

## REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2023

The areas I will focus on for our December meeting will be much the same as November in trying to anticipate where criminals will strike and use the Xmas celebrations and events to strike into the community. They will seek out our most vulnerable.

I am also very hopeful that I can give a full report of a one-to-one meeting with the Crime Commissioner on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1400 hrs.

Areas for discussion with him are as follows,

The poor standard of crime reports since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Role of NHW going forward into 2024 and onwards towards 2030.

Root and branch review of how Kent Police want to communicate with residents in the future.

Poor communications, the June new police model of crime reports. An example shown.

Violence against Women and Girls to get PREVENTION front and centre of the strategy.

**Reports examples. Although not your areas it is important to brief council of the emerging standards.**

<b>Tontine Street</b> in <b>Folkestone</b>	On Friday 3rd of November between 22:30 and 23:30. Somebody stole a vehicle from the road. Crime Report No. 46/196919/23
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Is that good enough?

Make? Model? Colour? Reg Number?

How can persons like me send that out into the community?

It will bring nothing other than criticism and mocking statements about the police. I have built up tremendous credibility in communities and I am respected for my level of commitment and work.

When high end vehicles are stolen, they are often parked up and the criminals watch to see any police action as the vehicles may have a "tracker device" It is while they are parked up that a decent appeal may be able to locate the car by an alert and vigilant public.

## Theft of a phone.

Blean Forest	
No Road Name	On Friday 3rd of November around 14:05. Somebody stole an unattended mobile phone. Crime Report No. 46/196337/23

What road?

What town/village?

From a person Non-violent?

From a person with face-to-face violence?

From an insecure/unlocked vehicle?

From a break into a locked vehicle?

From a shopping basket in a shop (recent trend)

From a commercial outlet?

**What chance does that give to get an appeal out?**

**Importantly it brings huge criticism from the community, maybe some will not risk sending out a nothing appeal. Some may just give up.**

Someone thinks this is the standard not even a road name or town!!!. So the appeal is at 1405 in a road we will not name in a town we will not name a phone was taken?

How can we appeal for witnesses, CCTV, Camera Doorbell footage, Dashcam footage?

If officers say this is acceptable, I am clearly stating it isn't. I have challenged the officers that head up the NHW function for Kent.

The role of NHW going forwards and how do Kent police want to be able to communicate are strongly linked.

NHW has a proven track record since the early 80s.


Kent Police will naturally want to embrace all modern communication platforms.

However, they must never ever leave only landline residents stranded and left behind many of which will be our most vulnerable.

Newsletters delivered through every resident's door is a vital communication tool again reaching our most vulnerable in society and often those elderly living alone.

I thank you for your vision, your budgeting of time, finance, and resources to deliver such an important community communication.

Just returning to the Kent Police model for Violence against women and Girls I make the following comment.



## Tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

The term VAWG covers a range of crimes, the common theme is that they disproportionately affect women and girls. Although we use the term 'violence against women and girls', our approach refers to all victims of any of these offences.

Crimes and behaviour covered by the term Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) include:

- rape and other sexual offences
- domestic abuse
- stalking
- 'honour'-based abuse (including female genital mutilation forced marriage, and 'honour' killings)
- as well as many others, including offences committed online

We are committed to eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls and have a strong approach to actively pursue violent perpetrators. We want women and girls who live, work and socialise in our communities to feel safe. To achieve this we will be focussing five key areas:

1. [holding offenders to account](#)
2. [support victims](#)
3. [keeping you safe](#)
4. [our culture](#)
5. [strengthening the system](#)

I have proposed the following.

1. PREVENTION
2. KEEPING YOU SAFE
3. SUPPORT VICTIMS
4. OUR CULTURE
5. HOLD OFFENDERS TO ACCOUNT (constant debrief to direct our prevention)
6. STRENGTHEN OUR SYSTEMS. ( constant review).

Rather than labour the point I pose to council the following statement. You will recall I was Assistant Chief Officer Kent Fire brigade, Head of Operations and Safety for all of Kent when I retired.

Does anyone think my plan would started with and have said.

“If your house is on fire, we will put it out”.



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 trollies 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!**

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### 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.

Sadly, criminals have a fantastic opportunity with SCAMS as we progress from Black Friday sales, which seem to be on all days as well as Fridays!!

Christmas sales and online bargains and then straight into January sales too. The whole period is a business opportunity for 'scammers.

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Always great to meet [Neighbourhood Watch Network](#) and Peter New. Thank you for coming to see us, but also thank you to the Neighbourhood Watch members who help keep our streets safe in [#kent](#) and [#medway](#). 🙏





## REMEMBER THE CRIMES BELOW STRUCK IN YOUR AREA

A crime that struck in 2022 was the thefts of High-End cars like BMWs, Mercedes, and Audi's

My NHW work was front and centre of building a case against the criminals who struck around 40 times in East Kent especially Ashford District and especially in your area. Many appeals and CCTV evidence collected from NHW members resulted in the following,

# Trio jailed for keyless car thefts

### Policing news

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Three men behind a spate of keyless car thefts have been jailed for a total of more than seven years.

**Alminas Satas**, **Maksims Seluks** and **Olgierd Golubovski** were arrested and charged following an investigation by the Kent Crime Squad.

The trio were linked to the thefts of 29 vehicles from **Ashford**, **Hawkinge**, **Tonbridge**, **Tenterden** and **Maidstone** in October and November 2022.

They used an electronic device to capture the signals emitted by car keys and trick vehicles into thinking keys were present to steal them.



*Left to right: Alminas Satas, Olgierd Golubovski and Maksims Seluks*

# Thefts

An investigation was launched after the first vehicles, a BMW and a Mercedes, were stolen in **Ashford** on **12 October 2022**.

Detectives found the thieves were travelling down from east London in vehicles which had cloned number plates on them to avoid detection, and they would target BMWs, Mercedes and Range Rovers around Kent, which would then be driven back to various locations in Essex and London, where it is believed they were stripped down and sold for parts.

In the early hours of **8 December**, officers in Kent established that a BMW seen on the **M25** was travelling on cloned plates.

It was followed by officers in unmarked cars and brought to a stop after exiting the **A249** near **Sittingbourne**. Occupants Satas and Seluks were arrested and a third man ran from the scene.

# Arrests

The vehicle was found to be registered under a false name at an address in **Dagenham**. Officers later attended the address and arrested Golubovski.

Evidence from his and the other men's phones linked them to the numerous thefts around the county over the preceding two months.

Satas, Seluks and Golubovski all later admitted conspiring to steal vehicles and were sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Monday 13 November 2023.

Satas, 26, of Bell Farm Avenue, Dagenham, was jailed for three years, four months; Golubovski, 24, of Rowdowns Road, Dagenham, was sentenced to two years, four months; and Seluks, 23, of Vincent Road, Dagenham, got two years and one month.

You may have seen this locally but this was a result of your work and contacts supplying info and CCTV to us.

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kent/news/two-charged-following-theft-of-30-keyless-cars-278587/>

If you wish to thank your contacts on my behalf then please do

Thank you for your help  
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## Charges brought in keyless car theft investigation

Two men have been charged following an investigation into keyless relay thefts of cars in Kent.

## Community assistance

Detective Constable Scott Drake, Kent Police's investigating officer, said: 'These three men were relentless in their targeting of cars to steal and quickly take out of the county.'

'I would like to thank the local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators who worked tirelessly to obtain crucial CCTV footage and for the support of the local communities in providing important evidence in this case.'

'I am pleased our meticulous investigation saw these men arrested and charged, and they are now no longer at liberty to steal people's property.'

The sentences come two weeks after two other men were jailed for a total of five years for similar offences.

## Advice

Following the cases, drivers of cars with keyless entry systems are advised to take steps to ensure their vehicles are secure. Motorists should:

- Check if their entry fobs can be turned off overnight and store them away from any household entry points.
- Drivers can also store their fobs in special foil-lined bags, which can be bought from retailers, to prevent any unwanted communication between the vehicle and its keys.
- Make sure you don't leave your car keys visible from the outside of your home and park in a garage, secure car park or well-lit area covered by CCTV if possible.
- Consider having windows etched with the vehicle registration number or use an invisible ink marker pen to mark these details and your postcode on the underside frame of the vehicle.

For more information, visit [the advice page on our website](#).

I am already working with officers from the Crime Squad who I worked on with the crimes above and I am issuing crime prevention guidance into the community.





In closing down 2023 I look forward to working with you in 2024 how we have now for many years now.

Our Beat officer P.C. Adele Tyrer, should have a second officer attached to her areas soon and I look forward to introducing that officer to you.

Crimes will become more sophisticated in 2024 however alongside them will always be the chancers and opportunists who will look for vehicles especially vans, garages, sheds, barns, allotment sheds, stables and any form of external storage whatsoever.

There will be bogus callers and rogue traders to content with.

Scams will get better and better; our prevention must match that.

Drugs will continue to drive so much of the lower-level crime to pay for the purchase of the product, however it must be always borne in mind that just above that level of drug activity in communities is a level of violence we would not want to see in East Kent.

As always thank you for all your support and may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year and the same to your families who without their support this work would be very difficult indeed.

We have had an excellent year, and with success comes work. You have set a high bar and to maintain that will bring more work and expectations of our residents, but we can hit 2024 in good shape. In January I will set out my clear NHW plan for the year.

Thank you.

Peter

Peter New

Kent Police Volunteer & Community Neighbourhood Watch

