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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

- Thursday 5th September 1300-1500 hours at RNLI Walmer Lifeboat with DDC Community Roots Van
 - Monday 9th September 1000-1200 hours at Sandown Castle with DDC Community Roots Van
 - Thursday 19th September 1330-1430 hours Deal & Walmer Networking Meeting. Venue TBC
- Friday 4th October 1000-1200 hours at RNLI Walmer Lifeboat with 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 StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

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Doorstep Criminal – Urgent Alert

If you need work done on your home or garden, please choose a safe, local trader from the [Trading Standards Checked](#) scheme.

Be sure to look out for others and report anything you see to Kent Police. You can also report 100% anonymously to CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Examples of door-to-door scams

Most door-to-door scams involve selling goods or services that are either not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money, and you may get billed for work you didn't want or agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need, such as roofing work or patio replacement.

Unscrupulous employees sometimes still act illegally even when selling a genuine product by a genuine business. If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID.

If you're not happy, don't let them in.

Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.

[Doorstep Crime \(kent.gov.uk\)](http://kent.gov.uk)

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The Dover District continues to be targeted by persons purporting to be homeless and begging.

Difficulties can arise in telling apart those members of an organised crime group and a person genuinely in need. Rather than hand over money or other items to those on the street, please be advised that **your kindness is best directed to those charities and local organisations that support such individuals.**

<https://www.porchlight.org.uk/>

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Housing-Needs/Homelessness/Homelessness.aspx>

<https://dealarea.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/deal>



Prevent theft from a vehicle

We have recently received reports of theft from a motor vehicle in the 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](http://www.kent.police.uk/Prevent-theft-from-a-vehicle)

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Criminal Damage

Kent Police is appealing for witnesses to a report of criminal damage to two war memorial silhouettes on the Village Green, Dover Road in Guston. The damage occurred between 13/08/2024 and 14/08/2024.

Officers have since visited the village and are reviewing CCTV footage as part of ongoing enquiries to identify and arrest anyone responsible.

Anyone with information that could assist enquiries is asked to contact Kent Police quoting crime investigation 46/137650/24.

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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. Please share this information with friends and family.

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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