

REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2023

The three areas I will focus on for our November meeting will be.

1. **CHRISTMAS CRIME ALERTS.**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BEAT OFFICER ADELE TYRER.**
3. **GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION**

Following our November meeting we will be into the Christmas period run in and so guidance will be given to the community and for council and councillors I have produced the information below as you may be asked for advice.



Although Christmas is still weeks away, criminals will already be planning on way they can strike into the community, we must match those efforts with our prevention advice. I will be constant and repetitive with my advice between now and Christmas.

My early crime prevention advice is when Christmas shopping. Take great care if you return presents you have purchased to a vehicle to save carrying them all around town and then go off for further shopping. **Criminals know this!**

They will tour car parks looking into vehicles and if they can see anything on show they may strike.

When shopping with trolleys do not wander off and look at items and leave the trolley unattended with your bags. Purses are often just resting on top of shopping bags. **Criminals know this !**

Great care with internet shopping parcel deliveries which get left on doorsteps. Firstly, in town areas you are vulnerable to the passing chancer and opportunist who just happened to be walking by. However, secondly the vans are now followed and that means even the most rural of isolated properties are also vulnerable. **Criminals know this!**

CRIME
Parcel thefts rise from doorsteps as gangs follow courier vans



Some of us will be travelling early on Christmas morning, to get a flying early start we load our cars with all the presents and gifts we are taking the night before we leave. **Criminals know this!**

They will just walk the streets and looking into vehicles if they see rich pickings they will strike. Just get up 30 minutes earlier and load the car then!!

Santa sometimes stores presents from prying eyes in sheds and garages. **Criminals know this**

Now people sometimes laugh when I say this but a good Christmas morning for the police is torrential rain. If not about 0900 hours Christmas day many front doors burst open, and children pour out with every form of new toy and present. Bikes, skates, scooters, footballs toys and games and many more gifts that Santa brought **Criminals know this!** About 1400 hours children are called to Christmas lunch, they would gladly miss and continue playing, however they go indoors and leave the items laying in front gardens. That is when vans drive around and just pick up anything laying there, breaking many young hearts in the process.

Burglaries are thankfully very low across the district but Christmas trees on show with presents stacked underneath may just tempt criminals if they feel residents are out.

I know Christmas is weeks away but the time to think is now and I will ensure reminders are issued up until the day.

INTRODUCTION TO P.C. ADELE TYRER

I am very pleased to introduce P.C. Adele Tyrer to our area.

Adele is a very experienced officer who has transferred into the Ashford Beat Officers Team and will be covering SWAN C. C. area and other parts of the wider district.

I have set out the full areas below.

I am working hard to build a strong working partnership with Adele.

[Singleton East](#)

[Singleton West](#)

[Park Farm North](#)

[Park Farm South](#) & [Washford Farm](#)

[Roman](#)

[Stanhope](#)

[Beaver](#)

[Aylesford & East Stour](#)

Below on the left are the areas Adele will cover and on the right the area and respective councils.

AREA	COUNCIL
Singleton East	Great chart & Singleton
Singleton West	Great chart & Singleton
Park farm North	Kingsnorth Parish council
Park farm South	Kingsnorth Parish Council
Washford farm	Kingsnorth Parish Council
Roman	Kingsnorth Parish Council
Stanhope	Stanhope parish council
Beaver	
Norman	
Aylesford and East Stour	South Willesborough & Newtown

As I have previously reported it is very important we manage public expectations as the word Beat Officers could mislead residents and good public engagement, which we will be planning, will ensure the communities know how the role of the officers will take shape.



As I said I will be looking to build a very strong working partnership with P.C. Tyrer and make my very strong and extensive Neighbourhood Watch network available to her to help with her work in the community.

Firstly, to prevent crime in the first instant and sadly if crime occurs then provide as much back up and support gathering information and intelligence to help solve crime and prevent further crime trends from the lessons we have learnt.

Essential to that work is that residents and communities report all instances and types of crime so that the full picture and extent of crimes can be seen.

Only then can we advise the community on steps to be taken by prevention advice we issue.

GENERAL MATTERS

1. Report all crimes and attempted crimes. Use 999 if the crimes are in progress or about to happen.
2. Be alert and vigilant to every form of scam which will come by landline phone. Mobile, on computers, laptops, tablets or again on mobile phones. Do nothing in a rush. Check, check and check again and if still in doubt do nothing. Those scam calls can come from 3, 30,300 0or 3000 miles away. They can also come by letter and face to face on the doorstep.
3. Ensure nothing is left on show in a vehicle when parking especially last park up for the night.
Stand and look inside the vehicle, can you see anything? If you can so can a criminal.
4. Care with vans carrying tools and equipment.
5. Internet parcel thefts
6. Bogus callers and Rogue Traders. Do not agree to unsolicited work on your doorstep.
7. Theft of number plates to facilitate fuel thefts at garages.
8. Catalytic converter thefts
9. Courier Fraud. Parcels delivered to an address and then picked up by a bogus delivery driver claiming it was a mistaken delivery.
10. Distraction purse thefts in supermarkets.
11. Care with selling items on platforms like ebay/marketplace where buyers say they will pay cash at your front door. Items were snatch last year and people injured.
12. Care with buyers saying they will send a courier to pick up items.
13. Care if purchasing a pet. Please do not send payment to a bogus dog/cat breeder on the strength of a photograph.

14. Theft of oil from Domestic Heating Oil Tanks

Generally, with all the above crimes it is about giving yourself time to think safe and secure. It is not just Christmas it is the weeks leading up to Christmas when people come under pressure and are hurried in their actions and that is when we are at our most vulnerable.

As always, the elderly, especially those who live alone, our disabled, those with learning difficulties and those with any form of disability who are especially vulnerable and sort out by criminals to prey upon.

A strong united community working together, alert, and vigilant can help thwart criminals on the range of crimes mentioned above.

The last crime trend to mention at this council meeting is please ensure all cases of Anti-Social behaviour and Criminal damage is reported. Especially important is the use of catapults in the community.

I will comment on the future of Neighbourhood Watch and my own role in future.

Council will recall there was a particularly nasty incident that occurred in the Singleton Lake area and on into Victoria Park when a group of youths between 12 to 15 in number attacked and robbed 3 local youths.

That for the avoidance of doubt is a red line crime and my full NHW operation swung into action.

First was to make immediate contact with the victim's family and offer guidance and support.

I was able to call upon my post incident fire service training to assist the family and victim.

Next was to alert council and clerks.

At the same time appeal to the community for any further witnesses, information, CCTV, Camera Doorbell Footage and even dashcam footage.

It is essential that every effort is made not to lose the smallest of details which may help **bring these criminals to court.**

Please see the appeals sent out.



Peter New

Admin

1 Nov ·



Dear Readers

CRIME NUMBER 46/194411/23

I am appealing for help as one of my Neighbourhood Watch members son was victim of an unprovoked attack and assault in the area of SINGLETON LAKE and onwards towards VICTORIA PARK. Tuesday 31st October at approx 1925hrs onwards

The post attached to my post is from the mother of the victim.

This is a disgraceful incident and I know the community will provide as much assistance as possible.

This incident involved a group of youths attacking young lads at approximately 1925hrs in the Singleton Lake area.

Any further witnesses, information, any form of CCTV, CAMERA DOORBELL FOOTAGE and maybe by chance DASHCAM FOOTAGE especially if the camera films when the vehicle is locked and parked please come forward.

THERE ARE REPORTS THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OTHER CRIMES COMMITTED AND LINKED TO THESE CRIMINALS PRIOR TO AND AFTER IN THE AREA

Were you in the area at the time?

Did you see a large group of youths approx 12-15 in number ?

Which roads did they travel to and from the area?

Please check your CCTV.

I will provide as much support to the police investigating with this incident.

No matter how small the piece of information please come forward, it could be vital.

It may be you are frightened and nervous about speaking to the police, you can ask me for help and advice.

Were you in that gang and your friends went too far, if so come forward.

Are you in the community and know who did this?

I think there are those in the community who know who these persons are, please come forward.

Thank you for your help in this serious matter

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Dear Readers

Reference crime number 46/194411/23 incident around Singleton Lake moving through and into Victoria Park.

This is a very serious crime and investigations are now continuing. (see previous post)

May I appeal again to the residents of the Singleton area.

Were you a victim of eggs being thrown at your property by a group of youths (in excess of 10/12 in number) ?

It is possible you just dealt with it and cleared it up however if you have CCTV or Camera Doorbell footage of people throwing the eggs it could prove very helpful, please make contact.

Can I again ask has anyone got any CCTV footage of a large gang of youths moving through Singleton to and from the lake area and then onwards towards Victoria Park.

To those that have already provided footage ,thank you.

May I now appeal directly to some of those youths in the group involved with the confrontation with other persons.

It is possible this incident developed beyond your control. You may be frightened and nervous about how things developed.

Now is the time to come forward and name the others involved and admit your error in being involved. If you are the parents of one of these youths now is the time to speak.

More and more intelligence and information is becoming available and I am very grateful to those who have helped.

I am assisting investigating officers all I can with my Neighbourhood Watch communication network.

The community is revolted by this incident which has no place in this community, if you have information please make contact.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Thank you all for your support as always and I know that the support you give me both for my Neighbourhood Watch work and for me personally will also be given to P.C. Adele Tyrer in the last weeks of 2023 and then building to work together in 2024.

“ Crime will never flourish in Communities that care” and to that I would add that “where Councillors and councils care too”

Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant.

Thank you

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