

## Did you know?

- ▶ Suffolk is one of the safest counties in the country.
- ▶ It has a low overall crime rate.
- ▶ Suffolk Constabulary has consistently had one of the best records for solving crime of all forces in recent years.
- ▶ Latest figures (MORI Survey 2003) show that most people in Suffolk feel safe in the area where they live.



## Your money is helping make Suffolk safer

It may form a fairly small part of the overall Council Tax bill, but the money that goes to the police is vital in helping make Suffolk the safest county in the country.

Last year, the Council Tax paid by people who live in Suffolk helped pay for the following.

- ▶ Extra front-line officers. At the end of last year, Suffolk Constabulary had 1306 police officers – the highest number since the force came into existence.
- ▶ Community Support Officers – a team of 12 officers has taken up its duties in Ipswich, allowing regular officers to concentrate on more serious crime.
- ▶ Further investment in scientific support, resulting in more crime scenes being visited and more criminals being caught through forensic and DNA evidence. A new scientific services suite was opened last year as part of a major refurbishment of Halesworth Police Station.

In the year ahead, your contributions will help maintain these areas of investment as well as fund the following.

- ▶ A project to help the force deal with the ever-increasing

