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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 10th July 1600 – 1700 hours at The Beehive, Stembrook, Dover
- Saturday 13th July 0900 – 1200 hours at Deal Pride

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 \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

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Witness appeal after dog walker assaulted in Deal

An appeal for witnesses has been issued after a woman was assaulted while walking dogs in Deal.

The assault was reported to have taken place at around **5.15pm on Monday 27 May 2024** as the victim, a woman in her fifties, walked her dogs with a friend, in **Wellington Parade, Walmer**.

They approached an unknown woman who reportedly shouted at them, before hitting the victim to the ground and repeatedly kicking her in the head. The victim sustained head injuries and bruising.

The suspect was described as holding a scooter and walking a German Shepherd-type dog.

Can you help?

Officers would like to speak to any witnesses or anyone in that area who may have private CCTV which could assist the investigation.

Witnesses should call Kent Police on 01843 222289 quoting 46/87107/24.

Crimestoppers

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or complete their [online form](#).

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Stay safe during Euro 2024

Football supporters are being urged to enjoy the Euros safely and responsibly.

As part of the force's commitment to keep people safe, officers have been preventing high-risk individuals travelling to Germany in the run up to the tournament, which includes contacting those already subject to Football Banning Orders and ensuring they hand in their passports before the tournament begins.

Each of the Community Safety Units have been working with licenced premises and other event organisers and partner agencies to provide public safety guidance.

During the games, extra officers will be out and about at key locations such as pubs, clubs and bars that are screening the matches. They will be on hand to deal with any disorder that may occur and will also be available to assist anyone who may feel at risk or has become a victim of crime.

Chief Superintendent Simon Alland from Kent Police said: 'We want everyone to enjoy the tournament in a safe and responsible manner.

'That's why we've been working with local event organisers and premises to provide advice on how to minimise any trouble and provide a safe environment for people to enjoy the tournament.

'We know emotions can run high during football games and especially tournaments, but we will not tolerate violence of any kind, whether that's while out socialising or behind closed doors. There's no excuse for it.'

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Courier Fraud – Urgent Alert

This week we have seen numerous Courier Frauds in Gravesend, Herne Bay, Romney Marsh, Maidstone, Chatham, Cuxton, Rochester, Deal, Sittingbourne and Folkestone.

Two reports involved the victims being contacted by fraudsters impersonating their banks and being told that criminals were trying to access their accounts and that they needed to withdraw and send their money by same day registered post to safe addresses, where it would be deposited into a new account.

Another report involved the victims being requested by criminals impersonating their bank to transfer their money to safe accounts, due to criminals trying to steal their cash.

A separate report involved a victim receiving numerous calls from the fraudsters impersonating their bank who eventually persuaded the victim to send their bank card via taxi to an address in exchange for a new card. **All these incidents were scams.**

If you are ever asked to withdraw cash by the police or your bank or to handover your bank cards or assist with an investigation by buying and handing over valuable items, in particular, Gold – STOP IT'S A SCAM. The Police or your Bank will never ask you to do this.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this, or any other type of scam, contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Please also exercise caution if considering employing or engaging with unsolicited offers of work such as those received through your letterbox.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) or [130622024 - Updated Kent Fraud Alert System.pdf](tel:130622024)

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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.**

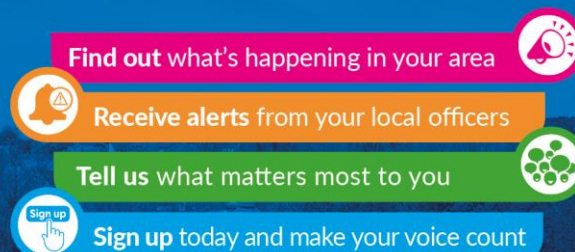
The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.

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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