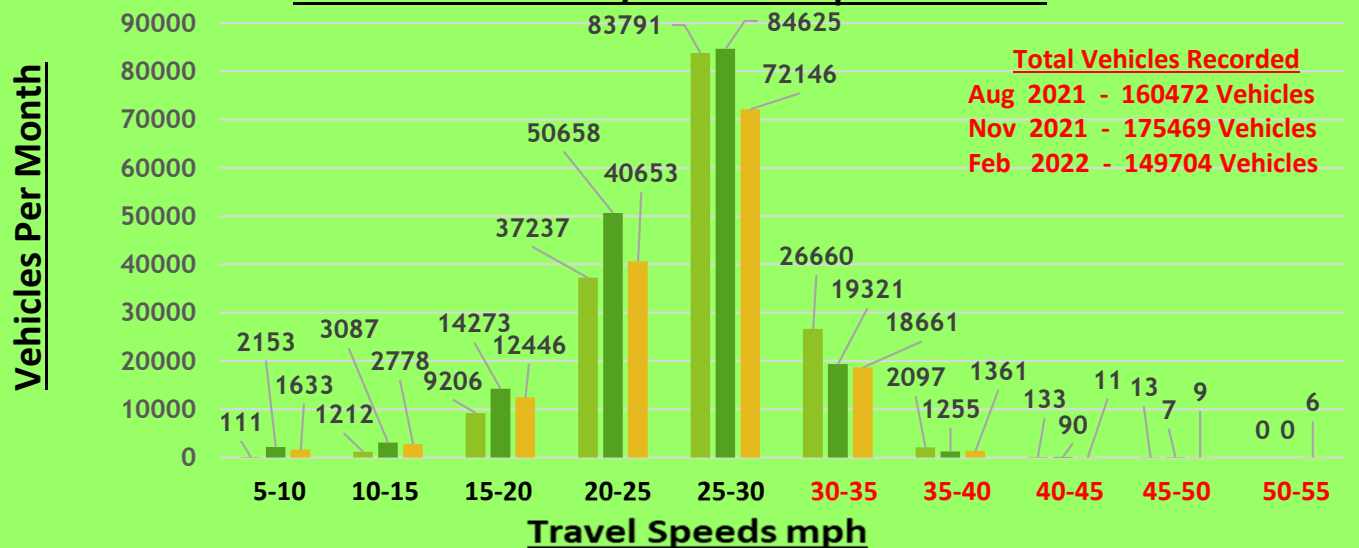
Follow Suffolk Road Safe at www.suffolkroadsafe.com

Speed Indicator Results - **SPEEDING KILLS – SLOW DOWN**

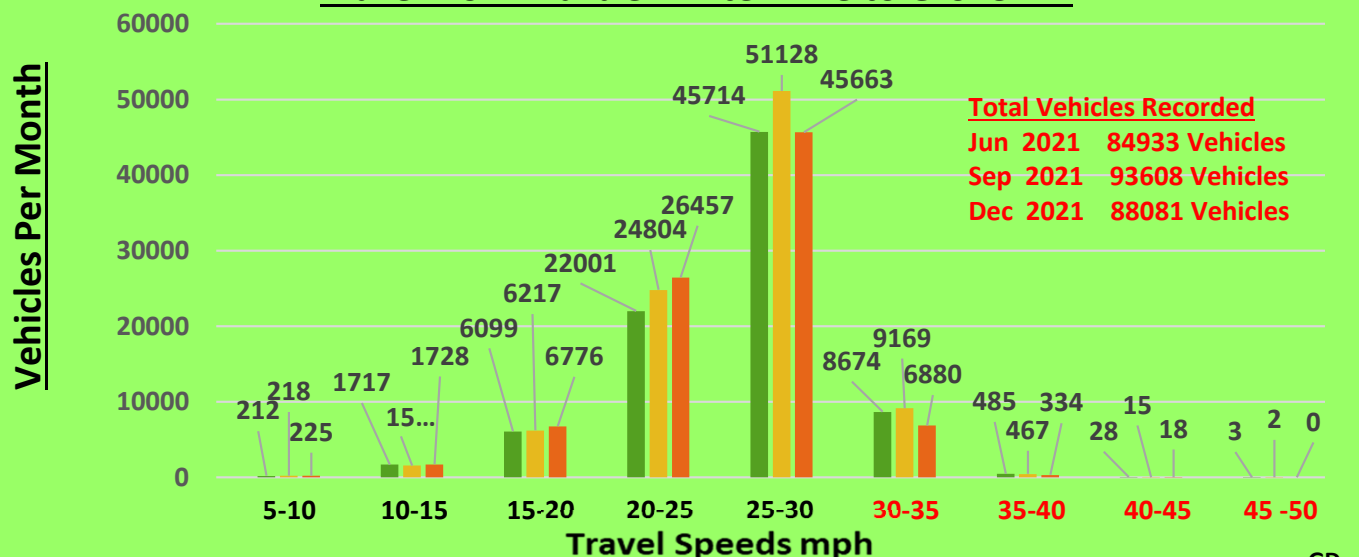
Speed Indicator Device placed on Grove Hill Travel from Belstead Village to Ellenbrook Rd



Speed Indicator Device placed on Scrivener Drive Travel from Tesco R/bout to Shepherds Drive



Speed Indicator Device placed on Ellenbrook Road Travel from Marble White Drive to Grove Hill



Pinewood Parish Information

Fly Tipping in Pinewood

YET AGAIN there have been several further instances of Fly Tipping occurring in Pinewood which is becoming an issue to many residents who see this frequently on their travels.

If you discover fly-tipped waste please contact Babergh District Council web site or Pinewood Parish Council for assistance on reporting the issue.

Don't touch the waste - it may contain syringes, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.

Don't disturb the site - there may be evidence that could help identify the fly-tippers and lead to their prosecution.

Do visually try to work out what the waste consists of and how much there is - take photos if it is safe to do so. Make a note of the day, date and time you saw the tipping, its exact location and whether it's in or near water. Keep any notes you make, even scribbled ones, as they can be very valuable as evidence.

Contact Babergh District Council as soon as possible so that we can investigate.

If you witness someone fly-tipping - make a note of how many people are involved and what they look like, what has been dumped - how much and what it looks like also details of any vehicles involved including make, colour and registration number if possible and call 999 if the incident is still in progress.

Be very careful Remember that fly-tippers are doing something illegal – they are unlikely to welcome people observing them or taking notes or photographs.

Please remember the following guidelines if you are dumping rubbish anywhere or paying for it to be disposed of.

You are legally responsible for any household waste produced on your property.

You could face an unlimited fine if your waste ends up being fly-tipped and you cannot show that you took reasonable steps to prevent it.

You must ensure it is only transferred to an authorised person or waste site that is appropriately registered with the relevant enforcement body.

If you are using a waste carrier (other than your Local Council) to remove household, garden or construction waste always ask for their waste carrier number. If in doubt check their details on the public register of waste collectors, or call the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506.

Always ask a carrier what exactly is going to happen to your waste and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier who wants your business should not object to being asked reasonable questions.

Finally make sure you get a proper invoice and receipt for your waste and retain this as proof.

Local Blue Light Information

Operation Tramline (keeping all drivers safe)

Police in Suffolk stopped over 270 vehicles and detected more than 330 offences, after targeting drivers of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) as part of a week-long operation supported by National Highways.

The initiative took place between Monday 21 February and Friday 25 February and involved officers from the Joint Norfolk and Suffolk Roads and Armed Policing Team, with enforcement taking place on the A14, A11 and A12.

The HGV tractor unit - which was driven by a police officer - provides an ideal vantage point meaning officers can look directly into the cabs of other lorry drivers, whilst also dealing with any offending motorists driving vans or cars too. Supporting police officers are then on hand to pull-over any offenders.

A total of 271 vehicles were stopped, including 123 HGVs and 86 smaller goods vehicles.

339 offences were detected and the drivers in question were issued with Traffic Offence Reports (TORs), some having committed more than one offence. 255 TORs were issued, with the primary offences highlighted below:

- 125 for not wearing a seatbelt
- 62 for construction and use (roadworthiness offences)
- 60 for using a mobile phone
- 25 for an insecure load
- 16 for driver's hours
- 09 for not being in proper control of the vehicle
- 08 for driving without due care and attention
- 07 for excess speed
- 05 for no insurance

Sergeant Scott Lee-Amies, of the Joint Roads and Armed Policing Team, said: "Whilst this proved to be yet another successful week of action, it is very disappointing to find so many drivers taking such unnecessary risks.

"46% of the drivers stopped were not wearing a seatbelt and 22% were using a mobile phone and when you consider that the majority of these offenders were professional drivers – that is people who drive for a living – those statistics are quite staggering.

Don't forget, driving safely keeps you and others safer

Local Blue Light Information

Call 999 in an Emergency or if you Witness A Crime in progress

Did you know that you can report non-urgent issues much quicker by using the web based reporting system on the Suffolk Police web site.

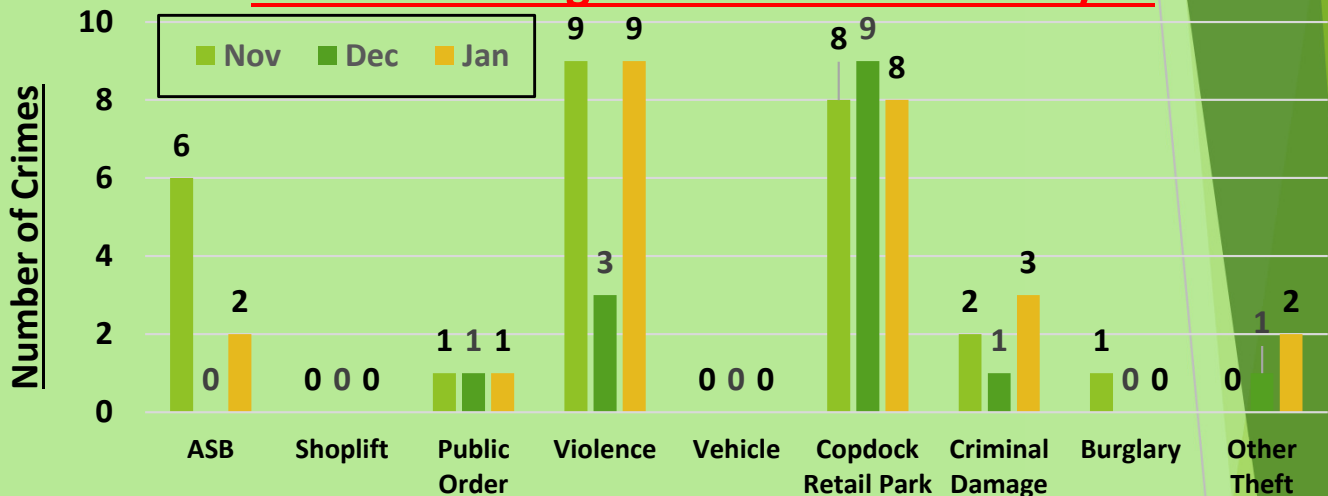
Our SNT remain active and are focused on the following key points:

1. Increasing enforcement to combat drugs and alcohol related issues.
2. Illegal use of the roads.
3. There remains a focus on speeding in all areas of Pinewood.
4. Anti Social Behaviour retains focus at the top of the agenda as always.

Latest crime figures released by the Police UK web site for the Pinewood area are available below and from www.police.uk/pu/performance/

Suffolk Police

Latest Crime Figures in Pinewood 2021/22



Special Police Constables and Volunteers required in Suffolk

If you are looking for a new challenge in 2022, Suffolk Constabulary may have the answer. They are seeking applicants from all communities in our county so if you have 16 hours a month to offer, anytime of day or night and are interested in finding out more please contact them.

Could you become a Police Support Volunteer?

The Police Support Volunteer Scheme aims to integrate volunteers from a variety of backgrounds with various skills and abilities in order to enhance, compliment and support the work of all officers and police staff.

Police Support Volunteers Are you eligible?

You must be aged over 18 years, there is no upper age limit

You can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week and hours are mutually agreed locally.

You will be covered by public liability insurance wherever you undertake your volunteering duties.

For more information on the role of Special Constable, visit www.suffolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/special-constabulary

Get further information here: www.twitter.com/SPVolunteers

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Local Blue Light Information

Suffolk Police Officers and **East Anglian Ambulance Service** are using a smart location app to help them track down people in need. This system could help save your life in an emergency by giving you three words that can accurately pinpoint your location and help **Suffolk Police** and **East Anglian Ambulance service** find you quickly.



The location technology, known as **What3Words**, divides the world into 3m x 3m squares and allows users to share their exact location using a unique three word address.

The idea is that it is easier to communicate three words than it is to read out a grid reference, and that a position is more helpful than an address in many situations. Get it on your phone now to assist you in your time of need.

For more information about What3Words and how to download the app onto your device, visit: www.what3words.com/

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The January 2022 edition of **Constables County** is now available. The newsletter gives updates in all operational areas of Suffolk Police and is worth a read for local updates follow the link below to get there.

www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/ceo_constables_county_january_online.pdf

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Latest Covid Information Update

From 24th February

People with Covid are not legally required to self-isolate, guidance recommend that those who test positive stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least five full days.

Self-isolation support payments of £500 for those on low incomes have stopped.

Routine contact tracing has ended, people in contact with someone with Covid will no longer be advised to self-isolate or take daily tests.

Workers are not required to tell their employer if they need to self-isolate.

Proposed changes from the start of April

PCR and lateral flow Covid tests will no longer be free for most people except for 75's and over 12's with weekend immune systems, everyone else will have to buy a test from pharmacists or retailers.

Free PCR tests will not be available to people with Covid symptoms from April, except for a small number of at-risk groups, further details on this are to be announced soon.

Free testing will remain for social care workers with Covid symptoms and Sajid Javid has confirmed that NHS staff will still get their free tests.

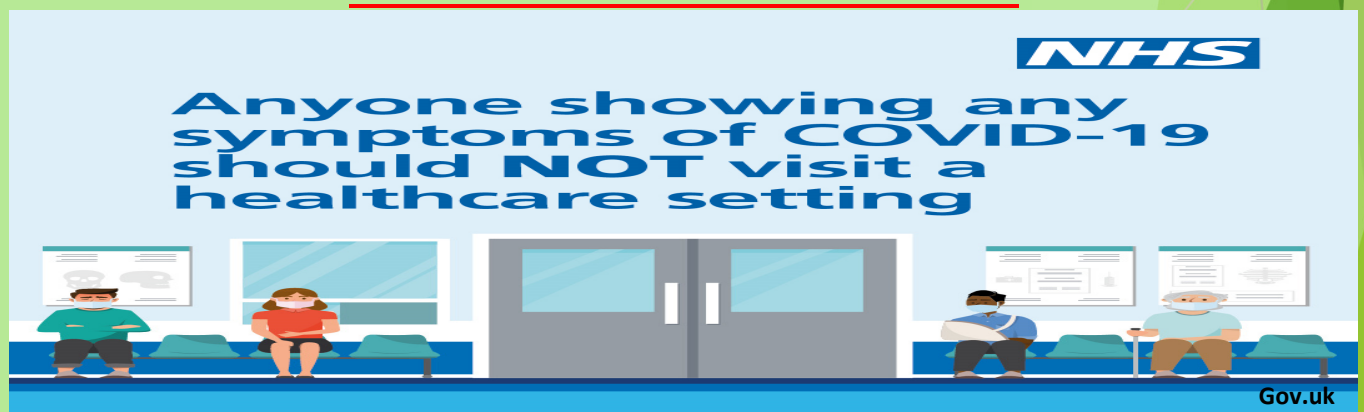
Covid passports will only be recommended for International travel.

Over 75's and people with weakened immune systems will be offered an extra Covid booster jab in the spring, six months after the last one.

The Government says that it will be possible to scale up testing and tracing operations again , if needed.

The Law which required people in England with Covid to self-isolate has now been lifted

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Pinewood Parish Council – Contact us at:

Pinewood Community Hall, Laburnum Close, Ipswich, IP8 3SL

Contact the Parish Clerk

via post, email or by calling 01473 692690

Pinewood Parish Council Meeting Dates 2022

Meetings normally take place at the Pinewood Community Hall
starting on the second Monday of each Month,
commencing at 7.30pm.

Future Parish Council meetings in 2022 are planned to take place on
the following dates: 14th March - 11th April - 9th May

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News and reports from non-political and Parish organisations are particularly welcomed for insertion in the newsletter. Contentious issues or articles promoting personal causes should be avoided. The Editor reserves the right not to print and to edit items submitted for publication. The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council or Editor, and no liability can be accepted for any errors or omissions. Corrections will be published should they occur

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| Police Connect – Website | Go to web Site | www.suffolk.police.uk |
| Ask The Police | None | https://www.askthe.police.uk/ |
| Suffolk SAFEkey | 08444 121802 | www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk |
| Anglian Water | 0345 791 9155 | www.anglianwater.co.uk |
| Emergency Trades Persons | 0333 0146 190 | www.checkatrade.com |
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| Ipswich Borough Council | 01473 432000 | www.ipswich.gov.uk |
| Suffolk Trading Standards | 0345 404 0506 | www.suffolk.gov.uk/tradingstandards |
| Suffolk One | 01473 556600 | www.suffolkone.ac.uk |
| Age UK – Website | 0800 169 2081 | www.ageuk.org.uk |
| Suffolk Meals on Wheels | 01473 749927 | www.aspectliving.org.uk |
| British Gas - Emergency | 0800 111 999 | www.britishgas.co.uk |
| Electricity – Emergency | 105 | www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk |
| Report Road Defects | Report on line | www.suffolk.gov.uk |
| British Telecom Cust Service | 0870 062 6712 | www.bt.com/help/home/faults/ |
| Ips Household Waste Centre April- September 9am to 5pm October – March 9am to 4pm | You must book a time slot on line. | www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/waste-and-recycling/book-a-recycling-centre-time-slot/ |