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Babergh East Safer Neighbourhood Team



Welcome to this month's Police news item.

Halloween is coming up at the end of the month as well as bonfire night at the beginning of November; please consider others on both of these nights and all can have a good time. Suffolk Police are urging you to consider the effect your actions may have on others this Halloween and Bonfire Night – and to respect those may not want to take part in the festivities.

Traditionally both Halloween and Bonfire nights are busy for police with a large number of calls during the end of October and beginning of November relating to anti-social behaviour by a minority who take trick or treating too far and firework-related incidents.

We want people to enjoy their Halloween and Bonfire night celebrations but we also want those taking part to have consideration for others.

There is a need for everyone taking part to behave responsibly. We would ask parents to ensure they supervise their children, for their own safety and to ensure they do not call at addresses where the occupants do not want to take part and that anyone trick or treating only visits homes where they know the residents. Most residents that do like to take part normally have some form of Halloween gimmick outside their property. Halloween and Bonfire night can be genuinely scary for many older residents - please don't cause them any unnecessary distress. There is a line between high spirits and anti-social behaviour and we are well aware there are small minorities who will ignore our appeals and we will be out trying to cause trouble.

A series of posters has been produced which address the issues surrounding Halloween. One is designed for those who do not want to take part while another asks parents if they would normally let their children call on a stranger's home unsupervised. These posters will be put up around the county and are being widely distributed to schools and businesses, (look out for these nearer the time in your local shops, also at Hadleigh police station).

Don't forget the clocks will go back at the end of the month.

This is a little reminder I use to remember which way and when to change the clocks: - spring forward (1 hour forward in the spring time) and fall back (1 hour back in the fall/autumn)

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