



**SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY**  
*Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe*

The Parish of Redlingfield has had one reported crime for the year which is pleasing to note. This represents a 50% reduction from the previous year. The crime for the year was –

1 x Theft

This was of an emergency blue light from the roof of vehicle belonging to the Fire Service.

Police Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore has decided to raise the Policing element of your council tax by 6p a week for the year ahead. For the past two years, the policing element of Suffolk's council tax precept has been frozen, but this year the PCC felt in view of the financial challenges we are facing and the enormous demand the Constabulary is managing, he should implement a small increase of just less than 2%.

The Constabulary is required to make significant cuts to its budget as a result of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. Current figures show that £20.5 million must be saved by 2020. For the year ahead; there will be a reduction of 83 Police Officer posts and 41 Police Staff posts. This is a significant challenge as we are already one of the lowest cost forces in England and Wales, spending 80% of our budget on people. It is therefore inevitable that we will have to become a significantly smaller organization to achieve the savings required.

PC Jacqui Thomas left as one of your local Officers in October and there will not be a replacement. Sergeant Tony Watts retired one month ago and Sergeant Kieron Pederick is currently temporarily in charge as well as the Mid Suffolk South team. It is understood that a new permanent Sergeant will be in place in June

Regards

PCSO 3172 Steven Long



For those of you who engage in Social Media, Mid Suffolk Police now have a Twitter account. This is regularly updated with crime prevention advice, crime information, witness appeals and other local policing news. You can access the account at [www.twitter.com/@MidSuffPolice](http://www.twitter.com/@MidSuffPolice).

*(N.B Crime figures are as guide only, official figures are released in April of each year.)*

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