

We're changing the way we provide updates on crime and policing matters to our communities.

We know there's lots of advantages to knowing what's happening in your local area; being informed means you can take preventative measures and might be able to help us solve crime.

This work forms part of a wider review around how we interact with our communities, which includes a public engagement survey that launched earlier last month.

We want to better understand how and when our communities want to hear from us, the type of information they're interested in, while making sure this information is shared in places that people are most likely to see it.

As part of this, we will be making some short-term changes to our monthly parish newsletters. These will now be published in line with local SNAP Priority Setting Meetings.

Previously we've shared more than 90 updates with parishes across the county, which feature messages from local Beat Managers and Engagement Officers as well as Safer Neighbourhood Team contact details, meeting dates and crime data from the previous month.

The crime data we provide in these updates is limited and in the short-term moving forward, we will no longer provide this as part of the newsletter.

However, you can still access crime data in your local area through the national police website www.police.uk/your-area/norfolk-constabulary - this link takes you to Norfolk Constabulary's page where you can then select your local neighbourhood and initial feedback in the survey suggests people find this useful. Crime data that we provide to police.uk is featured in many ways, including an interactive map where you can see what crimes have been reported and where, giving you more detail than before.

Our engagement survey runs until 7 June after which we will be reviewing the results which will influence the way we communicate with the public, including the newsletters.

We'll start to share updated newsletters from June and in the meantime, there's plenty of ways to keep updated with news and updates from your local police.

You can follow our district Twitter and Facebook accounts which feature updates from local officers on policing activity and see the latest news on the Norfolk Police website (www.norfolk.police.uk).

To find out who your local officer is and how to contact them, visit the Norfolk Police website and search in 'your area' and then select 'Speak to the team'.