

Norfolk Police Marine Team, (known affectionately as Broads Beat), patrol as part of their role the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads, all year round



It is made up of a small pool of RYA Trained Officers and Volunteers with three dedicated Beat Managers PC Sarah Walford, PC Simon Blakeley and PC Amy Justice, led by Sgt Thomas Smith and overseen by the Operational Partnership Team Inspector.

They have recently added a new search boat to the fleet with sonar equipment to assist with search and recovery, making three patrol boats in total, all based at Hoveton Police station.

Broads Beat is now in its 31st year and are officially the UK's longest running Police and Public Sponsorship Scheme (source - *Natural England*).

Their intentions remain to undertake a multi-agency approach to all aspects of community based Policing including the following core responsibilities:

- crime prevention and investigation, gathering intelligence and protecting vulnerable persons
- reduction of anti-social behaviour and disorder
- promotion of water safety
- community engagement
- recruitment and training
- partnership working



With the recent 'Staycation' boom for both counties, we wish to appeal for people both on or around the Broads to please remain vigilant and take extra care and personal responsibility, and be mindful of others.

**Please contact the team by calling 101 or via: broadsbeat@norfolk.police.uk
Always dial 999 in an emergency**