

Ipswich: Downside Close sex attack inquiry dropped

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Police have dropped the inquiry into an alleged sexual assault in Downside Close, Ipswich

THE investigation into a reported sex attack in Ipswich has been closed as police found it could not have happened.

A 20-year-old woman reported being assaulted while she was out looking for a friend in woodland behind Downside Close at around 5am on Tuesday, August 9.

She claimed a man pushed her to the ground and sexually assaulted her.

But investigating officers found the attack could not have occurred, and when they spoke to the woman, she confirmed there had been no assault.

The woman is now being supported by her family and police are co-ordinating with partner agencies to conclude the investigation.

Detective Inspector Stuart Sowerby said: "This report concerned a lot of people in the local community and as such it was thoroughly investigated.

"While this particular incident has turned out to be a false claim, we want to reassure members of the public that anyone reporting a rape or sexual assault in Suffolk will receive a full level of support from specially trained officers.

"They will have access to specialist facilities at Suffolk's Sexual Assault Referral Centre and the incident will be investigated by Suffolk's Gemini Team – detectives dedicated to investigating serious sexual offences.



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“Suffolk Constabulary is committed to providing a high-quality service to victims of this type of crime where it can be even more difficult to come forward and report what has happened.”

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