

Minutes of the Roydon Annual Parish Meeting April 17th 2024

Held at the Village Hall, High Road, Roydon at 7.30pm

Councillors Present – Trevor Ault (Chair), Stephen Finch (Vice Chair), Paul Curson, Jane Jennifer, Andrew Daniels, Keith Best.

District Councillors Present – Graham Minshull, Kieran Murphy

Other – Emma Chandler (Parish Clerk) and 30 members of the public

The Annual Parish Meeting is held every year between 1st March and the 31st May.

Roydon Parish Council have decided to hold an informal meeting whereby tables and chairs are placed around the room with an information sheet about the council activities on each table. Councillors and residents sit in an informal manner across all of the tables to encourage conversation.

Cllr Ault welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself before asking all the councillors present to introduce themselves. Cllr Ault then highlighted the items that would be included in the meeting.

- a. An overview of council activities in the preceding year
- b. A talk from PC Andy Baker Beat Manager from Diss Police Station
- c. An update on the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Transmission Project.

- a. Cllr Ault talked briefly about the small reports from councillors that were available in the handout. See appendix 1.

He then talked briefly on the following subjects:

- Defibrillator – Cllr Curson highlighted that weekly checks are completed on the unit as per the guidelines. He also confirmed that the defibrillator had been used recently which resulted in the unit being unavailable for three days. All parts that needed replacement following the use are now in place and it is available for use. He highlighted that in order to use the unit that 999 needs to be called first to obtain the code to access the box. Once in use the unit then talks through the actions that should be made. Training on the use of defibrillators will be available next year.
- Planning - Councillor Ault mentioned that the council receives applications regarding various projects, and the council provides comments on each application, particularly focusing on those with significant impacts on the local community, such as Deal Farm and the NG Pylon Project. Regular updates from campaign groups related to the NG Pylon Project are received to ensure the council stays informed.

Regarding the development on Denmark Lane, councillors confirmed that the entire allocation is dedicated to affordable housing, in response to a query raised during the discussion. Additionally, it was mentioned that four more houses are planned to be built on Rouden Way.

Councillor Curson highlighted the importance of the archaeological surveys that take place before any development commences, given the area's rich history of bronze age artefacts.

- New Parish Clerk – Cllr Ault welcomed the new Clerk, Emma Chandler who has been with the council since July 2023. The Clerk who informed the room about her

qualifications and experience as a Clerk and noted that she was enjoying her time working for the Parish.

- The Loke – Th Council continues to look after the Loke, with a working party who maintain the pedestrian and cycle way with the permission of the Highways Department.
- Other activities – Cllr Ault highlighted other activities that the Council had organised over the last year including:
 - Big Green Week
 - Winter Green Day
 - Three very well attended litter picks which covered the whole parish.
 - Four Roydon Round ups delivered to all houses in the Parish. Thanks were given to Cllr Finch for designing and writing the round up and all of the volunteers who help to deliver them to every house.

b. Police Presentation

Police Constable Andy Baker, Beat Manager from Diss Police Station gave a presentation from the recent priority setting meeting held in Diss. See Appendix 2

PC Baker then took questions from members of the public and councillors. The following questions were asked:

- Why can we not visit the police station at any time?
Following an extensive review it was found that there were very few visits to the police station as more people are using the online facilities and it was therefore not a cost effective use of funds to keep the station open to the public.
- Why do we not see Police on the Beat in Roydon?
The team do conduct beat visits to the area but this is generally on bicycles at more area can be covered. They do not have a large team and have many duties so they are doing the best that they can to serve the community.
- Do the police still conduct welfare visits?
Each case is dealt with on an individual basis.
- How can we dispose of household knives?
Resident was advised to email to sort out a time that they can be delivered to the Police Station.
- What can be done about parking around the Rugby Club as it is getting very dangerous.
Resident was advised that this is no longer a police enforcement responsibility as this now lies with the District Council. PC Baker did however say that he would contact the Rugby Club to discuss the matter. District Councillor Minshull asked if there was photographic evidence of the parking (there is) advised to send to the Clerk so that she could forward to Cllr Minshull for action.
- Questions were raised about speeding in certain areas.
PC Baker confirmed that black boxes can be used to gather data in some areas to ascertain if there was a need for further action (speed watch)
- What can be done about graffiti?
The police currently work with the local schools and look at past complaints to ascertain possible offenders. Cllr Curson did also highlight that if there are problems these should be reported to the Clerk with the possibility for the Council to rectify.

Finally, PC Baker encouraged the use of online forms for reporting crimes that were not an immediate emergency. He also advised the use of the 101 in the event of a non-

emergency incident. PC Baker remained at the meeting and took further questions from individuals at the end of the meeting.

- c. Cllr Ault gave a brief overview of what has happened so far regarding the Norwich to Tilbury Transmission Project. He explained that the third consultation stage has now commenced which is the statutory consultation.

There have been changes to the plans from previous consultations and this consultation now includes a short underground portion of the intended line as well as the overhead pylons. The consultation ends on the 18th June and everyone is encouraged to put forward their comments to the consultation before this time.

Cllr Ault confirmed that the Parish Council will hold an extra meeting dedicated to this matter in week beginning the 20th May 2024. The date and time will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting and advertised as much as possible. The reason for the meeting being nearer the end of the consultation period is for the council to gather as much information as possible from the campaign groups opposing the plans so that the Parish Council can formulate their comments for the consultation together with the views and opinions of the residents.

Cllr Ault thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9pm.



Roydon Parish Council

A summary of activities

May 2023 - May 2024

Councillors & Clerk

Councillors: Trevor Ault (Chair), Stephen Finch (Vice-Chair), Keith Best, Angela Brown, Paul Curson, Andrew Daniels, Jane Jennifer, Pam Murton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Clerk: Emma Chandler.

Chair's introduction

Cllr Trevor Ault:

Roydon Parish Council meets in public in the Parish Room most months on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. This is where issues are discussed and decisions taken.

In between times, there are a number of groupings, sometimes a mix of councillors and residents, who put into action the decisions taken, and councillors give progress reports at council meetings.

Summaries of the past year's work within some of these groups is given in this newsletter. Many thanks to all councillors and residents involved. The Council continues to organise regular litter picks helping to keep our village tidy. The support from residents has been brilliant and our thanks go to all who join in, whether on the day or in their own time.

Flooding

Flooding has been a significant problem at various locations across the parish this winter as a result of exceptionally heavy rainfall.

We held a meeting with South Norfolk Council officers to review several of these hot-spots and requested a second to visit those we couldn't visit because of time, but this has taken longer to arrange than hoped.

Parish council volunteers were able to act on some of the issues highlighted, such as improving drainage off roads into ditches. However, in a number of areas we are reliant on landowners to maintain ditches and carry out other work and are waiting on South Norfolk to write to them to

ensure this is carried out. In other cases we have asked the county council to clear long-blocked drains. Further updates on actions to reduce flooding will be published in the Roydon Round Up.

Verges group

Cllr Trevor Ault:

The group of councillor and resident volunteers work to keep parts of the village green and safe for the public, while preserving and enhancing biodiversity. So we do just enough gardening and tidying to look after and encourage a variety of habitats.

We work in three places:

1. The big verge opposite the church (in three wall recesses) – planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers, and cutting grass once or twice a year.
2. Swamp Lane (north side) – only cutting back brambles etc when they encroach on to the path and get in the way of walkers and cyclists.
3. Roydon Loke (the old Denmark Lane running west from Rowden Way) – cutting back brambles etc for safety and to prevent them from layering into grassy and wildflower areas. This year we have also planted trees.

Brewers Green

Brewers Green Management Committee

members: Cllrs Trevor Ault, Keith Best, Angela Brown, Paul Curson and Elizabeth Taylor and four residents.

Routine management has continued on Brewers Green in the past year. A grant was obtained which funded the coppicing of a large willow by the Fishing Pond that had extensive rot in its trunk.

Subsequently, high winds in January brought down another large willow at the pond, the remaining trunk of which will be left in position to decay naturally.

A number of working parties for general maintenance were arranged by the committee and work was carried out to clear drainage channels in view of the recent flooding issues.

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP):

Delegates on the DDNP Steering Group: Cllrs Paul Curson, Jane Jennifer, Trevor Ault

After many public consultations over the years and an independent examination that reported back in July 2023, the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) was made (adopted) by South Norfolk District Council and Mid-Suffolk District Council on 16 October 2023.

This followed a local referendum across all seven parishes in the DDNP on Thursday 28 September, where 84% of those voting did so in favour of the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for both South Norfolk Council and Mid-Suffolk District Council areas, and is used in the determination of planning applications within the neighbourhood area.

Our thanks go to all who helped Roydon Parish Council through the long but worthwhile process and to everyone who voted on 28 September 2023.

Allotments

Cllr Angela Brown:

Over the past year we've had a few people vacate their allotments and we've welcomed new tenants, who've taken them on.

We have 20 small plots and four full-sized ones on the site on Snow Street. There has been a lot of wet weather this year but luckily we don't seem to have had any flooding problems, although getting to the allotments would've involved going through floodwaters on nearby roads on some occasions.

The ditch alongside the site was dug out and the banks cleared of ivy and fallen branches. The work was carried out by the farmer, who also cleared the neighbouring field of pine trees making the plots more open than they were. The wind will blow through more than before.

In the high winds, of which there were several, a tree was blown down across the driveway but this was cleared quickly with minimum disruption with the help of a local resident. The site continues to be one with good soil and is well laid out, surrounded by tranquil fields - a good place to have an allotment.

Footpath group:

Cllrs Jane Jennifer and Trevor Ault

Our thanks to all landowners who keep our Public Rights of Way (PRoW) accessible through regular hedge maintenance and to those walkers who considerately carry secateurs to help snip back brambles etc as they walk. Those volunteer residents who truly go above and beyond and actually take a lawnmower or strimmer to the paths deserve an extra special thank you.

Responsibility for keeping our Public Rights of Way accessible lies with the landowners whose land they run through but sometimes a bit of community spirit can help things along! We formed an RPC Footpath Group in December 2020, responding to particular concerns within the parish about some of our PRoWs which weren't kept as clear or accessible as we would like.

Since then, small groups of councillors and residents have helped landowners restore or clear access which had reduced over time. Where needed, Roydon PC liaised with Norfolk Trails to carry out repairs to the Angles Way where it runs through Roydon, and with the County Council's (NCC) Countryside Access Officer when the issues are beyond our remit. Thanks to our reports and NCC's responses, we have more fingerposts and waymarkers in place than we had in 2020, plus five new ditch bridges. The footpath connecting Baynards Lane and Snow Street remains too narrow to be easily walked but slow progress is being made and we are waiting on help from NCC's Countryside Access Officer.

We formally closed our Footpath Group at March's RPC meeting as all straightforward matters are now resolved. We continue to follow up the more complicated matters that can't be resolved by RPC but which lie at County level. Thank you to everyone who helped the effort to get Roydon's PRoW back in order. The longer-term aspects of this job continue!

Defibrillator

Cllr Paul Curson:

The parish council's defibrillator is situated on the front wall of the village hall. Its condition is checked weekly and the checks recorded with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

The parish council has a contract with the Trust to provide replacement items for the defibrillator as required.

South Norfolk District

Diss Public Meeting

Monday 8th APRIL 2024



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY

Our Priority is You



Agenda

1. Introduction – Microsoft Teams as a platform
2. The Team
3. Crime figures
4. Current priorities & feedback
5. Priority setting discussion
6. Plans going forwards
7. Questions

Our Priority is You

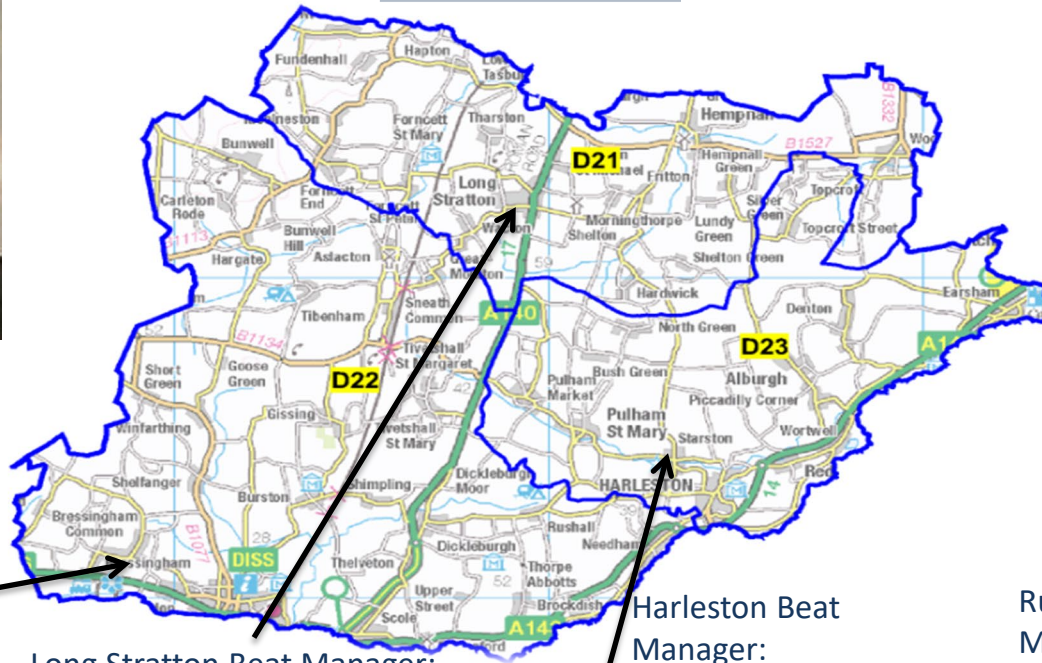


Meet the Team



Inspector

Andy TERRY



Diss Beat Manager:
PC Andy Baker



Long Stratton Beat Manager:
PC Tom HALL



Harleston Beat
Manager:
PC Steve Phillips



Safer

Neighbourhood:
Sgt James Butler

Rural Crime Beat
Manager:
PC James King



Our Priority is You



Towns and Parishes

Diss, Bressingham and Fersfield,
Burston and Shimpling, The
Heywood, Roydon, Thelveton
and Shelfanger

Previous Priorities

1. Road safety
2. Nuisance Related ASB
3. Burglary/theft

PC Andy Baker
Diss Beat Manager



Our Priority is You



Team

6 x Area Inspector
6 x Sergeants
24 x Constables
3 x Dog Handlers
2 x Admin Staff
1 x Volunteers

Police Stations

Diss
Harleston
Long Stratton



Our Priority is You



Recent Activities & Engagements



Over 207 High visibility patrols & public engagements conducted in last 90 days

Speed enforcement

Public street surgeries



High Visibility foot patrols targeting ASB

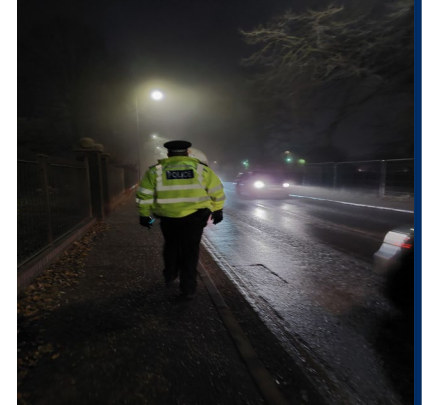
Youth Club and school engagement talks around personal, online and road safety

Supporting public events across the district

Proactive work led to the conviction and custodial sentence for an offender

Partnership work with councils in regards to resolutions for neighbour disputes.

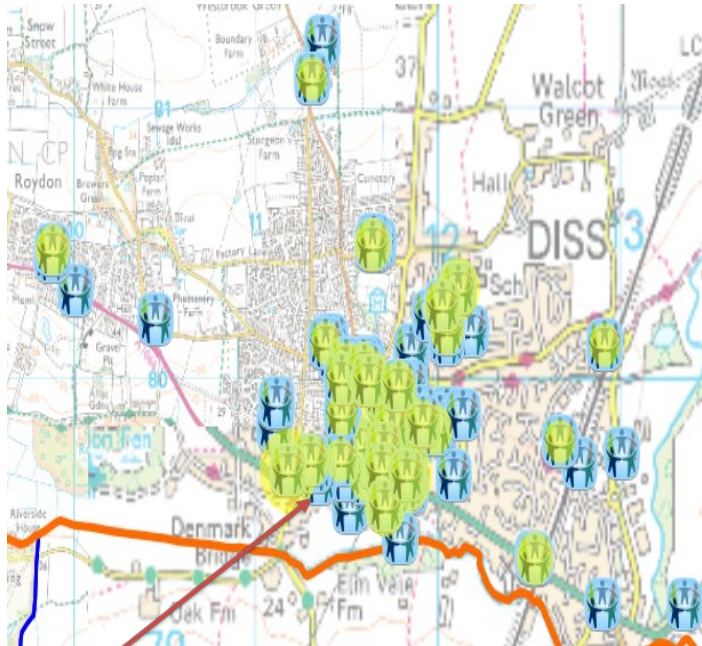
Supported response officers with volume crime investigations and protecting vulnerable people.



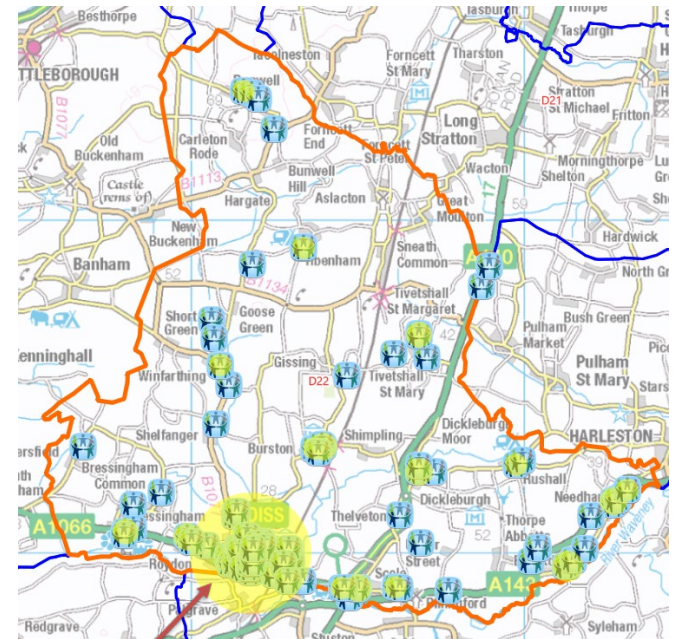
Our Priority is You



Engagement Map



More than one Engagement Event



Engagement Event

Our Priority is You



Recorded Crime for the last three months.

Crime type	Total
ASB	3
Bicycle Theft	4
Burglary - Business and Community	3
Criminal Damage	16
Domestic	20
Hate Incident	1
Possession of drugs	4
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	2
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	2
Theft from a Vehicle	4
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle	1
Total	60

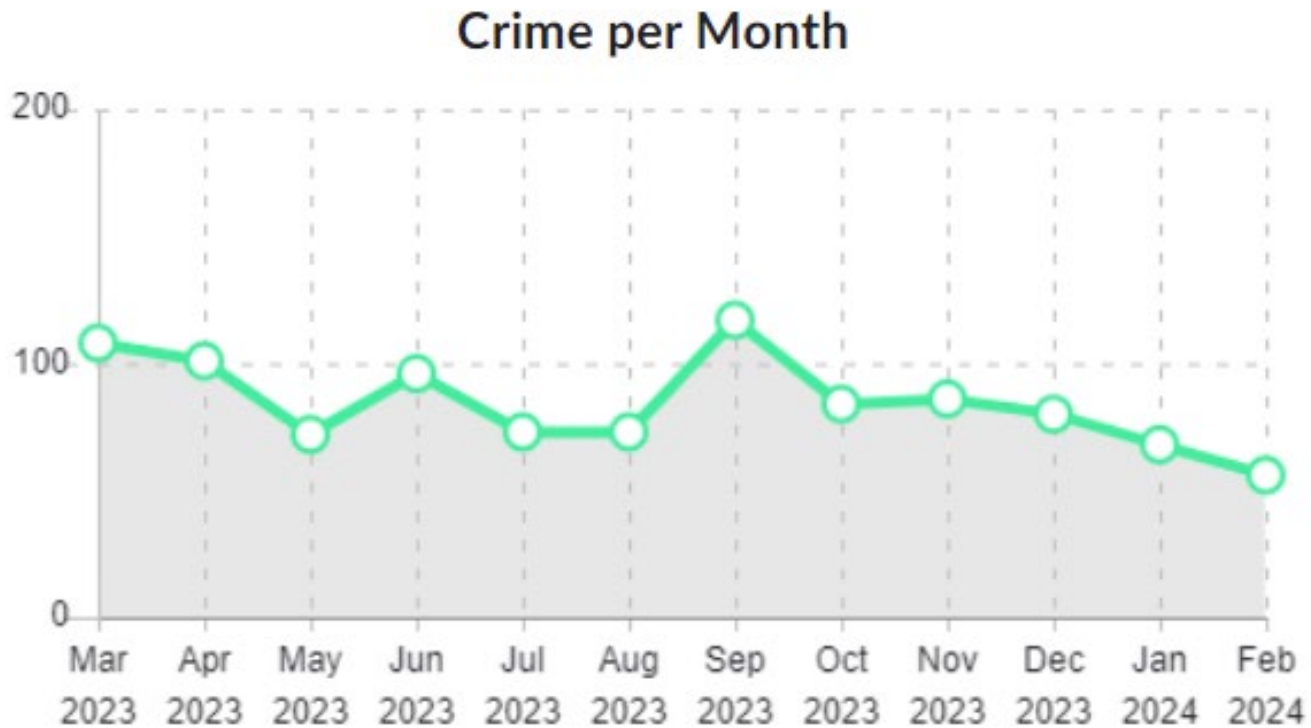
Previous period.

Crime type	Total
ASB	6
Bicycle Theft	1
Burglary - Business and Community	4
Criminal Damage	20
Domestic	22
Hate Incident	1
Possession of drugs	5
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	10
Robbery of Personal Property	1
Theft from a Vehicle	1
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle	1
Total	72

Our Priority is You



Crime Trends

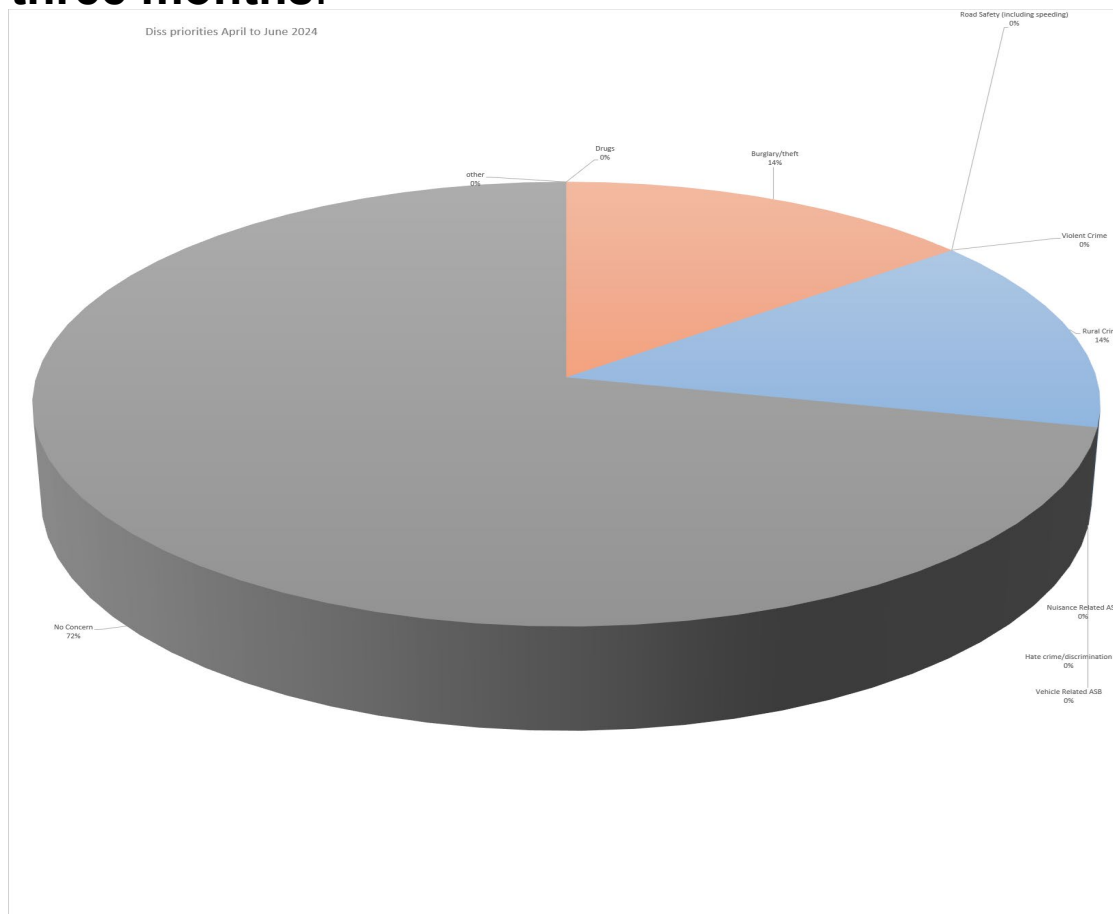


Our Priority is You

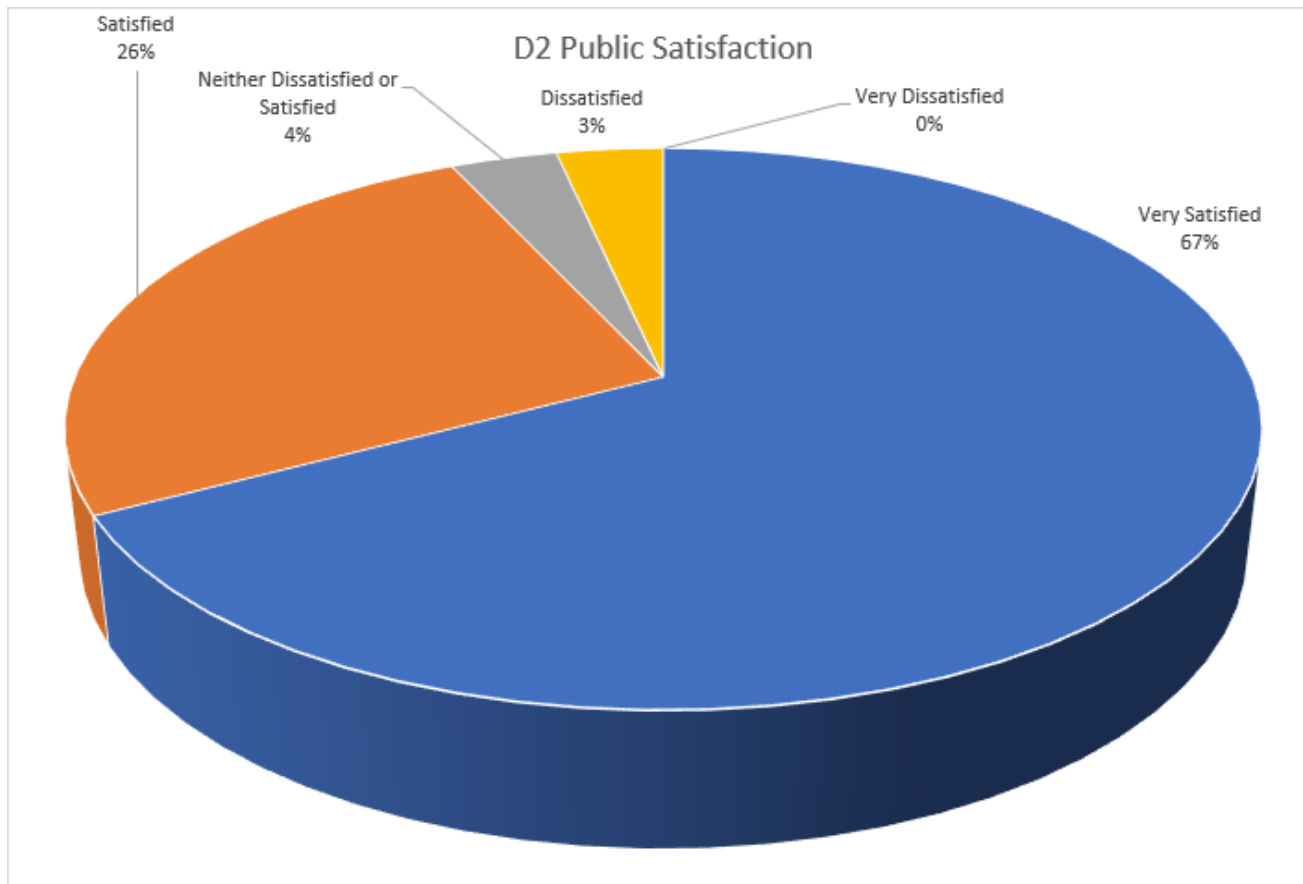


Priorities for the next three months.

- Burglary/theft 14%
- Rural Crime 14%
- Road safety 0%



Our Priority is You



Our Priority is You

Thank you

www.norfolk.police.uk

If you have any queries please

email us at:

SNTDiss@Norfolk.police.uk



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY

Our Priority is You

