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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS SUPPORT SUFFOLK SAFEKEY

Safer Neighbourhood Teams are encouraging the public and local businesses to join Suffolk SAFEKey to ensure greater peace of mind if an incident occurs at their property.

Suffolk SAFEKey is Suffolk Constabulary's keyholder service that gives people the opportunity to register nominated keyholders for a home or business property. A keyholder is someone trustworthy such as a friend who lives nearby and has access to the premises in the owner's absence.

Having nominated keyholders helps ensure that should an incident happen at a property, the police are able to contact an appropriate person, helping to ensure greater peace of mind that an incident can be dealt with as swiftly as possible by Suffolk Constabulary.

There are many benefits to Suffolk SAFEKey including; storage of a maximum of four keyholders for business premises and two for a residential property; secure and encrypted online management of your registration via a dedicated website 24 hours a day; devoted customer support team open during office hours; storage of information relating to hazardous materials or other potential dangers; details of a preferred plumber or window boarder/ glazier and many more.

As Suffolk SAFEKey is an additional service offered by Suffolk Constabulary, there is an annual fee. To cover the cost of protecting your data and maintaining the system there is an annual charge of £12 for residential and £35 + VAT for business registrations. Anyone interested in registering a property should visit: www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk or contact the registration hotline on 08444 121 802.

Head Teacher Mrs Bennett from Chilton Primary School commented: "We at Chilton Primary School find the SAFEKey scheme a very reassuring system, which allows the police to know who to contact in an emergency.

"An example of this was when the intruder alarm went off during the summer holidays. The service meant that a member of the senior leadership team could be contacted, and the property was quickly security checked without too much upset.

"I would recommend SAFEKey as a good peace of mind option for busy school leadership teams."

Residential customer Bob said: "SAFEKey gives us security protection and keeps us free of worry."

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Membership to Suffolk SAFEKey is completely optional, but is highly recommended as should you choose not to register, and an officer is called to your premises, the officer will not be able to access your keyholder details.

Funding generated by Suffolk SAFEKey registrations will support Suffolk Constabulary's charity, the 'Safer Suffolk Foundation'. The Safer Suffolk Foundation aims to support projects and organisations that are looking to address policing, community safety and quality of life issues for those people living and working in Suffolk. To find out more visit:

www.suffolk.police.uk/About+Us/Safer+Suffolk+Foundation+Site

If you know of a local community project or group that seeks to provide young people with positive activities, improve community safety or promote community cohesion, and could benefit from funding up to £2,000. Then please contact the Safer Suffolk Foundation

safersuffolkfoundation@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team, which can found by visiting:

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk

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