

## **REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2023**

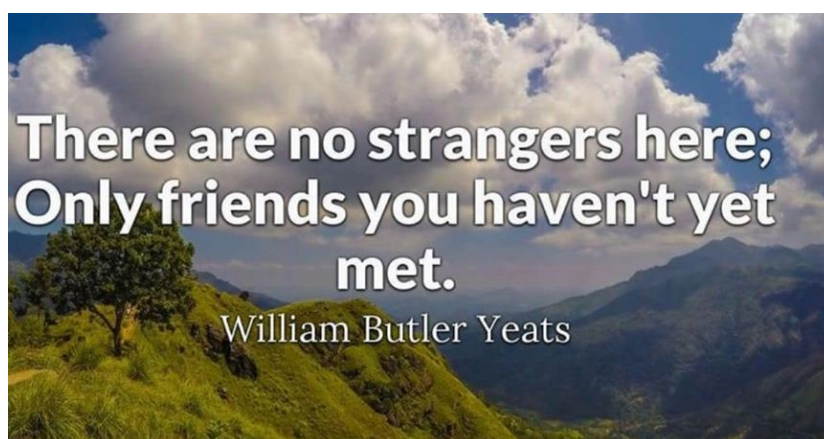
**by P. New, Police Volunteer & NHW.**

NHW Recruitment remains steady, and we should be set fair going into the second part of 2023 with the community crystal clear on my NHW work and our joint working together. The new Kent Policing model should be with us in JUNE, I await to hear how they intend to police our growing town. I will add a verbal update at the meeting. I am extremely disappointed that about 16 days from the new police model for How Kent Police will police Kent, no announcements have been made.

I continue to meet and greet the new arrivals on to the CHILMINGTON development as part of my wider work. It is an essential part of my wider NHW role which is to assist in the building and cohesion of communities and how the newcomers fit into the overall strategy for your council area. crime prevention and safety work. New residents are from Ashford, London and from across Great Britain recently however it is about meeting and greeting families from as far as Hong Kong and China.

All the normal risks I mention for the area remain the same and my job in coming days is to risk assess and anticipate where we may become vulnerable as the seasons change from this poor spring into the beginnings of summer and the types of crime trends that will emerge. Criminals will be carrying out their planning and our work together must match that.

COVID workings and the FUEL / ENERGY PRICES plus the costs of living concerns have brought communities even closer together we need to build on that and sustain it.



Sadly the vehicle theft problem has started to occur again and the following crime prevention is being issued as we speak.

# Kent Fraud Alert System



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## Vehicle Theft

Although not a fraud related matter, it is a crime affecting many of you that own motor vehicles.

Vehicle theft is an increasing crime trend across the UK and Kent. The following methods are being used -

- Specialist lock-pick to gain entry to vehicle so a programmer can be plugged into the onboard computer
- Relay attack – using a transmitter outside the house, picking the signal up off keys. Applies to keyless vehicles
- Using transponders to override immobilisation features, in combination with an onboard computer car programming device to start the engine



There are ways you can prevent becoming a victim of this crime:

- Use a faraday bag or place keys in a metal tin, to prevent the transmitter working in the case of keyless models
- Ensure the vehicle is locked and keep in garage if you have one
- Keep the car keys hidden in property in case of burglaries
- Consider using a steering wheel, gear lever or clutch pedal security device
- Ensure you carry out checks on a used vehicle before buying [Check a used vehicle you're buying - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

For further advice - [Preventing car and vehicle theft](#) | [Crime Prevention](#) | [Kent Police](#)



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### Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired, text '**police**' and your message to **60066**

[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)



Ashford District as we know continues to suffer Anti social behaviour and Criminal damage by people who have no respect for the community or its residents and their property.

I will be seeking feedback from those councillors who stood canvassing on doorsteps to be elected what feedback was given.

I have spent time at public engagement meetings especially speaking to women and girls about how safe they feel in Ashford generally. The feedback was alarming.

Kent Police along with many forces are running campaigns about VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS. I have attended meetings and seminars on the subject with the police and carried out considerable public engagement on the matter.

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TESCO PARK FARM, TESCO CROOKS FOOT, ASDA ASHFORD x 2, SAINSBURYS X 2.

I have attended and given presentations at several Women's Institutes across the District.

I have attended numerous COMMUNITY HUBS and spoken to groups.

Most weeks I am out speaking at forums twice a week.

I have engaged with the Lead Kent Police ACC on this matter and challenged the police that the key number one issue must be **PREVENTION**

Another area of concern has been the appalling spate of dog attacks on animals especially sheep and lambs. I have carried out considerable work in this area and you will see this issue in the community in coming weeks. See guidance issued.





# Protecting livestock – know the law

'Worrying' livestock is a crime under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

If you are on agricultural land and a dog you own or are in charge of **attacks** or **chases** livestock in a way that may cause **injury**, **suffering** or **loss**, you could be **prosecuted**, **fined** and **ordered to pay compensation**.

Under the Animals Act 1971, a person acting to **protect livestock** may be able to **kill** or **injure a dog**, without incurring any criminal or civil liability, if he or she believes it is worrying livestock.



**Please keep your dog on a lead.**

If you see a dog worrying livestock, please call the police on **999**.



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I will close my report where I started. Never ever has there been a need to be clearer with the community about how we are working together to keep the area you serve crime free and residents free from the fear of crime.

The Kent Police review will be shortly announced.

I am hoping that you as a council will invite the CH INSP. For ASHFORD DISTRICT, Sarah Rivett, to give you, with me present please, a presentation how Ashford Police will work going forwards into the mid 2020s.

That presentation needs to be frank, honest, and plainly set out.

Not lots of words on presentation that don't turn into measured outcomes, but realistically setting out how policing is going to work in our area.

The growth in Ashford District is well documented and your Parish is front and centre of those developments. However, it isn't just the headline development of Chilmington ,it is the growth North, South, East and West of your area. Many of you know I carry out the work on new build sites across the District ensuring NHW is on site from the start of developments. I fear the coming growth is missed my police colleagues because they have no time to lift their heads and look to the future.

It is important that you as key partners alongside me as a volunteer are clear about how we support the police and as important the service we can expect from them going forwards.

Having said that about Kent Police I feel our joint working is the vital part going forward.

Can I leave you as a council and each of you as councillors for your respective areas that I am totally focused and very positive with my own plans going into the second part of 2023 and into the mid 2020s.

I look forward to that continued partnership working with you and as always, I thank you for your support for my work and as important for me personally I am very grateful indeed.

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