**Ludham Parish Meeting**

**Police Report 2018/19**

 There remains little serious crime in the village again this year although there has been a small increase in crimes recorded between April 2018 and March 2019.

These have been Thefts, Criminal damage, Assault, Burglaries and Public Order offences. Regrettably we have seen an increase in Drug use this year with needles left unattended.

The crime and incident reports show increases during the summer months. The influx of visitors, the lighter evenings and better weather mean people are out and about later – that includes criminals. As previously stated we do not suffer from serious crime here but we must remain vigilant and secure our houses, gardens, boats etc. to ensure this continues.

As the Councillor representing the Parish on the Stalham Safer Neighbourhood Team, I have continued attending the bi-monthly meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss with the Police and representatives of other parishes, crimes, disturbances and concerns of the public. These comments are discussed and prioritised so that the Police then have up to 3 clear objectives that we feel need their specific attention during the next period.

These range from speeding problems, anti-social behaviour, parking, or other road related problems. Many of the issues are influenced by the weather conditions and the increased volume of visitors during holiday periods.

Importantly it gives the public “a voice” to bring to the attention of the Police some of the issues that they wish to “air” but not necessarily feel they need an immediate contact.

PC Tom Gibbs has continued as Beat Manager and is a valuable asset to the village. Anyone who wishes to bring concerns to the attention of the Police should ring 101 or if the call is an emergency 999.

Jim Usher