

Police Community Support Officer Newsletter

GREAT CHART WITH SINGLETON - AUGUST 2020

This monthly report goes out 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:

Tel: 01233 896151

Email: andrew.judd@kent.police.uk

Address: Ashford Police Station,
Tufton Street,
Ashford
TN23 1BT



The summer months have been busy and very hot! Whilst I have been out and about, I have found that, during this difficult time, everyone has dealt so well with what we have to endure in regards to COVID-19; the wearing of face masks, queuing at shops, social distancing and being away from family and friends. Our 'normal' lives have changed considerably and most of us have accepted this and adapted accordingly – I would just like to say a big 'thank you' to you all for doing your bit to help save lives.



CORONAVIRUS – Due to new guidelines being announced by the government regularly with regards to COVID-19, please refer to their website for the most update to date information at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Further information Regarding COVID 19 guidelines can be found at:

<http://gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Local Incidents

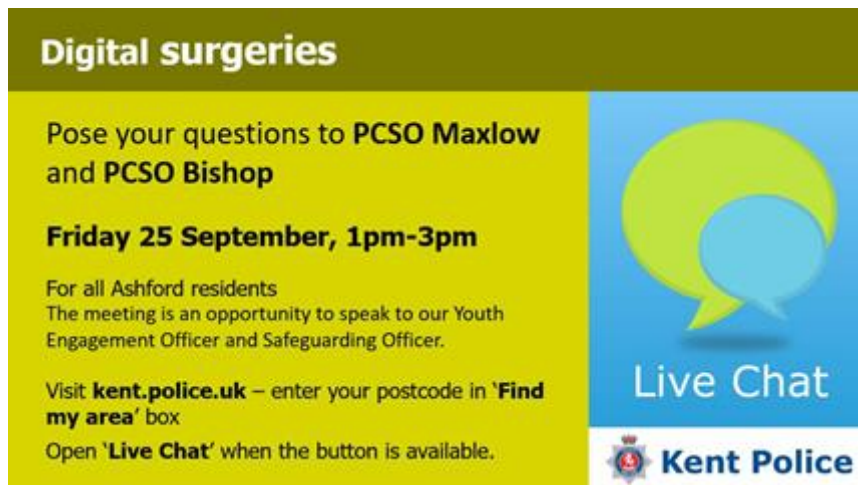
Vehicle Crime – Kent Police have received two reports of vehicles in the Singleton Hill being tampered with. Items, including work tools, were taken. **Please can I remind you to LOCK vehicles at all times as there is always an opportunist out there!**

Suspicious Behaviour – We have had reports of males acting suspiciously in the Singleton Lake area. Any suspicious behaviour should be reported to us with as much detail of the individuals as possible.

Fly tipping – There has been another report of fly tipping, this time in Goldwell Lane, Great Chart. I would urge anyone who sees anyone fly tipping or comes across fly tipping to report it to Ashford Borough Council - either on the council website:

<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/the-environment/streets/fly-tipping/>
or telephone: 01233 331111 (8.30am - 4.00pm Monday - Friday).

Digital Surgery – There are two digital surgeries that are being held on 25th September 2020. Please get involved if you have any issues with the subjects advertised:



Digital surgeries


Pose your questions to **PCSO Maxlow** and **PCSO Bishop**

Friday 25 September, 1pm-3pm

For all Ashford residents
The meeting is an opportunity to speak to our Youth Engagement Officer and Safeguarding Officer.

Visit **kent.police.uk** – enter your postcode in 'Find my area' box
Open 'Live Chat' when the button is available.

Live Chat

 **Kent Police**

Digital surgeries

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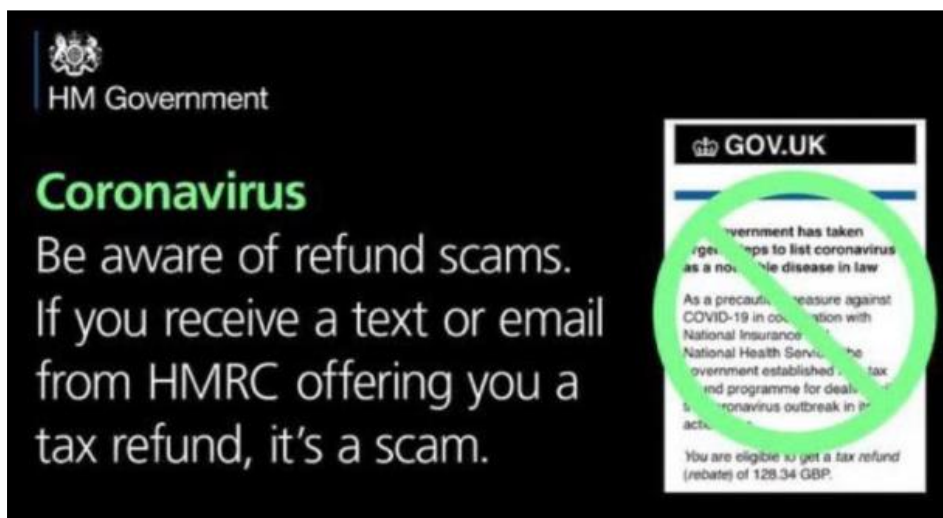
Friday 25 September, 4pm til 6pm

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This is an opportunity to discuss Speeding and nuisance vehicles and also Crime reduction.

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HMRC scams



HM Government

Coronavirus

Be aware of refund scams.
If you receive a text or email from HMRC offering you a tax refund, it's a scam.

GOV.UK

The government has taken steps to list coronavirus as a notifiable disease in law

As a precautionary measure against COVID-19 in consultation with National Insurance, the National Health Service, the government established a tax relief and programme for dealing with the coronavirus outbreak in practice.

You are eligible to get a tax refund (rebate) of 128.34 GBP.

A timely reminder from Action Fraud, who are aware of continuing emails and texts that are impersonating HMRC, offering tax refunds as a result of Coronavirus. If you get a call, email or text message claiming to be from HMRC that asks you to click on a link or to give


information such as your name, card or bank details, **IT IS A SCAM**. Never click on any links and if you receive a call or email, please forward to Phishing@hmrc.gov.uk. If it is a suspicious text message or phone call, disconnect the call and report this to Action Fraud with full details of the callers.

Fraudsters Impersonating Police

During August, Kent residents received calls from fraudsters impersonating Police and claiming that offenders had been arrested using their bank card. The intention of the calls was to obtain the victims personal and financial data. Remember, the Police would never contact you and ask for bank account details, passwords, PIN numbers etc. or ask you to take out monies from your bank for them to collect by courier. If you get a call like this, then please terminate the call and report to Police by calling 101. If you are unsure if the call is genuine, then take the persons details, department, Police station et c. and ring 101 and ask to speak to the officer. Never ring a number supplied by the person calling, always ring 101. Use an alternative phone to the one you received the call on but if not possible, then ring a trusted number to ensure that the line has been cleared and that the fraudsters are not keeping the line open. Always apply our ABC message, Never ASSUME, Never Believe, Always CONFIRM.



TV Licence Scam

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⚠️ Kent residents are being targeted by TV Licence scam email.

Because of the changes to the over 75-year-old television licence be cautious about any emails from TV Licensing that ask you to update your personal or banking details. TV Licensing is sending letters to anyone aged over 75 asking them to either pay for their TV licence or apply for a free one. The letter TV Licensing sends will include your licence number, your title and your last name and they will only ask you to pay using the following options:

- ✓ By post using the address TV Licensing, PO Box 578, Darlington DL98 1AN
- ✓ Online at tvl.co.uk/75pay or tvl.co.uk/75apply
- ✓ Over the phone on 0300 790 6151

Find out more on the TV Licensing website <https://bit.ly/32gmLpA>
For advice on email scams contact Citizens Advice <https://bit.ly/2SiaFrX> or call 0808 250 5050

Warn family and friends.

Ashford One Stop Shop Closure

It is with regret but due to recent government guidance the Ashford One Stop Shop will close until further notice.

Further Support and Information can be obtained by contacting the following agencies:

- Rising Sun Domestic Violence and Abuse Service – Confidential Helpline – 01227 452852. This line is available 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.
- 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.
- Domestic Abuse Support Services in Kent and Medway - www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk

If you are in danger, please call 999 immediately.



Future Events

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic the following events have been cancelled.

Pop Up Café,

Wednesday, 16th September 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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