

Hello,

JUNE REPORT for Washford Farm, Park Farm North, Park Farm South, Kingsnorth, Roman Ward Bridgefield, Mersham, Sevington South and Finberry.



In my role as a PCSO I am either on foot or in a Police vehicle, engaging with the community and visiting those who need my help, assistance, and reassurance.

The weather has been glorious, and I have been doing lots of foot patrols around my wards and enjoying the sunshine. The Fun Fair came to Victoria Park and my colleague and I were there patrolling the area, engaging with the public and watching everyone having a great time. It was lovely to see families out and enjoying themselves and that things are almost back to normal after a very turbulent year, due to Covid. One thing I did notice was that most people were not wearing a face mask. Please remember that, even outdoors, this is vital at gatherings to stop the spread of this disease.

Furley School Parking

Again, there have been further reports of parents blocking residents in on their drives, stopping them from leaving for work etc. This is totally unacceptable, please consider walking to school if this is an option to save blocking up the roads. I have been out with Civil Enforcement Officers this week and quite clearly parents are not getting the message. So please remember the points below.

1, Stopping to let children out whilst parked on yellow zig zag lines IS AN OFFENCE.

2, Do not park on anyone's driveway without their consent. Blocking someone in from getting off their driveway will result in potentially the car being seized by Police.

3, Please do not park on pavements. Blocking access to pedestrians on pavements is extremely thoughtless and dangerous. The public should not be expected to walk in the road because of careless parking is obstructing them.

Wheelie Bins

Across the Ashford District there have been several thefts of wheelie bins over the past few months. Please try to keep your wheelie bins as secure as possible, I know it's not easy when they have to be left outside. If you have CCTV or a Ring door, if possible, place your bins in the vision of these devices.

Kestrel Park Woods

There has been a report of anti-social behaviour in the woods at the back of Kestrel Park. I have been to the area with the informant. It seems that youths are just meeting there and sitting on a log. From what I could see there were no signs of any drug or alcohol issues. I am patrolling as and when I can.

Butterside Close

While out patrolling I came across vehicles parking on the pavement. One of these vehicles was completely obstructing the pavement so residents would have to walk in the road. I left inconsiderate parking notices on all these vehicles. Remember pavements are for pedestrians and roads are for vehicles.

Catapults

There has been only one report this month for catapults. This was at the John Wallis school. Youths were riding past on their bikes firing at the school signs. Fortunately, no damage was caused. Please call in if you see anyone carrying a catapult, even if not being used.

Most people make sure their homes are locked



Do you:

- lock up before you go out or go to bed?
- close windows properly?
- keep cash and keys out of sight?

Find out more www.kent.police.uk/burglary



Kent Police

SECURING YOUR SHED

As with any form of site security you should start with the perimeter and work your way towards the centre....

A better-designed or built shed is a good start, avoid sheds with windows, they are a weak point and allow the offender to see any high value goods inside.

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How well is your shed constructed?

Make sure the shed is properly constructed and anchored to the ground and think about where your shed is placed

Avoid placing the shed against the house or garage, where it can be used to climb to a first floor window.

Secure the door using a good quality lock, pad bolt or hasp and staple with padlocks.

Consider using Security Lighting in that area of the garden.

Consider fitting a shed alarm, this can be mains or battery powered.

Mark all valuables. Postcodes can be engraved on objects like bikes, and lawn mowers, for higher value goods forensic marking may be used.

More expensive items can be placed in a wire cage, which can be fitted inside the shed.

High value items like bikes and mowers can be secured using a bolt anchored into the ground inside the shed.

Perforated Mesh grilles will help protect vulnerable windows, while still allowing light to enter the shed.

A **shed bar** provides a visible deterrent, which protects the Lock and Hinges. Details of both can be found at [Decor Grille Security](#) who are an ACPO approved security company.



E-scoot hough e-scooters can be great fun, it's against the law to ride one on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

What you need to know

e-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc.

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.

The Government is currently trialing the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.

For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.

What should I do now?

It's our priority to keep you and other road users safe.

We are obliged to act against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances we have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and we'd really prefer not to.

From now on, please make sure you **only use your e-scooter on private land.**

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit www.gov.uk



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#Ashford PCSO's have today been patrolling #KestralPark due to reports of #AntiSocialBehavior in woodland area, we will be keeping our eyes 👁️ on this area and please continue to report any incidents via 101 or online. Thank you. am
#AshfordCsu #CommunityPolicing



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Today PcsO's have attended #FurleyPrimarySchool in the pouring rain ☔ Please be mindful to keep the yellow zig zag area free at all times as today a fine was issued for parking on the lines. am
#KeepChildrenSafe
#AshfordCsu



Suspected drug dealers in court following police stop

Two men have appeared in court charged with drug dealing offences after suspected heroin and crack cocaine were seized.

Officers from Kent Police's Tactical Operations Command were responding to information relating to alleged drug dealing in Kent when they stopped a vehicle in Winchelsea, East Sussex at around 2.30pm on Thursday 10 June 2021.

Around 100 wraps of suspected class A drugs have been seized as part of an investigation by the Chief Constable's Crime Squad and two suspects have been charged.

Paul Watson, 52, and Paul Bristow, 49, both of Chilmington Green, Ashford, have both been charged with conspiring to supply heroin and crack cocaine.

Both men appeared before Folkestone Magistrates' Court on Saturday 12 June and were remanded in custody to appear at Canterbury Crown Court on Monday 12 July.

A 28-year-old man who was arrested as part of the same investigation has been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Secure your property

Rural or remote properties, or settings that offer privacy away from public view, are more at risk of being targeted by criminals.

- Close and lock windows and doors when you go out, work in the garden or tend to other areas of your property.
- Keep the boundaries of your property well maintained and secure to keep out unwanted visitors.
- Restrict access to your land and property with locked gates.
- Fit adequate locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings and consider fitting shutters or grilles to windows or blocking them completely.
- Consider installing security lights, alarms and CCTV to deter intruders and maintain visibility, particularly in dark or sheltered areas of your property.
- Check security equipment regularly to ensure it works properly.

Protect machinery, plant and tools

- Keep valuable items out of view and store them safely when not in use.
- Security-mark machinery, plant and tools to make it easier for the police to identify and return them to you if they are recovered.
- Consider fitting alarms, tracking devices and immobilisers to items of machinery or plant.
- Keep track of where equipment is and who is using it.
- Make sure hired plant is returned promptly and check the identity of the person at handover.
- Ensure your staff members understand the importance of securing plant and machinery after use and remaining vigilant at work.

Secure your vehicles

Cars, tractors and quad bikes are tempting to thieves if left unattended.

- Always remove keys from the ignition and keep them somewhere secure.
- Avoid leaving vehicles in fields – secure them to a ground anchor, a wall, or inside a secure caged area if possible.
- Security-mark vehicles photograph any distinguishing marks and keep a record of serial, chassis and model numbers to help identify them.
- Consider fitting a tracking device to your vehicle to aid its recovery if stolen.

Reduce the risk of fuel theft

- Red and white diesels, petrol and heating oil are targets for thieves.
- Store fuel tanks within cages or secure buildings where possible, and keep the area locked and alarmed.
- Consider fitting anti-siphon devices, level alarms or using diesel dye to help deter fuel thieves.
- Report any suspicious activity to the police, giving descriptions of any people and vehicles involved.

Store fertiliser and chemicals securely

- Fertiliser and chemicals, including inorganic nitrogenous, ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers, could be misused if stolen or used as an ingredient in home-made explosives.

Appeal after fatal collision in Ashford

Officers investigating after a cyclist was found with a head injury in Beaver Road, Ashford, have appealed for information.

The 31-year-old man from Kilburn, northwest London, died in a hospital in London on 5 June 2021. Investigators believe he suffered the injury while riding an electric pedal bicycle between approximately 9.55pm and 10.05pm on 2 June 2021.

Officers are particularly interested in speaking to anyone who may have seen the man before the collision and a woman who was driving a small white car who stopped at the scene.

Anyone with information is urged to call Kent Police on 101, quoting reference SL/47/21.

Witnesses sought to serious collision in Ashford

Serious Collision Investigators are appealing for witnesses to a collision in Ashford.

Kent Police was called at 1.10am on 5 June 2021 to a report of a collision on the A2042 Ave Jacques Faucheux, which involved a silver Suzuki Alto and a black Mercedes E220D.

Following the collision a man in his 30's who was driving the Suzuki, was taken to a London hospital with life threatening injuries where he remains in a critical condition. The driver of the other vehicle was unharmed.

The vehicles were travelling in the same direction towards the roundabout junction with Norman Road prior to the collision. Following the incident the road was closed for several hours and has since been reopened.

Officers from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit (SCIU) are continuing to investigate and are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

In particular they would like to hear from anyone who was travelling in either direction on the road between 12.50am and 1.05am.

Anyone with mobile or dashcam footage should also get in touch by calling the SCIU appeal line on 01622 798538.

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Courier Fraud

This type of crime is still happening across Kent and as restrictions are being lifted, is on the increase again. Therefore, I am repeating the advice we recently issued from Action Fraud (see below). Please spread this message far and wide and remember the principles of ABC, which is, never ASSUME a call from someone saying they are your Bank or a Police Officer is genuine. Never BELIEVE they are genuine but always CONFIRM by ringing a trusted number or in the case of Police, 101. Always ring wherever possible with a different phone to the one you were called on. However, if this is not possible, ring a family member or friend to ensure their call has been disconnected and the fraudster is not still waiting on the line.

What is Courier fraud?

Courier fraud occurs when people are duped into handing over money or valuables to criminals posing as couriers. Using a variety of different tactics, usually involving the impersonation of police officers and bank staff, criminals will call the victim and convince them into withdrawing a sum of money and handing it over to a courier who is sent to their home. The victim may be also convinced into handing over their bank cards, PINs, as well as high value items such as jewellery, watches and gold (bars or bullion).

High value jewellery and gold bullion

Recent reports to Action Fraud have highlighted a sharp increase in instances of criminals instructing victims to purchase high value items such as jewellery, gold coins and gold bullion.



ActionFraud
National Centre for Reporting Fraud
www.actionfraud.police.uk

Courier fraud - This advice will help individuals protect themselves against falling victim to courier fraud.

What you need to do

- **Your bank or the police will never** call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN. If you get a call asking you to do this, hang up, wait a few minutes and call your bank on a number you know to be genuine, such as the one on the back of your card.
- **Your bank or the police will never** send a courier to your home to collect your cash, bank cards, PINs, or any other valuable goods. Any requests to do so are part of a scam.
- **The police will not** contact you out of the blue and ask you to participate in an investigation that requires you to withdraw money from your bank, or to purchase high value goods, such as jewellery or gold.

What to do if you've been a victim of courier fraud:

- If you've revealed your bank details over the phone or handed your card to a courier, call your bank straight away to cancel the card.
- If you suspect that you have been a victim of courier fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2345.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to us at actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2345.



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Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 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   

DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT

- 1) Rising Sun Domestic Violence and Abuse Service – Confidential Helpline – 01227 452852. This line is available 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.
- 2) Freephone 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge - 0808 2000 247 or the Men's' Advice Line on 0808 801 0327.
- 3) Domestic Abuse Support Services in Kent and Medway - www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk
If you are in danger, please call 999 immediately.

Contacting Kent Police

-  Find your answer online. Browse our A to Z question finder www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice
-  Email your local policing team. Visit www.kent.police.uk/yourarea
-  For non-urgent issues, call **101**
-  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**
-  Find us on Facebook
-  Follow us on Twitter @kent_police or find your local account at www.kent.police.uk/yourarea
-  Follow us on Instagram @kent_police

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NHS



**At the shops
wear a face
covering
if you can**

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

REPORTING CRIMES

Please can I remind the community to report crimes or information by the correct channels i.e. via 101, www.kent.police.uk - report a crime or tap the live chat button on this website. Or 999 if an emergency is happening here and now. Crimes are not to be reported to me via e-mail please as not always on duty.

Police do not monitor community Facebook, Twitter, neighbour next door apps etc...and these are not the correct way to report things going on, otherwise we are unaware and unable to help you in your community.

Public Meetings

All public meetings are now cancelled due to Covid-19.



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