

# Police Community Support Officer Newsletter

GREAT CHART WITH SINGLETON -  
NOVEMBER 2020



Hello there. I am the local Police Community Support Officer for your area. This is my monthly report which is sent to the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, and other members of the community who may be interested to receive it. The report is a general overview of what I have been doing this month and gives crime prevention advice.

Crime statistics can be found at: <https://www.police.uk/>

Alternatively, Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) send out regular updates in relation to crimes that have happened in the Ashford area. If you wish to receive these updates directly then please contact Andrew Judd who is the Volunteer and Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer. His contact details are as follows:

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**CORONAVIRUS** – This month saw the start of a second lockdown in England. It is hoped that if we reduce our day-to-day contact with people then this will reduce the spread of infection. Government guidelines state that we should:

1. Stay at home, except for specific purposes.
2. Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

Also, certain businesses and venues have been closed.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



### Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



### Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



### Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

However, the most recent announcement by the Government has said that Kent will be placed into tier three when this lockdown ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Tier 3: Very high alert



- **Pubs open** for takeaways only
- **Gyms open** and most outdoor sport allowed
- **No household mixing** but Rule of Six allowed in certain outdoor areas
- **Schools open**

Covid Tier 3 restrictions at a glance

We are also going to be allowed to make a 'Christmas bubble' over the festive period. This is where the government is changing some social contact restrictions for a short period of time.

# CHRISTMAS BUBBLE

Between 23 and 27 December you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' of up to three households

Find out more: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

I would encourage you to visit the UK Government website for the most up-to-date information:  
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Local Incidents

During November, Kent Police has received a large number of calls regarding nuisance motocross bikes at the Singleton Environment Centre. Even though it is such a shame that the area is being used in this manner, at least more residents are reporting this activity to us. The issue that we have is that there are no number plates on these bikes and even when we do see them, they just ride off. However, the PCSO Tasking Team and the Community Safety Unit police officer are all working on this and I have been liaising with Ashford Borough Council and the parish council. I want to assure you that we are trying to deal with this, and complaints regarding the vehicles and noise associated with them are being taken seriously.



During the month, speed checks were carried out in Singleton by Ashford CSU. As the Tweets below state, multiple drivers were reported for the offence of speeding. We will continue to pay attention to the area.



**Kent Police Ashford** @kent... · Nov 16

Ashford CSU #speed checks in Singleton @Ashford, multiple drivers reported for the offence of #speeding. With winter approaching and trickier road conditions, we would like to remind motorists to watch their speed and stay safe. #speedkills JH



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You can find more information via Twitter follow [Kent Police Ashford @kentpoliceash](#)



**Kent Police Ashford** @kentpoliceash · 21 Nov

Speed check conducted @Singleton Hill today after reports from local residents of speeding vehicles. No vehicles caught speeding on this occasion but we will continue to monitor. #RoadSafetyWeek2020 #CSUTaskingTeam @GCwSPC SS



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## Out and About in the Area



**Kent Police Ashford** @kentp... · Nov 5

Even cold and dark evenings do not stop us from patrolling @GCWSPC  
#Ashford #CommunityPolicing  
#ProblemSolving LL



**Kent Police Ashford** @kentp... · Nov 5

#PCSO working in partnership with @ashfordcouncil CEO outside Great Chart Primary School. A reminder not to stop on the yellow zigzags for your children's safety  
#ashfordcsu #communitypolicing  
@GCWSPC LL



**Kent Police Ashford** @kentp... · Nov 13

Officers were able to catch and bring these #horses to a place of safety this morning who were found on a main road in #Ashford. Obviously they didn't understand the #StayHome 🏠 advice! 13-0099 LL



## Other News Stories involving Kent Police



**Kent Police (UK)** @kent... · Nov 10

A dog stolen from an elderly couple near #Ashford has been located and returned to its rightful owners. Cockapoo Pippa disappeared from a garden in Great Chart & was recovered by our officers in #Hawkhurst, where she had been kept in an outside kennel.  
[kent.police.uk/news/kent/news...](https://kent.police.uk/news/kent/news...)



## Cannabis plants seized and man arrested in Ashford

More than 25 cannabis plants were seized, and a man was arrested by police investigating drug cultivation in Ashford.

Officers attended an address in Bank Street in the town at 9.30pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020 following a report of a strange smell.

A number of cannabis plants were seized and a 31-year-old man from the Ashford area was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis.

The man has since been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Inspector Jason Atkinson, of Ashford Community Safety Unit, said: 'Kent Police is determined to shut down and disrupt drug dealing networks at every opportunity.'

'If you suspect drugs are being cultivated, produced or dealt in your area, please contact Kent Police on 101, through our website, or 999 if a crime is in progress.'

Anyone with information about drug dealing can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or using the anonymous online form at [Crimestoppers-uk.org](https://Crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Suspected drug dealers arrested in county line warrants in Ashford and London

Two suspected drug dealers have been arrested in simultaneous warrants in Ashford and London as part of an investigation into county line activity.

Officers from Kent Police arrested a 20-year-old man on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs in an early-morning warrant at a property in Nine Acres, Ashford on Tuesday 10 November 2020.

At around the same time, officers working alongside the Metropolitan Police arrested a 25-year-old man in the Earl's Court area of London, as part of the same investigation.

A large quantity of cannabis, mobile phones and other equipment have been seized and the men have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

## Appeal following burglary in Ashford

Officers are appealing for information following a burglary in Ashford.

Kent Police was called to Lakemead after a man was seen stealing tools from a garage at around 6.40pm on Monday 23 November 2020.

The suspect, who is described as wearing a dark hoodie, jumped over a fence after being disturbed by the victim.

Officers are carrying out enquiries and have appealed to anyone who saw anything suspicious, or who may have CCTV or dashcam footage which could assist the investigation, to contact them.

Anyone with any information should call Kent Police on 01843 222289, quoting reference 46/209237/20.

# Kent Fraud Alert System

## On-Line Shopping Scams

**Preventing fraud**

Together, let's stop scammers.

**Remember, ABC:**

- never Assume**
- never Believe**
- always Confirm**

Get the latest scam advice: **@KentPoliceECU**

During this time of lockdown and with Christmas fast approaching, many people will be turning to online shopping to purchase presents. The following hints will hopefully help you stay safe online. Please remember to always use **ABC**.



Be a safe and shopper by:

- Reading reviews from reputable sources to check websites and sellers are genuine
- Using the secure payment method recommended by reputable online retailers
- Accessing the website you're purchasing from by typing it into the web browser
- Using a credit card for purchases over £100 and up to £30,000 for added security.
- Don't accept requests rushing you to pay by bank transfer
- Avoid clicking on links in emails as they could lead to fake websites.

## HMRC Self-assessment scams/Tax rebate scams

HMRC has issued a warning to self-assessment customers following reports of impersonation fraud.

HMRC issues thousands of SMS messages and emails as part of its annual Self -Assessment tax return push. HMRC is warning customers completing their returns to take care to avoid being caught out by scammers. The annual tax return deadline is on 31 January 2021.

Fraudsters use calls, emails or texts to contact customers. In the last 12 months, HMRC has responded to more than 846,000 referrals of suspicious HMRC contact from the public and reported over 15,500 malicious web pages to

internet service providers to be taken down. Almost 500,000 of the referrals from the public offered bogus tax rebates.

Many scams target customers to inform them of a fake 'tax rebate' or 'tax refund' they are due. The imposters use language intended to convince them to hand over personal information, including bank details, in order to claim the 'refund'. Criminals will use this information to access customers' bank accounts, trick them into paying fictitious tax bills, or sell on their personal information to other criminals.

HMRC has a dedicated Customer Protection team that identifies and closes scams but asks the public to recognise the signs to avoid becoming a victim. HMRC regularly publishes examples of new scams on their website to help customers recognise phishing emails and bogus contact by email, text or phone.

It could be a scam if it:

- is unexpected
- offers a refund, tax rebate or grant
- asks for personal information like bank details
- is threatening
- tells you to transfer money.

**For further information visit –**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phishing-and-bogus-emails-hm-revenue-and-customs-examples>

### **New Post Office Phishing Scam**

The below phishing email is currently circulating in the UK and we have had reports of this this being received by Kent residents.

The email informs you that you have missed a package delivery from HMRC Revenue & Customs and gives a link to reschedule the delivery. It is a scam. Do not click on any links or enter any details.

 Show pictures



**Unsuccessful delivery attempt**

**Package from:** HM Revenue & Customs  
**Package type:** Large letter  
**Delivery date & time:** Thursday, 12 November 2020 09:35

We attempted to deliver your package at 09:35 on Thursday, 12 November 2020 but no one was available.

Your parcel was returned to our depot and you need to reschedule your package delivery.

Please reschedule your package delivery by pressing 'Reschedule Now' and one of our drivers will attempt to deliver your package.

**Reschedule Now**

Thank you,  
The Royal Mail Team

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## **Future Events**

It is unclear if the following event will go ahead. Should you wish to attend then please contact the Great Chart with Singleton Parish Clerk at [TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk) for confirmation.

### **Pop Up Café,**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 – 11:00am to 1:00pm**

**Great Chart Village Hall, The Street, Great Chart TN23 3AX**

**TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE**



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101 to report crime & other concerns that do not require an emergency response.