



**REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.
SINGLETON & GREAT CHART PARISH COUNCIL SEPT 2024**



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

THEFT FROM VEHICLES, LEAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON SHOW IN A PARKED CAR. VANS CARRYING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT ARE AT RISK

THEFTS FROM GARAGES, SHEDS, BARNES, STABLES AND OUTBUILDINGS

THEFTS OF INTERNET SHOPPING PARCELS FROM DOORSTEPS (VANS ARE NOW FOLLOWED, EVEN REMOTE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTIES ARE VULNERABLE

SPECIAL CRIMES e.g. THEFT OF HIGH END KEYLESS CARS/KNIVES/DRUGS

BOGUS CALLERS/ROGUE TRADERS/SCAMS

FLY TIPPING

My work will ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITIES.

WORK TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS CAMPAIGNS

IMPORTANTLY TO LOOK AHEAD AND ANTICIPATE, ALERT AND INFORM. REACT TO CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS AND DEVELOPING/CHANGING CRIME THREATS.

ONE OF OUR BIGGEST THREATS is SCAMS. These come on our mobile phones, our landline phones, our computers, our laptops, by letter and on occasions by face to face on our doorsteps.

They can come from 3, 30, 300 and 3000 miles away.

May I draw council's attention this month to the theft of internet shopping parcels

This risk has developed over a period of 2 to 3 years and was fuelled by the arrangements to operate safely as COVID restrictions relaxed.

1. The theft of a parcel from a doorstep mainly in town areas where there is foot traffic by a "Chancer and opportunists" Sometimes the thief had no intention of committing the crime but there was a parcel and then it was gone!
2. Criminals developed a more serious approach and vans were now followed that risk grew around the time of Black Friday sales and of course Christmas as more and more online shopping took off.
It also now brought into play more rural and isolated premises so no property off the beaten track was safe now
3. Then we had vans taken as delivery drivers went to premises and the criminals were frustrated that many deliveries were being accepted by residents and so when the opportunity arose, they stole the complete van and all deliveries inside.

4. Sadly and I have no in depth details as yet but a delivery van driver was killed recently in the North of England as criminals tried to take the van and the driver was killed as the van drive off.

My work will need to address this risk in the coming months as we start to move towards Christmas.

We must encourage safe delivery arrangements.



CRIME

Parcel thefts rise from doorsteps as gangs follow courier vans



THIS IS A CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON TYPE ALERT AND MESSAGE

I have also dealt with a case of a hand held electronic device being spotter in use on nearby KNIGHTS PARK to target a residents car. A very vigilant NHW member intervened to prevent any crime being carried out.

I have fully briefed the Serious Crime Squad who I worked with on keyless car thefts last year and early 2024. All info/intel has been submitted.



Knights Park (Ashford, Kent) Community Group

Peter New · 29 Aug · 🌐

Dear Readers

You will have already read the post from Trudi, a vigilant member of Neighbourhood Watch about the attempted car theft on Knights Park in AUGUSTUS WALK, KNIGHTS PARK, off of MILLBANK ROAD.

Good quality CCTV has been provided to the police of the incident at approx 1125 hrs today (Thursday 29th August)

Would anyone with CCTV or Camera Doorbell footage of the person shown below please make contact my email is below

Thank you for your help in this matter
Peter

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👍👎 Heather Stanton and 3 others

6 comments

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AREAS TO IMPROVE

I think an area where we must seek to improve is to get residents to report all crimes. Yes, we have online and 101 and now live chat but we must not shy away from using 999. Our vulnerable and elderly may only have a landline phone.

Let Force Control make the decisions on responses. We must combat the feeling of “They are too busy” “They won’t come” we must make the calls and put the onus on the police to decide. We can get a crime number and any feeling of shortfall in performance can be followed up with that number.

Far too many times crimes and attempted crimes are not reported.

The financial loss is much less than the insurance claim excess, so no crime number is needed as no claim is being made so no report is made.

A classic example would be shed thefts not reported and then a shed is a target and say £15000 of specialist fishing equipment or expensive bikes/golf equipment is stolen and sadly the police find it is the 6th shed theft in the area but 5 were not reported. No crime prevention alerts go out and the 6th shed may have been an avoidable crime.

Attempted thefts should always be reported because sometimes thieves return if they have been thwarted but have seen something they wish to target.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR and CRIMINAL DAMAGE are other examples of crimes that must be reported.

All reports help to shape proactive patrols and importantly crime prevention advice.

I look forward to a strong last quarter of the year working with you to help keep our residents safe and crime free and as important free from the fear of being a victim of crime also.

I will be attending and making a presentation at CHILMINGTON CMO AGM on 12th September.

Thank you all as always for your solid backing and support. I really appreciate that.
Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant

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