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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 and speak with a call taker, not a bot
- Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including X and Facebook
- Call 101



Community engagement

- Tuesday 6th January 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement at East Langdon Village Hall
- Wednesday 7th January 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement with DDC's Community Roots Van at Burgoyne Heights Community Centre
- Thursday 15th January 1000 – 1300 hours Community Engagement Event at King George V Pavilion, St. Margaret's
- Tuesday 20th January 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement at East Langdon Village Hall
- Thursday 29th January 1300 – 1430 hours Community Engagement Event at Guston Village Hall

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 an 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

<https://www.kent.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>



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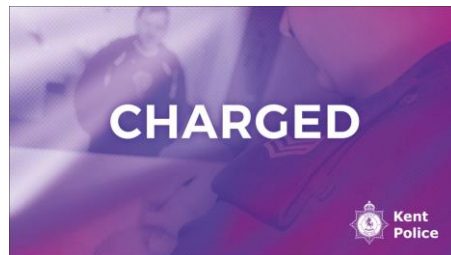


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Crimes of note



A suspect has been charged following multiple reports of vehicle interference in the Deal area. Enquiries were carried out which led to officers arresting a man in the town on Thursday 18 December. Mitchell Gent, 27, of Freeman's Way, Deal was later charged with 12 counts of vehicle interference. He was remanded to appear before Margate Magistrates' Court the following day.

[Multiple charges brought as Deal motorists warned to keep vehicles secure | Kent Police](#)




The investigation is ongoing, and officers are keen to hear from anyone with information relevant to their enquiries. Anyone who has not yet come forward should contact Kent Police on 01843 222289 quoting 46/212461/25.

Officers are further reminding motorists of steps that can be taken to safeguard personal property.

- Make sure vehicles are locked, especially if you own a car where wing mirrors show whether it is locked.
- Ideally don't leave any valuables in vehicles when away from it, but make sure anything left inside is out of sight.
- Completely close all windows and sunroofs to stop thieves 'fishing' through windows.
- Park somewhere busy, visible to other members of the public, ideally covered by CCTV or doorbell cameras, and well-lit if leaving cars overnight.

For more information [visit our dedicated webpage](#).






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Operation Limit – Kent Police's annual Christmas enforcement campaign

Over 300 drink and drug driving offences have been committed by irresponsible motorists during Kent Police's annual Christmas enforcement campaign.

Patrols across the county have been carrying out stop checks, and testing people involved in road traffic collisions for the presence of alcohol or illegal substances that impair their ability to drive.

The campaign is part of the national Operation Limit initiative, which aims to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured during the festive period and runs throughout December.

Between 1 and 29 December there were a total of 301 offences resulting in arrests including 104 for drink driving, 80 for drug driving, 85 for being unfit to drive due to drink or drugs, and 32 for failing to provide a specimen for testing.

Fraud

With fraud responsible for nearly half of all reported crime and numerous ways to try and scam you, it remains invaluable to protect yourself. We have had a spike in this area for courier fraud particularly where you receive an unexpected telephone call. A scammer claims to be from your bank or a police officer.

Never share your PIN, card, or transfer money to a 'safe' account.

[Door-to-door and courier fraud | Kent Police](#)

In response to such distressing crime, I have been organising fraud talks for local groups and other vulnerable members of our community. Your KCC Community Warden, Martin Dadd, Kent Police Fraud Prevention Co-ordinator, Emma, and I have been raising awareness and increasing confidence in how to deal with possible scammers.

Are you involved with a group that would benefit from a fraud talk?

Please get in contact [Contact an officer or member of police staff | Kent Police](#) or use any of the non-urgent methods listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

Rogue Traders

Rogue Traders continue to cold call in the area. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious.

Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme [Trading Standards Checked](#)



What is what3words?

This free app has divided the world into 3 metre squares and given each square a unique combination of three words. It's an easy way to find and share exact locations.

Kent Police are one of many emergency services around the world that now accept 3-word addresses from callers. For further information, please see the following link [About us | what3words](#)



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Dover District pubs and clubs praised for commitment to creating a safer night out



Pubs, clubs and bars in Dover and Deal have been praised for their part in creating a safer night out across the district.

Seven licensed venues were recognised for their efforts at the Best Bar None Awards which were organised by Kent Police in partnership with Dover District Council.

Best Bar None is a voluntary accreditation scheme supported by the Home Office and drinks industry that aims to improve standards in the evening and night time economy [Home - Best Bar None](#)

The awards were held on Wednesday 3 December 2025 in Kearsney Abbey, where the seven premises were given an accreditation.

Further congratulations go to **The Sir Norman Wisdom in Deal for also receiving a Community Spirit Award**. The award is given to those who are seen to have gone above and beyond to make a difference in creating a safer, community-focused environment.

Kent Police has worked with partner agencies including local councils to establish the nationally recognised Best Bar None scheme across the county. By agreeing to join the scheme, publicans have shown their commitment to work with police, council and other businesses to reduce crime and keep their communities safe. They must also be able to demonstrate their competency in four key areas – venue management, staff training and care, customer safety and welfare, and customer service and community.

Do you have a licensed venue and are committed to safety, good management, and excellent customer service? You're likely eligible to take part in this free scheme! Please feel welcome to contact me and discuss the autumn 2026 Assessment process.



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Electric Scooters – know the law

Although e-scooters can be great fun, it is **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.**

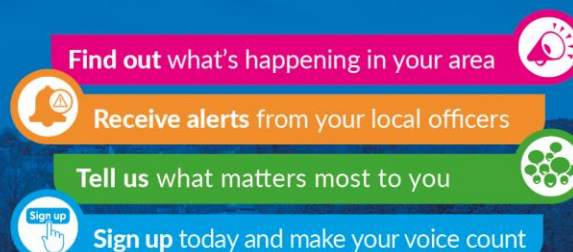
The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in specific locations in the UK.

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

It is 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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