

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

- Monday 3rd June 1900 hours at Kingsdown School
- Monday 10th June 1000 - 1200 hours at Sandown Castle Community Gardens (DDC Community Roots Van)
- Sunday 23rd June 1500 - 1700 hours at Royal Marines Concert, Walmer Green

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.

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)



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Prevent theft from a vehicle

We have recently received reports of theft from a motor vehicle, particularly in the CT14 area. Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. There are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

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

Don't hide valuables in the boot or glove compartment. These are the first places a thief will look.

Consider purchasing a Faraday bag to store your vehicle keys.

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

UPDATE: A suspect has been identified and investigations continue.



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Criminal Damage

Kent Police is appealing for witnesses to a report of person/s causing criminal damage to parked vehicles in the area of Balfour Road, Walmer, between 27th and 29th May 2024.

Anyone with CCTV or any other information that could assist enquiries is asked to contact Kent Police quoting reference 29-0324.



Fraud

Kent Police Fraud Protect and Prevent Team have provided five fraud alerts for your information via the below link.

Please feel free to share these with family and friends, and display on any social media platforms that you may use.

[29052024 - Updated Kent Fraud Alert System.pdf](#)

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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