

Police praised as crime drops

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CRIME has fallen to its lowest level for four years – according to latest figures from the police in Newmarket.

A 9.4 per cent reduction has been recorded in the period from April 1 to the end of November.

The total number of crimes in Newmarket for the period is 1,468 – lower than the same period in the three previous years.

Inspector Simon Clifton, of Newmarket police, told town councillors that drink or drug-related violence in a public place had gone down by 35 per cent and public order offences were down by 21 per cent.

"These are astounding figures and I would like to thank everyone who has helped achieve this reduction – including the town pastors and the SOS bus as well as the licensees who have been fully



Inspector Simon Clifton: thanks others who have helped achieve the reduction in crime.

supportive."

He added that a satisfaction survey showed that 93 per cent of people in the Newmarket area felt "fairly safe or very safe" – one of the highest figures in Suffolk.

The survey also showed that 81 per cent of people gave the police an "excellent" or "good" rating – also one of the best results in the county.

■ Insp Clifton will be moving to a new appointment after just over a year in command at Newmarket.

In the New Year he will become the area support inspector overseeing pre-planned and major events in the west of the county and the development of safer neighbourhood teams.

He will be replaced at Newmarket by Inspector Neil Ireland who was introduced to Newmarket Town Council this week.

Insp Ireland, 46, joined the Suffolk force in September 2003 when he transferred from Hampshire Constabulary where he had completed 20 years service.

His previous appointment was as staff officer to the deputy and assistant chief constables at Suffolk force headquarters.

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Newmarket crime figures are coming down!

Drink and drug related violence down 35%, public order offences down 21%, with Town Pastors cited as one of the contributors to this decline, during April-November 2009, according to Police.