

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



Community engagement

- Wednesday 5th November 1100 – 1200 hours Community Engagement at Wellingtons Café, Beach Street in Deal
- Tuesday 11th November 1000 – 1130 hours Community coffee morning at East Langdon Village Hall
- Thursday 20th November 1300 – 1400 hours Community Engagement at Guston Village Hall
- Monday 24th November Community Engagement in St. Margaret's. Time and venue TBC via Kent Police website and St. Margaret's Parish Council website / social media
- Tuesday 25th November 1000 – 1130 hours Community coffee morning at East Langdon 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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Speedwatch – St. Margaret's

Dover Community Safety Unit officers have been conducting high-visibility mobile speed patrol checks in the village. Most recently, Monday 27 October. PCSO Mark Ball was in the High Street area between 0940 and 1030 hours. PCSO Ball observed and recorded a total of 121 passing vehicles entering the village. Twenty-two of those being driven in excess of the speed limit. This equates to approximately 18% of all vehicles entering the area within the hour timeframe.

Kent Police is dedicated to ensuring St. Margarets-at-Cliffe continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

Community Engagement Event

Together with your Parish Clerk and Chair, Councillors Checksfield and Fulford respectively, I was delighted to hold a community drop-in event on Monday 27 October at the St. Margaret's Bowls and Social Club on Kingsdown Road.

Also in attendance, ready to provide advice and support, were your KCC Community Warden, Martin Dadd, and DDC Environment Improvement Officer, Stuart Rayner.

Thank you to those that came along.

We hope to hold another on Monday 24 November. Time and venue to be confirmed. Updates will be via the Kent Police website as well as the Parish Council website and social media pages.



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Crimes of note

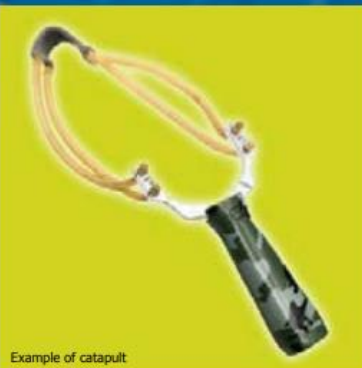
Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Kent Police have seen a continued rise in criminal use of catapults. Calls received relate to the use of catapults to cause criminal damage and harm to wildlife. It is not currently illegal to possess a catapult but if our officers suspect one is being used to commit crime or antisocial behaviour then they will not hesitate to seize and destroy it along with any other items such as ball bearings. They will also make arrests and bring offenders to court if necessary and proportionate.

Catapults – Know the law

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



Example of catapult

If you use it to **threaten** or **injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

Is it worth it?

Remember – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



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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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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:

You receive an unexpected telephone call. A scammer claims to be from your bank or a police officer. They tell you either that:

- a fraudulent payment has been spotted on your card that needs sorting out
- someone has been arrested using your details and cards

Scammers may keep your phone line open so a “call back” goes to them. They’ll ask for your PIN or send someone to collect your card — no real bank will do this.

Other tricks:

- Pretending to be police or bank staff investigating fraud to get your cash.
- Asking you to buy an item for “evidence” then stealing it.
- Telling you to move money to a “safe account” — it’s theirs.

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 have been cold calling 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](#)



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Witnesses sought after serious collision in St Margaret's at Cliffe

A motorcyclist has suffered life-threatening injuries following a collision with a car in St. Margaret's at Cliffe. Kent Police officers were called to Dover Road between Pond Lane and the junction for Station Road and High Street at 2.50pm on Saturday 4 October 2025.

The motorcyclist, a man in his 40s, was riding an orange Honda bike towards the junction when he was involved in a collision with a grey Citroen C4 travelling in the opposite direction.

He was taken to a London hospital where he remains in a critical condition.

No other injuries were reported.

Can you help?

Witnesses to the collision or anyone who saw either vehicle in the moments leading up to it are urged to call the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01622 798538 quoting reference XX/VS/068/25.

Dashcam footage can also be uploaded via the [online portal](#).

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**DO YOU HAVE
A SECURITY OR
DOORBELL CAMERA?**

**Sign up to our CCTV
Registry and help keep
your community safe.**

**It's free, secure, and
quick to register**
Your camera footage could be used to
support investigations, bringing
criminals to justice, and making your
area a safer place to live.

Please note:

- We do **not** have access to your cameras.
- We can only view the location of registered cameras.
- We always contact the camera owner to request footage.

To register or learn more, go to
cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk



 **Kent
Police**

Kent Police has launched a secure database to ensure our officers and staff know the locations of privately held CCTV cameras – including doorbell cameras, conventional CCTV and 'smart' cameras – which we would strongly encourage you to join. The signup process is straightforward, and you will only ever be contacted where it is felt that your camera may be able to assist Kent Police with our work such as crime investigations or missing persons. You can sign up at www.cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk and we thank you in advance for your support of this vital new technology.



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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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