



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



My alerts must be the same as last months

**THE THEFT OF INTERNET SHOPPING PARCELS & PACKAGES FROM OFF OF
HOUSEHOLD DOORSTEPS**

COURIER FRAUD.

Courier Fraud is where a package is delivered to your property and moments later a person calls saying the delivery was made in error. Only when a bill later arrives do people realise, they have been a victim of crime.

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 Vans now followed no property is safe.

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**



COURIER FRAUD WARNINGS FOLLOW

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Courier Fraud Alert

We have received several reports across the county, including, Maidstone, Sheerness, Gillingham, Longfield, Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Rochester and Sevenoaks.

On four occasions, the criminals stated that they were a Sergeant Wiggins from Waterloo Police and that they had someone in custody with the intended victims bank card. They have also called impersonating Police at hammersmith Police Station.

They are asking the intended victims not to disconnect the call but to ring 999 whilst remaining on the line, to confirm that they were genuine.

These were all scams.

If you get a call like this and are not sure, then disconnect the call and ring 101 using another phone. If another phone is not available, then wait 5 minutes and ring a family member or friend to ensure the line has been disconnected before ringing 101.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



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always Confirm



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.

For further information about 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



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Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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Delivery Scams

How the scam works –

An unexpected parcel is delivered to the victim's door, which will normally contain a high value item such as a laptop or iPhone. Shortly after the delivery, a person wearing a uniform from the same company will attend and state that the item was delivered in error and that they are there to take it back. However, it is a scam. The item would have been ordered in the persons name without their knowledge and the criminals would have tracked the order to know when it was delivered and when to knock on the door to say it is all one big error. The totally unaware occupier will not know there has been a scam until they receive letters requesting payment for the item.

If you get an unexpected delivery that you have not ordered, then contact the company and agree with them which courier company will collect it and on what day they will attend.

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In the last two weeks we have seen reports of courier frauds across the county but particularly in,

Chatham, Dover, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Ashford and Rochester.

Remember, the police or your bank will never:

- Ask for your bank details or PIN.
- Ask you to transfer or withdraw and handover sums of money.
- Send a courier to collect your bank cards, cash or PIN.
- Ask you to buy gold for them to collect to assist with an investigation.
- Additionally, your Bank will never call and ask that you transfer money to a safe account.

If you get any calls like these, they are a SCAM.

For more information watch - [Courier Fraud Warning: Stay Wise, Don't Compromise \(youtube.com\)](#)

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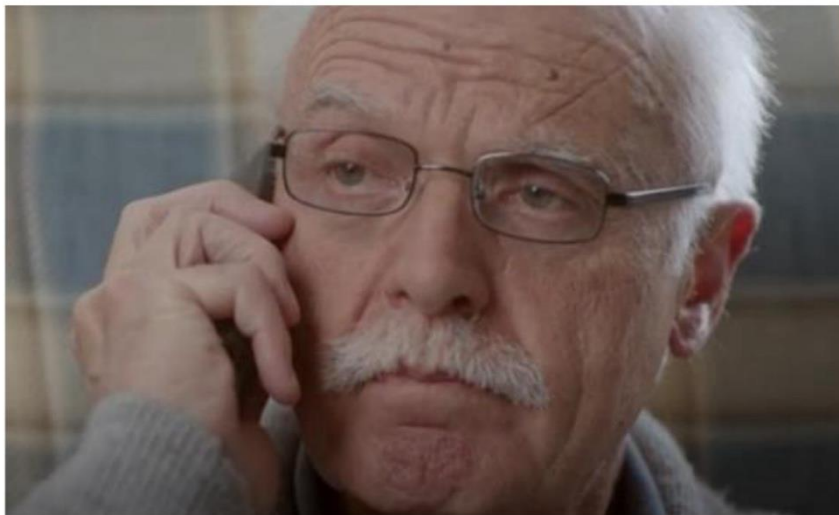
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I must once again warn council of my grave concerns about car parking and access for emergency vehicles. An Ashford problem but certain areas of your parish this applies.





**A fire engine needs a gap of
at least 3.1m (10ft) to get through**



**Next time you park please think about
whether a fire engine can get through.**



I will update council on my work with **E-SCOOTER/ELECTRIC BIKE FIRE RISK**

I will raise concerns of the failure of Ashford Police to attend council meetings throughout 2024 and in fact since the June 2023 launch of the Kent Police Model and the switch from PCSOs the Beat Police Officers.

Council may wish to considered writing to the officer of the Crime Commissioner on the matter.

I will address the work that I will carry out towards Christmas. For example, Father Christmas as we all know often stores extra Christmas presents in residents sheds.... Criminals know this!!

Residents store extra drink supplies in the run up to Christmas and the new year.... Criminals know this!!

That is the types of risks we will face

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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