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Suffolk Business Newsletter December 2016

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Click on the hyperlinks for full details:

[Could You Be Special in 2017?](#)

Suffolk Police are launching a New Year #CouldYouBeSpecial campaign to attract recruits into the Special Constabulary. A number of videos have been produced which highlight the inspirational stories of three serving Suffolk Specials, based in Ipswich, Lowestoft and Stowmarket.

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore said, "I am a great supporter of the fantastic work that our Specials carry out across the county every day; they are an integral part of policing in the county and we are very grateful for the fantastic support they provide across a wide breadth of operational policing.

"I welcome #CouldYouBeSpecial campaign to attract recruits into the Special Constabulary and would encourage anyone who is interested to get in touch."

A web-chat is being held on Thursday 5 January between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about what being a Special is all about.

[Employers Supported Policing Scheme](#)

Our Employer Supported Policing (ESP) scheme is an initiative that encourages businesses and police to work together to support their staff to become special constables.

This national scheme is already proving successful bringing numerous benefits to employers, employees and the local community.

Businesses on board in Suffolk are: BT/Open Reach, AXA, Willis, Forestry Commission, Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils, Network Rail, Adnams and British Gas.

[Police and Crime Commissioner launches a campaign to ensure a fairer](#)

settlement for Suffolk.

Tim Passmore is launching a campaign to get public support to make a case to Government for a fairer settlement for Suffolk. To support the PCC's call for a fairer share please go to www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk.

If you support the campaign responses should be sent to fairshareforsuffolk@suffolk.pnn.police.uk by Friday 20th January.

Man and boy charged in connection with burglary

Police investigating a burglary that took place at a business premises have charged a man and a boy in connection with the incident. Entry was forced to the building on Meredith Road, Ipswich sometime between 12 and 14 November and two charity boxes were reported stolen.

Man charged after robbery

Police have charged a 27 year old man in connection with a robbery that took place earlier this week in Ipswich. Officers were called on Wednesday 21 December at around 1:15pm to the Co-operative store on Woodbridge Road. It was reported that one man entered the business and approached a shop worker. He held something which appeared to be a gun, concealed beneath a sock, and demanded money. It is thought an undisclosed quantity of cash was then stolen and that the suspect fled the scene on foot in the direction of the town centre. No one was injured in the incident.

Tools stolen from Transit vans

Police are urging drivers to be vigilant in keeping their vehicles secure following reports of thefts of equipment from transit vans in and around the Sudbury area.

Civic chains stolen from Southwold

Additional images of stolen civic chains have been released by detectives investigating a theft at the Town Hall in Southwold.

The break-in took place sometime between Friday 2 and Monday 5 December at the address on Market Place.

Six reported for hare-coursing

Six people have been reported for the offence of hare coursing following an incident in Mid Suffolk. Police were called on Thursday 8 December, to reports of a group of people with dogs and two vehicles, on a field near to Lyle Close in Elmswell.

Appeal after fail to stop collision

A 50-year-old man from east London, who was arrested in connection with a fatal road traffic collision in Hitcham, has been released on bail. Officers were called at around 1pm on Tuesday 29 November to reports of a collision between a cyclist and a vehicle on Finborough Road. The vehicle – believed to be a white lorry – failed to stop following the collision.

Generator stolen from Barrow

Police are appealing for information after a generator was stolen from a construction site in Barrow. The incident took place sometime between 4pm on Friday 25 and 11am Saturday 26 November at the site in Barrow Hill.