



**REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.  
GREAT CHART with SINGLETON P.C. DECEMBER 2024.**



**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 HAVE ALSO BEEN ISSUED**

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

I will address the work that I will carry out towards Christmas.

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 to the Beat Police Officers.



1. For example, Father Christmas as we all know often stores extra Christmas presents in residents sheds.... Criminals know this!!
2. Residents store extra drink supplies in the run up to Christmas and New Year in sheds and garages .... Criminals know this!!
3. Christmas shopping and leaving items in cars then going off for lunch before continuing shopping. Criminals know this!
4. Packing cars to travel the night before, criminals will be aware and looking for targets. Criminals know this they will be walking around in the early hours looking for targets
5. Children playing with new Xmas gifts and leaving them outside properties and then going in for Xmas Lunch. Criminals will drive around in vans and pick up items to hand.
6. Alert when shopping at Christmas for distraction thefts especially in crowded supermarkets as you scramble for the cream and brandy butter. Handbags on shopping trollies a special risk.
7. Theft from external post boxes

**These are the types of risks we will face. Stay alert and vigilant.**

IT IS ESSENTIAL ALL CRIMES/ATTEMPTED/FAILED CRIMES/ASB and CRIMINAL DAMAGE ARE REPORTED

# Contacting Kent Police



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## INTO 2025

The work is now also underway to build my work plan for 2025.

It will be much of the same, but we must prepare for a flood of scams that can hit our residents whilst they are in the safety of their own homes with all doors securely locked.

In closing I always record my thanks as it is the last meeting in 2024 I would wish to thank you all for the support for Neighbourhood Watch and as important for me personally.

My work is on occasions very lonely and can bring me into conflict with many organisations as I strive to be better and to make our community safer. We have in your area some of the most vulnerable people in the Ashford District. Criminals work tirelessly to identify them and target them, we must match those efforts.

It is going into battle knowing you all so well and your deep community values that is so important. It is understanding your concerns and worries.

Our work together is so important in fact vital and essential but please never ever think that I take your support for granted. Support is earned through hard work, outcomes and results.

It may sound very similar words, but it will be same again please as we head into 2025.

I will be focused on crime and crime prevention, but I also possess the ability to lift my head and see clouds on the horizon that could hit us.

**NEVER EVER FORGET “CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN COMMUNITIES THAT CARE”**

Our resident's care! and I care, and the most certain thing is I know is how much each and every one of you on the council care as individuals and as a team.

It has been an honour and a privilege to work with you in 2024 onward and forwards together in 2025. May I wish you all and your families a very happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year

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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