

Hello,

JANUARY REPORT for Washford Farm, Park Farm North, Park Farm South, Kingsnorth, Roman Ward Bridgefield, Mersham, Sevenington South and Finberry.

In my role as a PCSO I am either on foot or in a Police vehicle, engaging with the community and visiting those who need my help, assistance and reassurance.



Well that is Christmas and New Year over and now we are back in Lockdown. I have observed during my patrols many people are still out and about, this is not good to see. My colleagues and I are engaging and explaining to everybody that are not adhering to the new Lockdown rules. Please do your bit to help save lives and to help our NHS doctors and nurses.

## Mersham Village

At the beginning of January, due to Britain coming out of the EU, there were some issues with lorries getting into the village of Mersham to get to Sevenington Inland Boarder Facility.

All agencies were immediately notified and have been working together. Highways very quickly got some signage out to warn lorry drivers not to enter the village. They also deployed a car at the A20 entrance to the village to encourage drivers onwards towards the check point. I have been patrolling the area frequently to make sure all is in order.



## Truck Stop

Just before Christmas Police Officers were called following reports of a Covid breach to the Truck Stop, on Waterbrook Avenue. On their arrival there was, in fact, a breach of the government's Covid rules. About 50 people were doing a training session and caterers were also on hand to feed them. The training was broken up by Police Officers, the group were told to leave the venue make their way home. The organisers were given a £10,000 fine.

## Merino Way

There has been another report of youths with catapults in the field opposite Merino Way. These youths were catapulting the trees and stopping when other members of the public came along. I am patrolling the area regularly as this is a Public Order Offence.

## Recreation Ground Kingsnorth

It has been reported to Police that there are ongoing planned dog walks occurring at the recreation ground regularly. This is being advertised via Facebook and is a total breach of Covid rules. Can I remind everybody that at the present time, you are only permitted to meet one other person from a different household. This area is now on the Police radar and is being patrolled regularly. So please can I ask you all to adhere to the rules and fines will be given out to those not following the Governments instructions. You have been warned!!



## **More than 700 people fined for breaching Coronavirus legislation since March 2020**

People in Kent are being urged to continue to follow lockdown guidance after figures revealed that more than 700 people have been fined for breaching Covid-19 legislation.

A total of 729 people have been fined between £200 to £1,000 for having house parties, making unnecessary journeys, breaching travel regulations or going to public places whilst infected with Coronavirus.

Despite targeted government campaigns urging people to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives, people are still making unnecessary journeys and gathering in groups potentially spreading the virus and putting vulnerable people at risk.

Among those fined were three men and three women who were having a house party at an address in Havelock Drive, Dartford on Saturday, 16 January. Shortly after dispersing the group the officers were called back to the address where they found three women attempting to conceal their presence by hiding in cupboards, they were all fined. One of the women had been issued with a fixed penalty notice on the first police attendance.

A woman was stopped by a patrol in Weymouth Road, Folkestone shortly after 1am on Saturday, 16 January. She told officers she had tested positive for Covid-19 three days previously and that she had been should be self-isolating. She was issued with a fine.

Officers were called to a property in St Martin's Road, Canterbury just after 9pm on Friday, 15 January where a party involving around 20 people was taking place. Two men and a woman were fined and the party shut down.

A man was fined for visiting a brothel in Minster, Isle of Sheppey at around 6pm on Friday, 15 January.

A woman was fined after behaving antisocially in a supermarket in Herne Bay at around 7pm on Friday 15 January. The officers were called to the store following a report of a disturbance. The patrol offered the woman a mask, she refused it and became aggressive. She was issued with a fine and moved on from the store.

Assistant Chief Constable Claire Nix said: 'We remain in critical times and whilst the NHS have been remarkable in what they have achieved, they are still dealing with an overwhelming amount of seriously ill patients.

The limitations posed by lockdown are difficult for everyone and it is testament to the people of Kent that the vast majority of residents have changed their way of life to help stop the spread of this virus and protect the most vulnerable within the community. I would like to thank these people for making such sacrifices, which will not only take the strain off the NHS, but ultimately save lives.

'Whilst it is encouraging to see that many are being vaccinated against Covid-19 and the infection rate is slowing, we must not be complacent and use that as an excuse to breach the regulations. The virus remains deadly to many and it is crucial that we all do what we can to protect others and prevent overwhelming our hospitals.

'Officers will continue to patrol the county, explaining, engaging and encouraging people to adhere to the regulations. They will take action against those who show a blatant disregard for others by holding parties or going out when they have a positive Coronavirus test.

### **Over 200 people arrested on suspicion of drink or drug driving offences in December**

More than two hundred drink or drug driving arrests were made by Kent Police officers in December 2020.

In support of a national policing campaign, which runs each festive period, officers from the Roads Policing Unit carried out proactive patrols to target motorists who were suspected to be a danger to other road users.

Their efforts were supported by other teams from across the county and, between them, 465 vehicles were stopped over the course of the month.

In total, 224 people were arrested on suspicion of driving while impaired and 60 charges have already been authorised. Enquiries into most of the other cases remain ongoing.

The Roads Policing Unit will continue to patrol the county's roads to identify dangerous drivers before they cause a collision.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is known to be one of the four most common causes of a fatal collision, alongside not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile phone at the wheel and speeding.

All motorists are encouraged to take personal responsibility for ensuring they are fit to drive before they take to the wheel.

They are particularly asked to remember that, although they are unable to attend a social gathering or visit a pub, drinking at home can still leave them over the limit the following morning.

Detective Inspector Lee Neiles, from Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: 'Driving under the influence of drink or drugs is a completely avoidable offence.

'Only a small minority of motorists choose to disobey this most fundamental principle of road safety but those who do risk killing themselves and others.

'That is why we take offending of this nature exceptionally seriously and, throughout the year, take measures to ensure the roads are safe.

'We will always seek to take the most robust, but proportionate, enforcement action against any offender.

'Anyone who drives while impaired risks the loss of their driving licence and a criminal conviction. This could lead to them losing their job, which in turn will seriously impact their ability to provide for their family.

'Think before you get behind the wheel and, if you have had a drink or taken some other substance, never drive.'

### **Safety advice after telephone fraudster poses as Kent Police officer**

Fraud investigators are reminding residents of safety advice following a report a cold caller claimed to be from Kent Police and defrauded a Medway man of money.

The victim reported receiving a call on the afternoon of Tuesday 15 December from an individual who claimed to be from the force.

The fraudster then told the resident that someone had used his National Insurance number and he would need to purchase online vouchers, which they agreed to do. The cold caller then instructed them to share the voucher codes, which were passed on over the phone.

Investigators are reviewing the circumstances and would like to hear from anyone that has received a similar call.

Fraudsters can go to great lengths to appear genuine and this can include obtaining personal information, which they then disclose to the victim to give an appearance of legitimacy. In extreme cases, they can also spoof a telephone number to make it appear like they are calling from a genuine agency.

Kent Police will never request money from an individual, nor will an officer ever direct a person to make a transaction on their bank card as part of enquiries.

If you receive such a call, end it immediately, wait five minutes for the phone line to clear and contact Action Fraud or the police. If possible, call from a different number – if the call was received on a landline, for example, contact the authorities on your mobile.

Detective Sergeant Marc Cananur, from Kent Police's Economic Crime Unit, said: 'Fraudsters are organised criminals and can be very sophisticated in their offending. Their techniques are known to work on people from all walks of life so, even if you do not consider yourself to be vulnerable, it is prudent to be aware of this type of offending.

'Remember, we will never ask you for money or instruct you to make a payment to assist with our investigations.

'We are investigating this report and do proactively target people who we suspect are involved in this type of offending. Our expert officers have achieved a number of successful prosecutions this year and work with partner agencies to share safety messages with all groups of people. There will be no let-up in our efforts to protect the public from fraud.

'If you have received a call of this nature, please report it to Action Fraud or us.'

Reports can be submitted to Kent Police via the force's website, or by calling 101. To make a report to Action Fraud, call 0300 123 2040 or use their online reporting tool available via: [www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/)

## **One stop**

The One Stop Shop service has been set up again at Repton Community Hall with effect from 24th November operating from 9.30 to 11.30. Further information is that social distancing and PPE will be in place and all candidates will have to wear a face mask.

Further Support and Information can be obtained by contacting the following agencies-:

- Rising Sun Domestic Violence and Abuse Service – Confidential Helpline – 01227 452852. This line is available 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.
- Freephone 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge - 0808 2000 247 or the Men's' Advice Line on 0808 801 0327.
- Domestic Abuse Support Services in Kent and Medway - [www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk](http://www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk)

If you are in danger, please call 999 immediately.

## **Contacting Kent Police**



Find your answer online. Browse our A to Z question finder [www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice](http://www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice)



Email your local policing team. Visit [www.kent.police.uk/yourarea](http://www.kent.police.uk/yourarea)



For non-urgent issues, call **101**



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



If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**



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### If you have coronavirus symptoms:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

### Get a test now

Do not leave home for a least 10 days after the test

#### **Wash Hands**

Keep washing your hands regularly

#### **Cover Face**

Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

#### **Make Space**

Stay at least 2 metres apart – or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions.



COVID – 19 Information and Guidelines!

**CORONAVIRUS – Due to new guidelines being announced by the government regularly with regards to COVID-19, please refer to their website for the most update to date information**

**at:** <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

**Further information Regarding COVID 19 guidelines can be found at:**

<http://gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

## **REPORTING CRIMES**

Please can I remind the community to report crimes or information by the correct channels i.e. via 101, [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) - report a crime or tap the live chat button on this website. Or 999 if an emergency is happening here and now. Crimes are not to be reported to me via e-mail please as not always on duty.

Police do not monitor community Facebook, Twitter, neighbour next door apps etc...and these are not the correct way to report things going on, otherwise we are unaware and unable to help you in your community.

### Public Meetings

All public meetings are now cancelled due to Covid-19.



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