

REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2025

I will update council on all the crime trends of concern and the actions I am taking.

I continue to push to get Police officers to attend council meetings and progress is slow, but I hope moving towards an improvement.

With all councils in truth, I have lost track as to who has written has written to who complaining.

I am crystal clear and although my views are exceptionally unpopular with Ashford Police the fact is in June 2023 the Kent policing model for Kent was launched and was based of the firm principle of Neighbourhood Policing.

PCSOs were done away with, and assurances were given that the Beat Officers in the rank of PCs would replace them and they would attend meetings.

The model was launched with reference to "Peelian Principles" The clear emphasis on prevention, the recognition that the police are part of the community.

The PCC and Chief Constable were clear in the paper submitted

"We will retain Neighbourhood policing as the bedrock of policing in Kent"

It is well document of my clash with Ashford Police over this issue and failure to deliver the service of officers attending council meetings. I submit they lose so much by not attending. Many councils cannot even name their beat officer.

I have written and met with the Crime Commissioner to raise this and try to improve the situation. I feel we are all losers in this position. Councils have also written with concerns

The Office of the PCC has responded on the 15th April to several councils and I quote.....

"The Commissioner's expectations agreed with the Assistant Chief Constable is that the local Beat Officer for each area should be attending the Parish/Community Council meetings at least on a quarterly basis.

Concerns have been raised with the Ch Insp. of Ashford Police. Contact should be made with you in due course, however if you have not heard anything within two weeks, please do revert back to me and I will gladly facilitate further on your behalf"

On Thursday 8th May I checked with the clerk for the councils and no such response had been made.

I hope we will move towards an improved position in coming weeks as the 2 year anniversary approaches and no officer has attended council. Sadly, for your council read so many others, especially as you had a fantastic \$working relationship with the PCSO that covered this area.

I have met with both the MPs that cover the area on Friday 9th may and held my report to you to report on progress.



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Both meetings with the MPs and their teams were very productive and a clear commitment to work together with regular meetings. Every crime trend that you as a council and I work on was discussed with them and how their position can help. Future meetings are planned on a regular basis.

At the time of writing this report there was a theft in **HOXTON CLOSE** of a bike at the Residential Care home. I am pleased to report the bike was recovered and a person arrested. My work with NHW is to ensure any information, additional witnesses and any form of CCTV and Dashcam evidence is collected.

This is clearly not the crime of the century but week in week out bikes are stolen in Ashford. They very often target low-income people who use their bike to get to work. I am often dealing with residents who are devastated, upset and distressed with the worry of how to get to work. Or youngsters who have had a bike taken and are absolutely heart broken.

These bike criminals are one of the lowest of the low and my full efforts will be to get the assistance to the police and put this person before the courts.



Please see appeal out in the community.



Peter New

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH APPEAL.

Dear community

CRIME NUMBER 46/77186/25.

May I appeal for any information, witnesses, cctv, camera doorbell footage and even Dashcam footage. Of the THEFT OF A BIKE FROM SINGLETON NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOME in HOXTON CLOSE, ASHFORD TN23 5LB on 1920hrs on Thursday 8th May .

Pictures already with the police are below.

To leave this area this person will have passed by numerous cameras and any help would be gratefully received.

You may hear an arrest has been made but giving officers every piece of evidence is vital to obtain a conviction.

Bike thefts are a trend crime and cause upset and distress to victims. You may be able to help in this case and that would greatly assist combatting these types of crimes. Well done Kent Police so far let us see if the community can help further.

Email me if you have any concerns in absolute confidence.

Thank you

Peter

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As always, the constant battle with **SCAMS** is with us 365 days a year 24hrs each day.

My skills are to try and be ahead of the game and get alerts into the community mainly please do not do anything in a rush and if in doubt DO NOTHING.

The target group is us all but sometimes changes slightly for example.

OASIS REFORMING FOR 6 NEW CONCERTS is a fantastic “business opportunity” for criminals for bogus tickets, hotel packages and back stage passes.

These scams are targeting not the 80- and 90-year-olds but a much younger target age group.

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Ticket Fraud

Buying tickets online this summer?

Across the UK, over 9,800 people reported being a victim of ticket fraud last year, with losses of £9.7M.

Stay safe whilst securing your tickets for summer events this year.

Paying with a credit card can increase your chances of recovering your money if you are affected by fraud.

Best advice is to Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known ticketing website.

You can find out more about how to protect yourself from these types of scams by going to - [Ticket fraud | Action Fraud](#)

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

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always Confirm

Find out more
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was lost to
ticket fraud.**

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yourself against ticket fraud.

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Fraud, visit our website at
[Advice about fraud | Kent
Police](#)

You will also find valuable
information from the Home
Office at [Stop! Think Fraud -
How to stay safe from scams](#)



CONSUMER NEWS

Scammers make £2million selling fake Oasis tickets

By Lucy Evans, Money Reporter

OASIS fans have been swindled out of more than £2million by fake ticket sellers, Lloyds Banking Group said yesterday.

More than 1,000 of its customers have fallen for the trick, losing hundreds of pounds each. One lost £1,700.

Real tickets sold out within hours after the band announced its reunion tour, which begins this summer. Around 5,000 UK fans are believed to have been scammed in total, many via social media ads. Liz Ziegler, from Lloyds, said: 'Buying directly from reputable, authorised retailers is the only way to guarantee you're paying for a genuine ticket.'

She said fake sellers often ask for payment via bank transfer.

Sometimes I am grateful when the national press comes to my aide.

The latest warning from my Fraud Colleagues is another example of my elderly very senior citizens who are normally at risk not being tempted but younger people falling for a very topical subject

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Weight loss Pill Scam Email

A scam email impersonating Mail Online promotes a 'miracle weight loss pill.'

The email also says that the product scored a deal on TV show Dragon's Den.

The email asks you to click on a link to purchase the item, however, it is a scam and takes you to a realistic looking website under the control of the criminals, where they will steal your personal and financial data.

If you get an email like this or any other suspicious looking emails, you can report these by forwarding to report@phishing.gov.uk

For more information on Phishing go to - [Phishing: Spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and... - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

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You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

I close by thanking council always for your backing as a group and as individual councillors for me personally.

Regards

Peter

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