

Community message

Chief Constable Paul Sanford

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I am really proud to be serving as Norfolk's Chief Constable until the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner recruits a permanent replacement.

Until that time, I will be focussed on providing an exceptional service to all of our communities and protecting residents from harm, particularly those who are vulnerable.

I have served in Norfolk throughout my policing career and have helped deliver the strong foundations on which Norfolk Constabulary currently stands. I want to continue providing strong leadership which will enable officers and staff to provide that exceptional service and a standard of policing everyone can have confidence in.

In order to do that it is vital we are visible and accessible to all. We want to engage and connect with all our local communities to understand their concerns and, where issues are identified, work with those communities to provide solutions and prevent crime from happening in the first place.

Over the coming months, officers will be encouraged to Park, Walk, Talk – parking up in our towns and villages, spending some time walking around the local community and talking to local residents.

I want people to be able to approach our officers within their community and tell us what is happening in your local area. Our officers will then feedback any issues or concerns to the local Beat Managers.

If you miss our officers on patrol and you do have any concerns, then I would encourage you to contact your local Beat Manager directly so we can respond to community issues effectively. You can find out who the local Beat Manager is for your area by visiting the Norfolk Police website.

We will also continue with our robust response in tackling criminals and proactively target those who cause the most harm to our communities, such as County Lines drug dealing. Only last week I was proud to honour officers and staff who have been central to closing down these drug lines at source.

However, our work will not stop there and we will continue to work with the Metropolitan Police to identify and prosecute criminals – and with partner agencies under Project Adder, focussing on drug users to combat the demand for drugs.

Looking ahead, I know the past 18 months have been challenging for everyone and as the country starts to open up again, we can expect a busy summer – especially for our coastal and tourist spots as more people are expected to take a UK holiday. However, we cannot be too complacent, we have seen infections slowly rising and whilst we want people to enjoy the summer, please do so responsibly.

We will be there for our communities throughout the summer. Our role is to serve the communities we protect and make people feel safe – and we are committed to working with you to achieve that.



Contact us through our social media channels



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talk to your local beat Manager