

Good Morning

AUGUST REPORT FOR SINGLETON SOUTH & BEAVER Wards

My name is Nikki Potter and I am a Police Community Support Officer for Beaver and South Singleton. I am part of Ashford Police Station's Community Safety Unit. I will be sending monthly updates by email to let you know what has been happening in the area and what I have been involved with. Should you not wish to receive this, please let me know and I will remove you from the email list. Unfortunately I have been off on sick leave since the beginning of May but I am now back and commencing full duties.

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

OP IDAHO – due to the school holidays we have PCSO'S daily on this operation and patrolling certain areas where Anti-Social Behaviour is happening. Areas included are Singleton Lakes and the surrounding area. The lakes have a public space protection order in place and fines can be given for Anti- Social Behaviour and Fishing in areas not permitted or night fishing.

LOCAL INCIDENTS FOR AUGUST 2019

Bike Theft - There was 1 bike theft reported from a garden in Beaver lane the bike was insecure.

Please find below a range of simple steps that you can take to reduce the risk of bike theft:

- Consider having your bike security-marked or engraved to deter thieves and make it easier for the police to return it to you if it is lost or stolen;

Out and About

- Get a good bike lock (D locks or combination locks are best.) Look for Sold Secure Ltd approved locks, or ask the bike shop for a recommendation;
- Make sure you secure your bicycle, even if you only leave it for a few moments. Always lock your bike next to something secure such as a bike rack or lamppost;
- Lock up removable parts (such as wheels) or take them with you (for example, light fittings);

At Home

- Store your bike in a garage or shed that is kept securely locked.
- No garage / shed? Take your bike inside your home or secure it in exactly the same way as you would away from home; remove valuable parts and lock the entire bike to an immovable object.
- Consider installing security lighting around your property to help deter thieves and restrict access by keeping boundaries secure and gates locked.
- Encourage neighbours to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle - We have had a report of a vehicle being stolen in the area of Essetford Road. Please can I also remind you not to leave any valuables on view as it's just too tempting for opportunistic thieves - mobile phones, bags, laptops, briefcases, jackets and sunglasses are all fair game – so make sure you hide them out of sight in the glove compartment or boot.

Nuisance bikes– There have reports of a mini moto around the area of Beaver Lane. Can I urge you if you do see any nuisance bikes to call us on 101 as we have a dedicated PCSO Team who are actively dealing with these bikes and a number of Section 59 are being issued.

Poaching Singleton Lakes - We have received a report of fisherman night fishing which is not permitted at the lakes. The lake is regularly patrolled and if seen by an Officer a fine will be issued. Due to OP IDAHO in place for the duration of the Summer Holidays Anti- Social Behaviour at the lakes has reduced.

Other Information.

The screenshot shows the CrimeStoppers website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: "GIVE INFORMATION", "SUPPORT US", "KEEPING SAFE", "ABOUT THE CHARITY", "FOR BUSINESS", and "CAMPAIGNS & MEDIA". The main header features the "CrimeStoppers." logo with the tagline "Speak up. Stay safe." and the phone number "0800 555 111" with the note "100% anonymous, Always". There are two buttons: "DONATE" and "GIVE INFORMATION ANONYMOUSLY". The main content area has a large background image of hands holding a smartphone. The text "Speak up. Stay safe." is prominently displayed. Below it, a smaller text reads: "We're an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime 100% anonymously". A button labeled "ABOUT THE CHARITY" is at the bottom left. A browser context menu is open over the smartphone image, showing options like "Reload current page", "Save Page As...", "Copy Background Image", "Select All", "View Page Source", "View Page Info", "View This Page in IE", and "View This Page in Chrome".

The screenshot shows the Kent Police website services page. The top left features the Kent Police logo and a search bar. A sidebar menu on the left lists: "SERVICES", "ADVICE", "NEWS", "JOBS - RECRUITING NOW", "YOUR AREA", "ABOUT US", and "CONTACT US". The main content area is titled "SERVICES" and includes a "QUICK EXIT" button in the top right. Below the title, there are several service icons: "REPORT A COLLISION", "REPORT ONLINE", "MOST POPULAR QUESTIONS", "JOBS", "FIREARMS LICENCES", "POLICE/AGENCY REQUESTS", "LOST PROPERTY", and "CHILD ABUSE / SARAH'S LAW". A "SEE MORE" button is located below these icons. At the bottom, there is a "Report online" section with a "Report ONLINE" logo and a "Report a crime, incident or non-injury RTC in minutes and receive a confirmation email and reference number immediately." text. A "READ MORE" button and a back arrow are also present.

With the fine weather and more people on holiday and being at home in their gardens and out and about, we get a greater demand on neighbourly disputes. A service that is available to help with this is.



Ashford Mediation Service - helping people talk about and solve their problems and disputes

AMS is a charity that helps people across the Ashford Borough Council area with neighbourhood, family and intergenerational disputes; offering mediation services in the local community with the help of trained volunteer mediators. These services provide a way of enabling people to talk about problems and reach solutions, with the mediators listening, supporting and guiding them.

There are quite a variety of problems that the service can help deal with, some of which will be very familiar to you from experiences with communities across the area:

- Noisy neighbours
- Children's behaviour
- Pets' behaviour
- Parking disputes
- Boundary disputes/shared driveways
- Harassment/Abusive behaviour

Early engagement of AMS when an issue arises is key to securing early solutions and preventing problems deteriorating to more damaging levels. As they deteriorate they can often spread beyond the individuals originally involved to their extended families and friends, and affecting other neighbours and the wider community. More extreme cases can turn from civil/community issues into criminal ones, an outcome that everyone wants to avoid.

And the cost isn't just in social terms as escalation of such social problems often requires costly interventions from our public sector agencies (typically social services, health and social care services, maybe education and children's services, plus the Police of course); taking resources away from where they are badly needed at a time when those resources are increasingly squeezed.

If you would like further information about AMS and its mediation services you might visit their website, or get in touch with them yourself, especially if you are aware of a developing situation that would benefit from their input. Community Policing teams, like Neighbourhood Wardens and even NHW groups, regularly identify issues developing between residents, so signposting them towards people who can help them find early resolution would be beneficial to all; socially and economically. AMS has recently appointed a Development Director, Ian Redding, who will gladly meet with you or a group of your colleagues if you'd like to discuss AMSs work in more detail, and the benefits that it can bring.

Also if you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer mediator, or know someone who would, please let AMS know; there is always a demand for more mediators. Even though they are based at Ashford Station, we work alongside them and they are an independent charity.

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Enjoy your summer.

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All incidents that have been reported to the Police can be found in full depth from crime statistics