

## LOCAL NEWS

**Police** are urging residents to review security for their sheds, garages & outbuildings after a number of burglaries at the end of last month.

Two outbuildings were broken into at a rural property in Buxhall overnight Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Nothing was stolen.

During the same time period a further 3 outbuildings were broken into at a rural property in Bacton as well as outbuildings at a property in **Walsham le Willows** where tools were stolen. Items were also stolen from an outbuilding at a property in Horringer.

A shed at a property in Norton was broken into between 7am & 4.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February but nothing was stolen.

An outbuilding at a property in Herringswell was also targeted over the last few weeks and a mower and a drill were stolen.

Advice on shed & garage security can be found on the Suffolk Police website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) or via this link - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/shedandgaragesecurity.pdf> or you can contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101

Shed alarms can be purchased from a number of outlets, at a cost of between £10 - £20.

**Police** are appealing for witnesses following the attempted theft of a cash machine in **Great Barton**.

The incident occurred at around 1.30am on Saturday 9 March at the Esso service station in The Street.

A car pulled up outside and two people wearing high-visibility jackets got out and hooked-up a cable to the cashpoint. A third person who remained in the car then drove the vehicle forward and attempted to pull the cash machine out, but this was not successful and the vehicle drove off towards Bury St Edmunds.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact West CID at Bury St Edmunds Police Station on 101 quoting reference 13408/19, or alternatively call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Police** are warning members of the public to be vigilant after an attempted fraud in east Suffolk last week. The incident occurred on Thursday 14 March, when a woman from Woodbridge received a call from a man purporting to be from the Government Regulations Claims Department in relation to owed PPI.

The victim is in the process of making a PPI claim and so believed the call to be genuine. She was advised that in order to receive her refund, she would need to go to Argos and obtain a £200 Steam gift card which is used for gaming.

Once she had obtained the card, she would then need to call a phone number in London beginning 0203 and arrangements would be made for her cheque to be delivered to her, at which point she would hand over the Steam card which would be used to pay the tax she owed.

The victim then went to an Argos in the Ipswich area to purchase the Steam card, but fortunately a vigilant member of staff informed her that this was a scam and that she should call the police immediately. Other victims of similar frauds have been asked to purchase different types of gift card, including Amazon and iTunes.

Suffolk Constabulary is reminding residents that government departments, banks, or any other legitimate body, will never make phone calls, use text messages or email to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty and will never ask for a payment in this way.

## Reported in The Bury Free Press

A Rougham man was sent to prison on last month for fly-tipping more than 28 tons of commercial waste.

Nigel Roberts was sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court to 15 months imprisonment after he was found guilty of dumping the waste in **Walsham-le-Willows** and Acton, in April 2015.

Clearing the waste cost the landowners more than £6,500 and caused distress to them and their families. The sentence included 12 months imprisonment for the first offence at Walsham-le-Willows, when waste was left on a concrete sugar beet pad on private land owned by Sunnyside Farms, and an additional three months for the second offence at Acton.

The sentencing concluded a long investigation during which evidence was collected and Mr Roberts tracked down.

Mid Suffolk District Council offers an online reporting facility and the following advice :-

## Fly-tipping

Dumping waste on any land which doesn't have an [Environmental Permit](#), or allowing others to do so on your behalf is a criminal offence. You could face very large fines and even be sent to prison.

Apart from being an eyesore, fly-tipping can lead to serious pollution of land and waterways, blight our countryside and open spaces, increase fear of crime, and harm wildlife and human health.

The Council and the Environment Agency are responsible for clearing up or investigating fly-tipping on public land. Clearing fly-tipping from private land is the responsibility of the landowner. Fly-tipping costs council taxpayers and landowners significant amounts of money to clear away.

Everyone has a legal responsibility or 'duty of care' to make sure that all waste from their household or business is disposed of correctly and doesn't end up being fly-tipped.

Some people make money by charging to take waste away illegally and then fly-tipping it. You could face penalties of up to £5,000 if you don't check that the company or person you give waste to:

- has a licence to carry waste
- is not taking it to an unlicensed site

There are a number of [Household Waste and Recycling Centres](#) throughout Suffolk where residents can dispose of household waste. These sites also accept business waste for a fee.

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