

NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING WAS ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY IN OUR TOWN HALL

AS USUAL FOR DOWNHAM THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE ATTENDING THAN OTHER VENUES .

WE WERE INTRODUCED TO ANOTHER NEW POLICEMAN FOR DOWNHAM TOWN CENTRE, PC LEE MACPHERSON.

FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL JANUARY THE POLICE FOLLOWED A GOVERNMENT LED PROGRAMME CONCENTRATING ON RETAIL AND STREET CRIME..THEY MADE **531** PATROLS AND **218** FOOT PATROLS. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST DETECTION RATE OF RETAIL CRIME IN THE UK.

THE DETECTION OF RETAIL CRIME HAS BEEN HELPED BY THE ADOPTION OF SHOP WATCH IN DOWNHAM, ITS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES, SOME SHOPS HAVE SIGNED UP TO IT. PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED DURING THIS PERIOD

I WORKED IN A STORE IN KINGS LYNN. WE USED THIS SYSTEM IT WORKED VERY WELL. SHOPS RADIO OTHER BUSINESSES WHEN SOMEONE SUSPECTED OF SHOP LIFTING COMES INTO THEIR PLACE TO WARN THEM. .

OUR POLICE WANT TO PREVENT CRIME AND VISIT SCHOOLS ETC ENGAGING WITH THE STUDENTS ATTENDING ASSEMBLIES

IN DOWNHAM NOT ONLY WAS THE £17,000 GOODS TAKEN AWAY FROM A BUSINESS THEIR VAN WAS REMOVED AS WELL.

#### **CRIME STATISTICS DECEMBER 2025**

VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL OFFENCES	46
OTHER THEFT	15
ASB	14
CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND ARSON	13

THE PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS IS RURAL CRIME ACROSS WEST NORFOLK. DEDICATED PATROLS IN RURAL AREAS.

ANOTHER PRIORITY IS THE TACKLING OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACROSS WEST NORFOLK. WORKING WITH TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS ACROSS HOTSPOT AREAS AND PATROLLING TOWN CENTRES.

I HOPE YOU ALL WILL HAVE NOTICED THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED LESS ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR RECENTLY IN OUR TOWN CENTRE. THANKS TO THE WORK OF THE POLICE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE INVOLVED AND DEALING WITH AS APPROPRIATE.

I WOULD CONFIRM WHAT CLLR.WILES SAID IN HIS LAST REPORT CRIMESTOPPERS TEL 0800 555 111 IS ANONYMOUS AND IS THE BEST ROUTE TO REPORT ANY CRIMES THAT ARE NOT URGENT. THE POLICE RECEIVE DETAILS OF ALL CALLS. OTHERWISE CALL 999..

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON 26TH APRIL 2026 THE VENUE IS TO BE CONFIRMED.