

Police Community Support Officer Newsletter

GREAT CHART WITH SINGLETON JUNE 2020



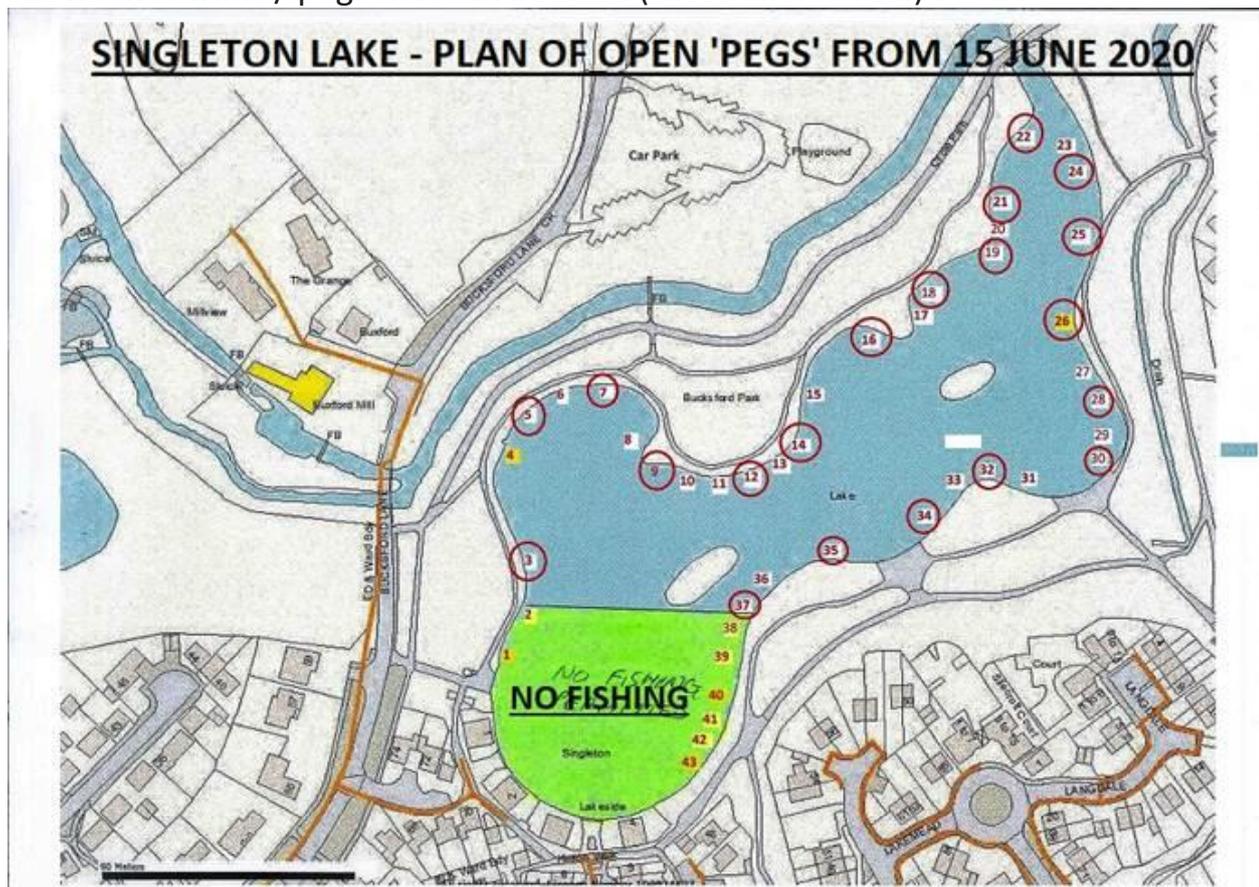
CORONAVIRUS – Due to new guidelines being announced by the government with regards to COVID-19, please refer to their website for the most update to date information at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMllvqJitXd6QIVg7HtCh1dCA3NEAAYASA AEgIWdFd BwE>

Digital Surgery - During June, I held my first 'digital surgery' with Sergeant Bloomfield. This allowed residents to pose any questions that they may have to contact us via live chat on the Kent Police website. We are moving with the times and trying different ways for the public to be able to engage with us.

Singleton Lake

Please be advised that Singleton Lake is now open to anglers. However, only certain swims / pegs can be used due to social distancing. Please see the attached map of the lake which shows the swims / pegs that can be used (those circled red.)



Please also find below the Singleton Lake Covid-19 Guidelines for Anglers:



SINGLETON LAKE
OPEN TO FISHING BY MEMBERS & DAY TICKET HOLDERS ONLY
From 15th June 2020

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR ANGLERS
(Adapted from guidance issued by the Angling Trust)

✓	ONLY TRAVEL TO FISHING VENUES ACCORDING TO WHAT IS ALLOWED BY CURRENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES
✓	MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO FISH BEFORE TRAVELLING. THIS VENUE IS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND HOLDERS OF DAY TICKETS ONLY . TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE FROM THE 'ANGLING DIRECT' SHOP IN ASHFORD. FISHING WITHOUT PERMISSION IS ILLEGAL
✓	ALWAYS ABIDE BY CURRENT GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING
✓	(DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AT SINGLETON LAKE) A MAXIMUM OF TWO PERSONS FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD ARE PERMITTED TO SHARE A SINGLE 'PEG' – BUT STICK TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
✓	ONLY FISH FROM THE PERMITTED 'PEGS' IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN (WHERE POSSIBLE) A DISTANCE OF 15M FROM OTHER ANGLERS WHILST FISHING
✓	PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO CLUB & FISHERY NOTICES – IF UNSURE SPEAK TO A CLUB OFFICIAL / WATER STEWARD FOR GUIDANCE
✓	SHARING OF FISHING TACKLE OR OTHER ITEMS IS NOT PERMITTED – PRACTICE STRICT HAND HYGIENE & CLEAN EQUIPMENT THOROUGHLY IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES. DISPOSABLE GLOVES ARE RECOMMENDED
✓	MATCH FISHING IS PERMITTED IN LINE WITH ANGLING TRUST BEST PRACTICE & GUIDANCE
✓	FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF MATCH FISHING, KEEPNETS MAY BE USED BY ALL ANGLERS
✗	DO NOT LEAVE HOME IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 & FOLLOW GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON ISOLATION

Local Incidents

Nuisance Vehicles - This month I have received reports with regards to different nuisance vehicles. These vehicles have been seen along Goldwell Lane, Great Chart as well as in the Singleton Lake area, around the Environment Centre and the Singleton Village Hall.

If you witness this activity, then please report it to us. If you can video the incident then please do so but do not put yourself at risk. Under Section 59 of the Police and Reform Act 2002 officers of Kent Police can seize and remove a vehicle, which he or she believes is being driven inconsiderately or carelessly and causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public. Our Community Safety Unit has recently issued a number of 'Section 59s' and will continue to do so in order to prevent this anti-social behaviour.

Suspicious Behaviour – We have had reports of males acting suspiciously in the Bucksford Lane area as well as along Running Foxes Lane and in the Kirk View area. Any suspicious behaviour should be reported to us with as much detail of the individuals as possible. Unfortunately, there has also been a report of a burglary in Singleton and a vehicle stolen. Even though burglaries are very rare it is always worth reviewing your own home and vehicle security on a regular basis. Please find below a number of tips that may assist you with your home security:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden.
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox.)
- Install a visual burglar alarm.
- Install good outside lighting.
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied.
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition.
- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage.
- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges.
- Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme www.ourwatch.org.uk
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows.
- Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

Fly tipping – Kent Police have received a number of reports about fly tipping in the area. I can appreciate that only one visit per month can be made to the Ashford Household Waste Recycling Centre at the moment but there is no excuse for fly tipping. 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).



Ashford Borough Council also have an app which can be downloaded on smart phones. This has a section called 'Report It' that includes fly tipping and is easy to use. It links to the phone camera and location (if location service is switched on) making it easy to identify the location of the fly tip. This app can also be used to report other environmental issues such as nuisance noise, and dog fouling.

Kent Police backs national seatbelt campaign

Motorists are urged to belt up as officers at Kent Police will be out in force supporting a nationwide road safety campaign.

The two-week campaign from the National Police Chiefs' Council starts on Monday 29 June 2020. It will see officers from the Roads Policing Unit, Special Constabulary and Road Safety Team at Kent Police paying particular attention to those who have failed to secure their seatbelts at various locations around the county.

Driving without a seatbelt has been linked to a number of fatalities on the roads in Kent. Statistics show that in 2019 11 people were killed and 15 seriously injured following a collision in which seatbelts were not worn.

It has been recognised that in a crash you are twice as likely to die if you don't wear a seatbelt and there is evidence to suggest that people are less likely to use seatbelts on short or familiar journeys, putting them at serious risk of injury in a collision.

Chief Inspector Rhiannan Pepper, Head of Kent Police's Roads Policing Unit, said: 'Enforcing the law is business as usual for us but we welcome opportunities like this to help further promote road safety messages.

Our officers will be looking out for any motorists and passengers who are not wearing a seatbelt and those breaking the law will face a fine.

Seatbelts are vital to keep road users as safe as possible, this includes passengers as well as drivers and especially children.

This law has been in force since 1983 and thankfully the majority of people do wear seatbelts, however there are still some who choose to break the law. This is of great concern to us when it comes to keeping Kent's roads safe for all who use them.

Lives lost on the road is a tragic waste and devastating to all involved. We all have a duty to make sure we do everything within our power to protect ourselves and others so please belt up every time.

Future Events

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic the following event has been cancelled.

Pop Up Café,

Wednesday, 15th July, 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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