



# Kent Police

Happy New Year to you all!

Please accept my sincere apologies once again for not being able to attend your meeting this evening. Unfortunately, I am still on restricted duties due to my shoulder injury. However, I have had a long chat with Ani and Angus regarding incidents in the area and have also been in contact with Joanna, your Community Warden.

Unfortunately, the anti-social behaviour in the Blue Field / Kirk View area has been an ongoing issue. However, over the last week, a number of the individuals thought to be responsible for this have now been given very strong words of advice by Police Officers in the presence of their parents. I am hopeful that this will be enough to stop this unacceptable behaviour.

Ani did mention to me about three youths with catapults causing problems in the area. Again, one of these potential offenders has been spoken to. However, should any further incidents occur, please do report them to us. As always, call 101 or go onto our Kent Police website to report a non-urgent crime or call 999 if a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

There has also been an issue with a vehicle parking on the pavement and causing an obstruction. Again the owner has been contacted and words of advice have been given.

Finally, as the weather becomes colder and frozen windscreens become an issue, I just wanted to give you words of advice. It is a temptation to turn your vehicle on and head back into your cosy home whilst it heats up. However, those who allow their engine to warm up unattended are breaking the law. You have a legal obligation to be in control of your vehicle when the engine is running. The vehicle could also become a target for opportunistic thieves and drivers may find that their insurance will not pay out in this situation.

It is also vital that you do not drive off until all the ice has been cleared from your windscreen and windows. Any reduction in visibility could be extremely dangerous. Most importantly, allow plenty of time for your journey and please drive carefully. You are all very precious!

Take care,

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