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## Babergh East Safer Neighbourhood Team

Welcome to this month's Police news item

Whilst I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, I must also say that 2016 is one for change as far as Suffolk Police and your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Police Stations are concerned.

I expect most of you have heard on the radio, seen on local TV and read in the media, that Suffolk Police are having to restructure and enforce job cuts due to the need to make savings of £20.5 million from its budget by 2020.

### **What effect does this have on your community?**

1. Safer Neighbourhood Teams will reduce from 29 to 18.
2. PCSO's will be cut from 166 to 98
3. 26 Police Officers will not be replaced when they retire or leave in the next four months.
4. Only 3 main Police Stations will open their doors to the members of the Public: - Ipswich (Museum Street), Lowestoft and Bury.

Community policing is the most crucial link between the Police and the Public. This loss of ground level community contact is where the Police learn about people we live amongst, and pick up information that can be developed to fight crime and reduce risks to us all in today's changed world. Therefore, the loss of public access to Police Stations and PCSO's to your community will mean that it will be more challenging to maintain our current links with the public.

In real terms, for us the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Hadleigh/Capel (Babergh East) in the new restructure will consist of:-

1 x Sgt, 2 x PC's, 4 x PCSO's

Safer Neighbourhood Team at Sudbury, (Sudbury & Cornard, Babergh West SNT will consist of:-

1 x Sgt, 3 x PC's, 5 x PCSO's

Whilst this uncertainty affects us immediately, we will of course keep you updated once decisions / areas / cover and response is finalised.

Members of the public are still encouraged to report crime to us via 101 for non-emergency calls and 999 for emergency calls.

Hopefully, until next month, please feel free to contact us at Babergh East with any issues you may have.

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