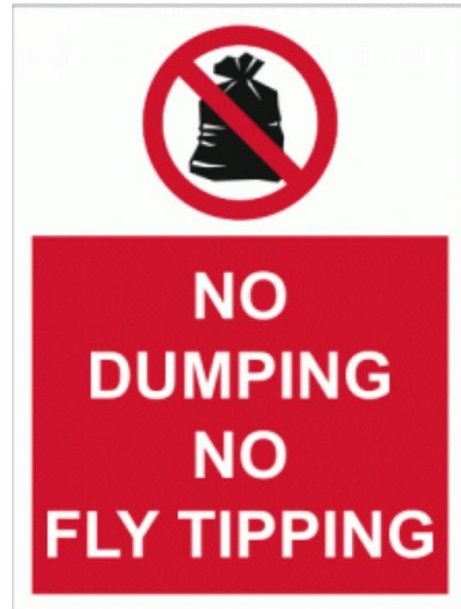


## REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2025.

I will report on matters that I have worked on since our last meeting and take items from the 2025 plan I presented in January 2025.

In my 2025 Action Plan I will be working on Fly Tipping in areas.



I will deal with a matter of items picked up by "Litter Pickers" and members of the Community following a request for assistance and advice from ABC Councillor Sally Gallen.

I think this is timely advice especially on items like Number Plates, Knives, Drug equipment etc. I naturally err on the side of, if a little picker can find it so can a child!



## HOW TO RECOGNISE

# ENVIRONMENTAL ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**Environment antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.**

**D**on't just accept that there is graffiti in your neighbourhood, or litter thrown around everywhere, or dog poo in the middle of the street.

**Do not accept that Antisocial behaviour is normal.**

### DUMPING RUBBISH

**Fly tipping, excessive litter and dumped rubbish can be a health hazard**, not to mention an eyesore. It can cause unpleasant smells, attract pests, and **create a dangerous environment for children**, pets, and wildlife in particular. If the problem is not dealt with quickly, it can lead to an increase in fly-tipping making the area more obviously unpleasant and unsafe.

### ANIMAL NUISANCE

This type of nuisance covers any situation where animals are creating a nuisance or people's behaviour associated with people's behaviour associated with caring for animals is deemed

as antisocial. It includes **uncontrolled animals, stray dogs, barking**, fouling and intimidation by an animal.

### VANDALISM & DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Vandalism includes **unauthorised graffiti, light smashing**, removing/bending signage or ornamentation, breaking windows, or other damage to property. **Graffiti is marks, scratching or drawings** made on a surface on a public place, without the property owner's permission.

### ANTISOCIAL DRINKING

**Drinking in public places** and in large groups can intimidate people, cause noise and nuisance and deter other residents from using community spaces.

### DRIVING CARELESSLY

**Antisocial driving** is any activity involving a vehicle which causes alarm and distress. It can be **excessive noise or loud music** coming

from the vehicle, wheel spinning or doing tyre burnouts.

### ARSON

Arson is the intentional and malicious **causing of a dangerous fire or explosion** for the purpose of destroying one's own or another's property.

Agencies can use restorative action to deal with offenders in relation graffiti, vandalism, litter and similar offences, which will often include them clearing up the mess.



**KEEP KENT**

**CLEAN**

**YOUR WASTE,  
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**FLY TIPPERS  
GET FINED**

**NO EXCUSES.  
YOU COULD GET AN  
UNLIMITED FINE.**



**BEFORE YOU HIRE A WASTE  
DISPOSAL SERVICE ASK:**

- for their Waste Carrier Licence
- where they dispose of their waste
- for a receipt or invoice



#KeepKentClean


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# Fly-tipping and other littering

Fly-tipping and littering covers a range of items that people might discard in a public place, from large appliances like fridges to drugs-related paraphernalia like needles and syringes. Find out more below, including what you can do to help clean up your community.

## Common types of littering

While the police will take action if we witness it happening, littering should usually be reported to your [local council](#)  as they can organise the removal of litter.

### General littering

General littering includes the dumping of household rubbish, either in plastic bags or as individual items. It also includes dog fouling in public places.

### Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of large items or waste on public roads, land or into rivers. This could include large household appliances like washing machines or discarded materials from construction sites.

### Hazardous items


Equipment used for taking drugs, discarded drugs and items used during sex, such as condoms, represent a serious health risk to the general public. Your local council will want to remove these and make the area safe.

## What is the impact?

Fly-tipping and littering can be a health hazard, not to mention an eyesore. It can cause unpleasant smells, attract pests and create a dangerous environment for children, pets and wildlife in particular.

We've found that if the problem is not dealt with quickly, it can lead to an increase in fly-tipping in the area, making the unpleasant and unsafe area even larger and more obvious.

## What you can do

If you've witnessed littering or people leaving a mess in public, please don't attempt to remove the rubbish yourself in case there are hidden sharp or dangerous items. Contact your [local council](#)  who will arrange for the rubbish to be removed.

If you've witnessed fly-tipping or people discarding drug-related equipment, please photograph the discarded items if possible, and [find the right antisocial behaviour reporting service](#) using our online tool.

**ABOVE INFORMATION FROM KENT POLICE**

**On other matters,**

The constant need to be vigilant for Sheds, Allotment sheds, garages, barns, stables any form of external storage cannot be overstated. These are targets.

Theft of and from vehicles especially has featured in my work in recent weeks and I include motorcycles.

**THE NEED TO ENSURE ALL CRIMES, ATTEMPTED CRIMES and FAILED CRIMES cannot be overstated.**

The reason we must be alert and proactive to battle the drug trade is because that drives so much other crime as people steal to fund the purchase of drugs.

I will verbally update you on my meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott on a one to one in his office. He was shocked on the matter of police not making meetings. Council may wish to consider a letter to the PCC registering your concerns re lack of attendance since JUNE 2023 new police model.

I will update you on my work on Violence Against Women and Girls police campaign and the recent seminar I attended.

This is not about **ARE WOMEN SAFE? IT IS ABOUT DO THEY FEEL SAFE?**

A matter I constantly raise with the police. I was at a seminar last week.

The matter of concern raised on national platforms is do some women carry knives for defence? See matter at end of report.

I do not think that problem is a risk in our part of Kent as I write however, you need to know my fire service background taught me "Don't worry it will never happen here" is complacency I will not buy into. I had an excellent fire service career dealing with what will never happen!

I remain constantly alert to monitor any sign of the knife culture creeping into Kent from the wider country. Again, the drug trade is responsible for my concern as dealers often carry weapons to enforce their criminal activity. Drug dealers intercepted especially "County Lines" are normally found to be carrying Drugs, Large sums of cash and Weapons.

So, to sum up my work is to stay alert and pick up any intelligence around drugs for the above reason to which I know as a council the health of our community especially our younger residents are also at the fore front of your thinking.

You will recall the need to monitor car parks as drop off points for local drug dealings.

I am aware the KCC now having elections will see candidates on doorsteps speaking to residents. This will be a golden opportunity for us to quality assure our work and pick up any intelligence on resident's concerns. I understand clear ID will be carried by councillors who are holding existing positions but will seek guidance on identification carried by perspective candidates. I need to be sure there is no business opportunity for criminals as **Bogus Callers** remains a problem.

Alongside Bogus Callers are Rogue Traders, and the constant advice must be **DO NOT AGREE TO UNSOLICITED WORK ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

## Beware of suspicious callers

Most people who call at your home are genuine.

But sometimes people may turn up unannounced and try to:

- Trick their way into your home to steal valuables or money
- Sell you services or items you do not want or need
- Carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.



If concerned about someone calling at your home, **don't open your door.**

You can also:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Never leave your door unattended
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you.

I will seek from serving KCC Councillors that naturally those holding office during the coming KCC elections will carry ID What do other candidates carry? Or supporting workers?

I think what is also vitally important is to ensure during my report that we pause and listen to any concerns that councillors are picking up on during their routine council work. You have my 2025 plan; you know my focus and direction of travel.

Whilst KCC candidates will have considerable foot slogging to do on doorsteps this is also a wonderful opportunity to gauge crime concerns in communities.

## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS**

My views are well known I constantly challenge the police plan for a rewrite on which I want **PREVENTION FIRST**.

I shall be writing to the minister to say; on new build developments the following make women feel very unsafe.

1. **POOR LIGHTING** Yet women say they are nervous in the dark.
2. **NARROW STREETS** where women face car parking problems and they tell me they come off second best in those arguments sometimes which become threatening.



Don't forget on the above the car on the left is in a parking bay the one on the right is on the pavement! The latest Fire Brigade advice says they need nearly 4 metres to get through.

### **3 CAR PORTS NOT GARGAES WITH DOORS**



If we look at the car port above, with wheelie bins or other matters stored in the carport, the first floor balcony and therefore first floor windows are accessible. Crime prevention? Safety for women and girls? Windows open at first floor level on hot days and especially nights !!

### **4 CAMERA DOORBELL**

In each new home there will be 2 wired in smoke detectors with battery backup, because senior fire officers like me fought and won that battle 30 years ago. Why could the rules not be made to make developers and builders install camera doorbells as standard.

Is there a will to all get on the same page ? or shall we just stumble along and say its someone else who calls the shot!



Leaving Police HQ February 11<sup>th</sup> after meeting the Crime Commissioner for a very frank and honest one to one meeting about the work of NHW in the Ashford District especially ensuring rural areas do not feel forgotten and abandoned and reflecting on this growing town of Ashford.

He knows the good work I try to do and the support I get by working with councils like you.

I left him in no doubt about without that support the work would be extremely hard, not impossible but extremely hard.

On a Radio Kent interview last week, he specifically named me and working partnerships with councils which of course he saw first hand when he came to Singleton.

Knowing, when I am out the in the community, that I have your backing, and support cannot be overstated, and I record my most sincere thanks but please never ever think I take that for granted.

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