

## **REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2025**

**I may struggle to get to the meeting on Monday, but my report is here.**

### **AVOIDABLE & PREVENTABLE CRIMES**

We must not leave anything whatsoever inside a car when parking especially last park up for the night.

Always Park safe and secure and ensure your vehicle is locked.

Before you move away please **use “Pete’s 5 second rule “**

Park and lock the vehicle and then just stand for 5 seconds and look into the vehicle.

Can you see anything on show. If you can so can a criminal and you could become a victim of crime.

### **LEAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER ON SHOW IN A VEHICLE WHEN PARKING.**

Visits to Shopping centres, Cinema car parks, Railway Stations are all classic areas of risk.

I hope nobody must attend a funeral at a crematorium in coming months but if you do look at the sign in the car park there.

### **THIEVES OPERATE IN THIS CAR PARK.**

That sign is there for the very reason that we attend funerals we are sad and not at our best. We dread a mobile phone going off in the service albeit we have check 20 times its switched off, so we leave it last minute in the car. Ladies may not want to take handbags into the service. Criminals know this and they hide in the gardens there and strike at the cars whilst we are inside.

These low life criminals have no thought of your upset on top of an already upsetting and difficult day.

Another risk.

We load our dogs into our cars and drive to different woodland locations to give our dogs a different place to walk and run around. We park in isolated woodland car parks but leave items in cars again like handbags so as not to have to carry them around the woods. Criminals know this and know the car will be there for an hour or so whilst you enjoy your walk.

**Sometimes I need you to think like a criminal!!**

**Vans carrying tools and equipment, especially those that it is impractical to unload each night are a risk. Park as safe and secure as you can. if the van has rear doors park with them tight up against something so the doors cannot be opened even if they were forced.**



**CAR THIEVES  
ARE IN YOUR AREA**



**LEAVE IT LOCKED,  
LIT AND EMPTY.**



**WHY DID THE  
CAR THIEF  
CROSS  
YOUR  
ROAD?**

**BECAUSE  
THERE WAS AN  
IPAD ON THE SEAT**



**PROTECT YOUR CAR,  
LEAVE IT:**

- 1. LOCKED**  
LOCK YOUR CAR WHEN YOU LEAVE IT
- 2. LIT**  
PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA
- 3. EMPTY**  
HIDE ANY ITEMS ON SHOW

**SHARE THESE 3 STEPS  
WITH 3 FRIENDS**



[www.courwatch.org.uk](http://www.courwatch.org.uk)

The other matter to warn you of tonight is the growing menace of **CATAPULTS**.

Damage to vehicles and especially property is upsetting and distressing and often causes residents costly repairs.

I am seeking permission of the Government to change the law with a petition but at the time of writing this report I have not heard back.

It is essential that every incident is reported so that the full extent of the problem can be tracked, and the police can then target areas of concern.

I am pleased to report that since my discussions with Ashford police about E-Scooters a far more proactive stance has been taken, and more scooters have been seized. I continue to work on the fire safety issue in the community. I hope my complaint of police failure to attend council meetings reaps a similar result soon.

I have asked for a meeting with the Crime Commissioner to present my 2025 personal action plan which I am presenting tonight and to discuss crime trends of concern going forwards.

Throughout the coming months I will run campaigns to cover areas of concern, please let me know if you have any.

**At the time of writing this report KEYLESS CAR THEFTS HAVE STRUCK IN ASHFORD.**

Not locally, but near enough for concern. The time is right to raise awareness for again what has been a very slick crime operation of High End Cars.

The thefts are scouted, the make, model, Reg no and exact location are known to criminals and the theft can be measured in minutes.

The use of Faraday boxes/pouches can help as well as not leaving keys on hall tables or the bottom stair in the hall.

Steering locks are another very useful item to consider.

The biggest battle I must win and indeed it covers all crimes is **MATTERS MUST BE REPORTED AT THE TIME**. Why do people write on Facebook what they saw in the night hours next morning ?

These are 999 calls then and there **“CRIMES IN PROGRESS or CRIMES ABOUT TO HAPPEN**

You will hear me say time and time again this year nobody ever wrote on Facebook during my long fire brigade career “ I looked out my window last night and the house opposite was on fire” They rang 999 immediately. I must win that battle that people call 999 for the police.

Crimes, attempted crimes, failed crimes must all be reported and just maybe if this had been an approach over the last decades just maybe the police would not be so thin on the ground in Kent.

## OTHER MATTERS

I am still monitoring the attendance at police of council meetings.  
I am following the debate about KCC Wardens

There is no doubt in my mind that 2025 will bring many challenges and I will endeavour to make as many meetings as possible, but you will always have a report.

Keep me in the loop on council events and as with your big community event I will also try to be there.

Thank you as always for your backing and support with I am so grateful for but never ever take for granted.

**Peter New COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

# Contacting Kent Police

-  Report a non-urgent crime or incident online at [www.kent.police/report](http://www.kent.police/report) or click the **Live Chat** button
-  In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**
-  If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the textphone service **18000** or download the **BT Relay app**
-  Sign up to [www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk](http://www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk) to receive and respond to community alerts from your local officers
-  Email your local policing team go [www.kent.police.uk/yourarea](http://www.kent.police.uk/yourarea)
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-  Follow us on Instagram [@kentpoliceuk](https://www.instagram.com/kentpoliceuk)
-  For non-urgent issues, if you are unable to get online, call **101**

 **Kent Police** [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)