

Taxi Marshalling Scheme in Ipswich (Dogs Head Street)

This sum of £4,950 will allow, with match funding from the Management Board of Ipswich Central, to run a taxi marshalling scheme every Saturday for a year plus every grade C Friday night and certain Operation Facilitate nights plus 4 Sundays linked to Bank Holidays/Easter.

This links to the Night-time Economy which is highlighted in the Police & Crime Plan as a priority. The Marshalls will help to minimise the level of anti-social behaviour that is linked to queue jumping and other incidents. The main taxi rank will be in the Butter Market bus station after the current redevelopments in the town; this is a slightly more isolated location.

Tangible benefits are described as:

- Encourage more taxi drivers to work late shifts.
- Get people out of the town in an orderly and quicker manner.
- Manage the taxi queue to prevent any potential disorder and hence free up more police resource to focus on other areas.

A review on an earlier pilot was completed in March 2011 that included information which was collected by the taxi marshalls on the incidents they attended and assistance they provided. As a result a range of outcome measures have been identified in consultation with OPCC staff.

Funding of £4,950 for 2013/14 was agreed by the PCC on 25 September 2013 – Confidential Decision C14-2013 refers.