

Guston, Kingsdown and St Margaret's newsletter



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Contacting Kent Police

Please remember in an emergency **always dial 999**

For any non-emergency enquiries please visit the Kent Police website where you can:

- Submit an online report of a crime or other incident
- Use our "Live Chat" function
- Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including Twitter and Facebook
- Find information about Crime Prevention and our Partners
- Call 101



Drop-in community engagement

- Wednesday 15th May 1000 - 1100 hours at Deal Library
- Friday 17th May 1000 – 1200 hours at Deal railway station (Mental Health Awareness Week)
- Saturday 18th May 1100 – 1300 hours at Tides, Deal
- Thursday 30th May 1330 – 1500 hours at Padel Tennis, Victoria Park
- Friday 31st 0930 – 1200 hours at RNLI, The Strand (DDC Community Roots Van)

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officer
PC 12757 Sophie Bramble

What is StreetSafe?

As part of the government's agenda to tackle violence against women and girls, we are using a new online tool called StreetSafe to enable people, particularly women and girls, to report locations where they feel or have felt unsafe and to identify the features on why that location made them feel unsafe.

The focus of this is to identify particular areas and factors that lead to people feeling unsafe and might help offenders either commit or conceal a crime – such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or poorly designed spaces, vandalism, as well as behaviours of individuals or groups of people.

StreetSafe is anonymous.

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Four teenagers have been arrested by officers investigating a disturbance in Deal.

Shortly after 4.35pm on Tuesday 9 April 2024, Kent Police was called to a report of an altercation involving a group of teenagers and several adults in the town's High Street.

Patrols attended and two boys, aged 15 and 14, were arrested nearby on suspicion of affray. A 17-year-old girl and a further boy, aged 13, have also since been arrested in connection with the incident.

Enquiries at the scene led to two people reporting assaults, a man and a teenage boy.

Can you help?

An investigation to establish the full circumstances is ongoing and officers would like to speak to anyone who was involved and has yet to come forward, or witnesses who saw what happened.

Anyone with information should call Kent Police on 01843 222289, quoting reference 46/ZY/12851/24.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or by using the online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org and www.fearless.org

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Prevent theft from a vehicle

We have recently received reports of theft from a motor vehicle on the Dover District area. Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing.




Ensuring your vehicle is secured and valuables removed will prevent and deter opportunistic thieves.

There are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

Visit the Kent Police website [Prevent theft from a vehicle | Crime Prevention | Kent Police](#)



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Electric Scooters – know the law

Although e-scooters can be great fun, it's against the law to ride one on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

E-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc. **Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.**

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.

For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

It's our priority to keep you and other road users safe.

We are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances we have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and we'd really prefer not to.

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit www.gov.uk



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Courier Fraud ALERT!!!

Have you been asked to withdraw cash by the police?

This is a scam.



The police or your bank will **never**:

- ask for your bank details or PIN
- ask you to transfer or withdraw and handover sums of money
- send a courier to collect your bank cards, cash or PIN

If you are unsure about a call or visitor you have received:

- Don't give out any personal or financial information.
- Hang up or close your front door to check the caller's identity.
- If they phoned you, wait 10 minutes before you use the phone again (or use a different telephone) in case they stay on the line.
- Contact their company yourself or dial 101 for the police – do not call a number they have provided.
- Report suspicious activity straight away.




Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service,
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