

Stradbroke & Laxfield Annual Police Report

For Period 19th of April 2020 to 19th April 2021.

Suffolk Constabulary has recorded a total of 26 investigations for Stradbroke for this period which compares with 36 for the same period for the preceding twelve months. This represents a reduction in recorded investigations of 27.3%.

Although the data shows most crimes in Stradbroke for this period to be Violence / Sexual Offences, most of these are minor assaults between people known to each other & do not pose a risk to the greater community. Also included in this category are domestic incidents and those involving threats of violence not carried out.

April 2020 – 1 x violence or Sexual offences (Barley Green)

May 2020 – 1 x Violence or sexual offence

June 2020 – 5 x Anti-Social Behaviour

July 2020 – 2 x Violence or Sexual Offences, 1 x ASB

August 2020 – 1 x Violence or Sexual Offence

September 2020 – 0

October 2020 – 1 x Violence or Sexual Offence

November 2020 – 3 x Violence or Sexual Offences, 1 x Criminal Damage / Arson, 1 x Theft

December 2020 – 1 x ASB, 1 x Theft, 1 x Violence or Sexual Offence

January 2021 – 3 x Violence or Sexual Offence

February 2021 – 0

March 2021 – 3 x Criminal Damage

April 2021 – 0

Total = 26 Investigations

Please can I also draw attention to the Suffolk Constabulary crime reduction resource which can be found on the 'First Principle' page of the Constabulary website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>



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April 2021

The last year has certainly been a challenging one for us all. School is more than just about academic learning, and the impact of the missed social aspects of school is harder felt and also harder to rectify for young people.

The school has tried to maintain as much normality as possible for the students, whilst also being mindful of the impact the pandemic has had on them. Overall, the students' engagement with online learning and virtual registration was fantastic, and for so many of them they have continued to make excellent progress.

The time in school has been valued, and to see their smiling faces when we returned from both the first and second closure has been heart-warming. As I said in a letter to parents, a "school without its students has lost its soul".

The students have adapted, as they always do, to the new challenges and routines and I have been so proud of their positivity about the future. We are slowly reintroducing extracurricular activities like the Duke of Edinburgh Award and sports activities, as the guidance allows, and are hopeful that we will all be able to come together on the school field for sports day and welcome year 6 for their taster day.

Despite all the challenges and negative press about "lost learning" the future looks bright for our students and, as always, we strive to provide our students with as many opportunities as we can to prepare them for life after Stradbroke.

Mrs Karen Millar
Headteacher



The Stradbroke Monthly has had an interesting year.

The COVID 19 pandemic has clearly impacted everyone in Stradbroke and beyond, and for some, including The Stradbroke Monthly, it has been a time to really step up as an important community information resource.

During the first lockdown The Monthly was unable to be delivered as quite rightly following the rules, the delivery team were not in a position to go door to door, so we went online only and created a slim version for readers to print out and share with any neighbours who were unable to view the newsletter on the internet.

The Stradbroke Monthly was able to share important Public Health messages as well as signpost villagers to practical local support such as Waveney Foodbank, Good Neighbours and the 'Home but not Alone' SCC initiative. The lack of submissions – as there was nothing really happening – was a bit of a challenge at times, but we have always been able to find important information from local councils and support services to share.

We decided at this point that as we were not physically printing the newsletter that we would suspend advertising costs and extend the advertising 'year' to compensate advertisers for the lack of physical distribution. Whilst an advert in the Stradbroke Monthly continues to be an inexpensive endeavour, we felt it was very important to extend this support to local businesses at a time when everything was so uncertain and many were facing their own challenges with trading.

Once we were back printing and delivering, it was very much business as new normal – the team meet over video conferencing now rather than over a cup of tea and cake, and the submitters are still subject to the national guidelines and rules for activities together. We are very hopeful that it will not be long before old normal service resumes in this respect.

As of April 2021 we are beginning to see a handful of local clubs and groups beginning to start up again and it is wonderful to be able to share their news and information. Please do support our village clubs and societies as a year of no activity will have been as frustrating for them as it has for us not being able to share their news and announcements!!

A big thank you as always goes to the delivery team, headed up by Jane Gemmill, the editors (Marianne and Claire) and the advertising coordinator (Odile) who have really worked hard to ensure the Monthly survives the pandemic and continues to be a reliable and consistent form of communicating information and news to the village. The Governance Board have been on hand at all times to support the production team and the newsletter continues to be a source of pride to all involved.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Monthly and you are interested in joining in, please do get in touch editors@stradbrokemonthly.co.uk

The Governance Board, Editors and Delivery Team of the Stradbroke Monthly



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Like every other Sports Club, Stradbroke Cricket Club has faced a challenging year because of Covid. Not being allowed to play the game we love proved difficult in another hot Summer. Fortunately we were able to complete eight friendlies later in the season. Experienced cricketers play from memory, able to overcome such setbacks, but the plight of Juniors is of more concern. The whole of the coaching programme throughout five local Primary Schools, was cancelled, as was 'All Stars Cricket' & the new initiative 'Dynamos Cricket' at the Club, meaning that a whole generation of prospective cricketers were not exposed to the game, and may be lost forever. The knock on effect can be a Club withering on the vine and ceasing to exist down the line.

The problems go beyond playing. Facilities need to be maintained whether they are used or not, and the Club needs to be insured. This costs money. With no match income, or fund raising, finances are tight. We even lost our sponsor last year. Thankfully, the Cricket Board, in association with the Government, made funds available in the form of Covid hardship grants. Stradbroke were fortunate to get an application in just before the scheme was suspended due to lack of funds, which has saved the Club, at a time when we have had to make structural repairs to the scoreboard/shed caused by the roots of the Poplar trees, as well as fixing damage caused by vandals, an ongoing problem!

It is not all bad news. The hardship grant has allowed us to restore the youth coaching, members have gone the extra mile, some even joining the Committee to share the delights of Zoom meetings, but perhaps the most heartening thing is the number of villagers who have enquired about the health of the Club, and even turned up at the field to watch some cricket. Feeling wanted during the months of isolation cannot be underestimated, convincing us that there is room in Stradbroke for a flourishing Cricket Club. We thank you.

Michael Hugman (Chairman)

All Saints Parish Church

We are pleased to report that the new heating has been installed in the Church. Services are taking place on a monthly basis, and the Church is now open every day.

Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbour Scheme is continuing, although obviously we haven't been as busy as usual for sometime, except for collecting prescriptions and doing some shopping with the help of some extra volunteers.

However, we are now also beginning to take people to appointments as things start to open up again.

We would like to thank all the drivers for their work.

Jane Gemmill

GN Committee

Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre – presenting on the night

Stradbroke Trust – presenting on the night

STRADBROKE WI - PRESIDENT – Linda Webb

Stradbroke Women's Institute (WI) has been operating in this village for almost 100 years, no mean feat in itself. Centenary celebrations will be planned in 3 years' time. However we need to attract a wider age range of Ladies who can help us shape & meet the educational & social needs of our diverse Community. We are so much more than Jam & Jerusalem; we fundraise supporting nominated charities & even get involved in voting on national resolutions, which could be anything from issues to do with Climate Change, Breast Cancer awareness & many more matters that affect us & our world.

It's an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends.....even during these challenging times, we have kept in touch with Newsletters, Quizzes & a Christmas visit.

Did you know that the organisation encourages any female not in fulltime education from 16 yrs. to 100+ to become a Member & there are many groups out there, that are thriving as a consequence.

So if we are to future proof Stradbroke WI, we need to know what the Ladies in our Community feel would bring them out of an evening - OR if this is not a suitable time, then we are open to suggestions providing there are sufficient numbers to make it viable.

Our Event Programme for the year 2021 can be located on the Village website & WI link. We currently (pre Pandemic) meet in the Community Centre on the 2nd Thursday in the month at 7.30pm. However, we do hope to be able to resume meetings in July.

Once we have dealt with any business matters, notices & correspondence, we settle down to be entertained/enlightened by our Guest Speaker for the evening & we have had some fantastic people from all over Norfolk/Suffolk. Examples include Bob and Nickie Wilden who in October 2019, came to tell us of the benefits of wool as a duvet and pillow filling. Their dog Jake helped a lot. Also in March 2020, Charlie Haylock gave an entertaining and humorous talk on the English Language and regional dialects.

After refreshments, birthdays are celebrated with flowers & our monthly raffle usually tempts us with wine, chocolates & much more.

Annual events such as our Summer Supper laid on by the Committee are not to be missed & the Christmas Dinner & entertainment is superb, & a wonderful excuse to dust off the posh frocks & bring along your husband, partner or friend.

We also have a number of clubs encompassing Books, Scrabble, Lunches out to name but a few. Our annual outing usually encompasses a Stately Home, Gardens & Afternoon tea, but new ideas are always welcome.

Organisations such as the WI are key in rural Communities such as ours, in providing a connection, a sense of belonging, friendship & support to others in a world that can sometimes make us feel isolated.

So what have you got to lose, give us a try, tell us how we can meet your needs & we look forward to welcoming new & returning members.

Email; seaglimpse & uwclub.net for more information or suggestions.

Be Part of our future.

Stradbroke Football Club

Equipment and funds are available for anyone who wishes to revive senior football in Stradbroke.

Stradbroke Youth Football Club

As for all clubs/teams this season has unfortunately been a very difficult one due to Covid-19.

When allowed, training has taken place with strict guidelines and some matches have been played.

Currently, we only have an Under 9s and Under 13s team, one playing in Sunday League and other on Saturday. We are keen to expand on this however we lack adult to allow this.

Therefore, if there is anyone out there, that would like to help with training on Thursday evenings and matches at the weekends, please contact me to discuss further.

We are very grateful for the Parish Council allowing us to have the continued use of the shed and Playing Fields and greatly appreciate our donation we received from them. Plus, a big thank you to the Cricket Club who keep the playing fields to a great standard.

We asked permission prior to Covid to do some work on the dugouts, we are hoping to look into this during the Summer.

Thanks to all from all Stradbroke Youth Football Committee

Sharon Muttock

Stradbroke Youth Football Club Secretary

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