

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

I am please to provide a report to council as we start to ease towards winter and indeed the end of another very hard-working year.

I need to turn our attention to the trends we will face in the run into Christmas and the New Year.

As well as all the routine issues that I will warn the community to I am working on my campaigns for

### **1.HALLOWEEN**

### **2.FIREWORKS and SAFETY**

### **3.CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGNS.**

### **4 INTERNET SHOPPING XMAS & NEW YEAR.**

A flavour of that work follows.

**1 HALLOWEEN** As an annex to this report are posters which you will see sent out for residents to use. Yes, there will be young children out with parents in fancy dress enjoying the evening, however it will also be an excuse for Anti Social Behaviour and I am sorry to add youths sometimes demanding money.

The event can range from an enjoyable evening or one that ends up with a vulnerable, elderly resident terrified. I know in some areas the police have been engaging with shops to advise about selling eggs which are often used against premises and their residents.

**2. FIREWORK SAFETY** Self explanatory to prevent personal injury and try to advise against Anti Social Behaviour.

**3. CHRISTMAS SHOPPING** To start to prepare campaigns to anticipate crime trends for example distraction thefts when residents are Christmas shopping in supermarkets especially from purses balanced on shopping trollies as you reach for the brandy butter.

#### **4. INTERNET SHOPPING at BOTH XMAS & NEW YEAR SALES**

The need to warn residents that criminals will be very proactive with these crimes especially theft of parcels from doorsteps where delivery drivers are looking to be on their way quickly rather than ensuring safe delivery.

Remember those vans are followed. Remember whole vans were stolen in recent years in Ashford.

Also selling items on sales platforms such as ebay and a buyer offering to come to your door and collect and pay cash.

Please take great care. Someone who wants to look at your goods in daylight but has a friend sitting in the car with the engine running is an alarm bell sounding. Act with extreme care. people have been assaulted on doorsteps and goods and cash stolen.

All the above is how I am thinking and between now and January you know where I am coming from.

My work continues with Violence Against Women & Girls which again will need to be at its very best as we head towards the end of the year.

The attendance of officers to council meetings continues to be a battle. I am trying to raise questions about are Ashford police up to strength yet in the key teams that work with the communities. namely The Beat Officer Team and the Task Force Team  
Questions to the police remain the same

**How can we help you**

**What do you need from us**

**How can we work better together for the benefit of all parties but especially the community we serve.**

I am making progress with Sergeant Dan Edge of the Neighbourhood Police Team that provides the Beat Officers that cover communities.

I have regular meetings with him, and I have found working with him a breath of fresh air and hope to bring him to council soon to introduce him. He is fully aware of the short fall of performance since June of 2023 of officers attending council meetings.

The standard is once every 3 months. Remember this is the standard the police wrote, nobody else, they wrote it. They must ask themselves why are they not meeting it.



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Mon 19 May at 14:53

Dear Peter,

**RE: Beat Police Officers attending council meetings**

Thank you for your email.

Please be advised that the Commissioner met with KALC and the Assistant Chief Constable Nigel Brookes earlier last week and the principle of regular attendance was confirmed again.

He has raised concerns about attendance in Ashford District with the Commander for the area very recently too.

He is taking this matter seriously and hopes the situation improves.

Yours sincerely,

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I am going to ask councils to formally write to Ashford Police and ask what the fully approved establishment of officers is.

Your will recall in June of 2023 when the new policing model was launched with Beat officers replacing PCSOs (which GC & S Council were well served by) it was launched at 50% strength. The report said it would take until maybe September or by the end of that year (2023 or into early 2024) to be at full strength.

I am not convinced we have been there yet.

I also support other districts, and the Beat Teams there carry out so many other public engagements. I don't think the officer strength at Ashford gives them a fighting chance but failure to come and be open and honest to council meetings where we can plan to help has not happened.

I will be asking the MP and KCC councillors for assistance in these matters. We are partners, we can help if the police tell us and trust us.

I have been alerted by police colleagues in Canterbury and Dartford of attempts by bogus police officers to scam residents. I am issuing guidance as we know our vulnerable and elderly many who live alone will be trusting of anyone who says they are "The Police"

A large red rectangular banner with the text "KENT RESIDENTS" in bold yellow capital letters and "TARGETED BY BOGUS POLICE" in bold white capital letters below it.



## Warning issued following reports of police impersonation fraud

Good afternoon,

**Canterbury** residents are reminded to be vigilant following multiple attempts to steal cash by criminals posing as police officers on the phone.

Between **Saturday 27 September** and **Tuesday 30 September**, three members of the public have reported receiving phone calls from people claiming to be 'officers from **Hammersmith** Police' or from the 'fraud department'. Victims were falsely informed that their bank accounts had been compromised and were instructed to withdraw large sums of cash or purchase expensive items. These were then collected by a courier, who was pretending to be part of a legitimate police investigation.

One individual was defrauded of more than £23,000 over a three-day period, handing over cash to a courier outside of their home, believing it was part of an official operation.

Kent Police is working closely with those affected and providing ongoing support. Investigations are underway, and officers are working to identify those responsible.

If you are not confident a person who calls you claiming to be a police officer is genuine, ask to take their details and end the call. Wait for at least five minutes for the call to clear and then contact [101](#), or [999](#) in an emergency. A call handler will be able to verify whether your caller was genuine.

Never hand over any money, or other items, to a courier after receiving this type of call.



**DON'T ASSUME  
A PHONE CALL IS  
AUTHENTIC  
JUST BECAUSE  
SOMEONE KNOWS YOUR  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

## Common examples of courier fraud



Calls you out of the blue on the phone



Ask you to withdraw large amounts of cash to hand over to them



Asks for your PIN



Says there is an issue with your bank account or card



Claims to be from your bank, the police or your local authority



Sends a courier to collect your bank card or cash

## The police will NEVER...



Contact you to ask for your PIN or bank details



Ask you to withdraw cash to hand over to them for safe-keeping



Ask you to transfer money out of your account for ANY reason



Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs or bank cards

**If a crime is  
in progress,  
call 999**



**Kent  
Police**

**ActionFraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

**0300 123 2040**  
Monday to Friday 8am-8pm

HALLOWEEN POSTERS ATTACHED FOR THE CLERKS should they receive any requests.

May I thank you as always council for your support, help and backing which I am extremely grateful for.

Thank you, Peter

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## COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH





# NO

**Trick or  
treating  
please**



**Kent Police**

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



# YES

**Trick or  
treaters  
welcome**



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