A Hello from the new Local Policing Inspector Lou Provart

I am delighted to have been appointed as the Local Policing Inspector for your area, serving Wymondham, Hethersett & Mulbarton, Costessey, Poringland and Loddon – a very diverse range of communities in the idyllic South Norfolk district.

I have a background in policing covering both uniformed, visible policing roles and those involving the investigation of serious crime in all ranks up to Inspector. I am also a hostage and crisis negotiator so bring a good deal of experience to your community to ensure that this area remains a low crime area and a great place in which to live, work, visit and invest.

We do have a big challenge ahead, particularly with regards the reduction in the policing grant from the Home Office, which by 2018 will see £20m taken out of the Norfolk Constabulary budget, but we will work hard to ensure that the front line of policing remains highly visible and accountable to all our communities. In fact every one of the five areas under my command has a dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Team, including a Police Constable Beat Manager and PCSO, supported by a Response function working around the clock and that will not change.

To find out more about your local policing team, go to the Norfolk Constabulary website, www.norfolk.police.uk where you can also sign up for Police Connect, our communications platform which is an excellent tool to help us keep you informed about policing in your area by phone, text or email.

In addition to this, as first for the Constabulary, I am on Twitter under the username @InspProvart – currently the only Inspector to do so, and I would encourage those on social media to follow and chat with me there – I will always reply back.

My team and I look forward to seeing you out and about in the towns and villages across the District, and for those with an interest in the Royal Norfolk show, I shall be there on the 1st and 2nd July as the policing commander for the event, and you can meet me at the Norfolk Constabulary stand.

For all non-emergency contact with the team please dial 101.

Inspector Lou Provart