

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 X and Facebook
- Call 101



Community engagement

- Thursday 23 April 0930 – 1030 hours at Wellingtons café in Deal
- Tuesday 28 April 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement at East Langdon Village Hall
- Wednesday 29 April 1800 – 2000 hours Community Engagement 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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Fraud

Doorstep criminals have been active this week in the area claiming to offer roofing work.

Please be alert and warn your vulnerable friends and family to never respond to cold callers as you will pay a high cost for unnecessary and poor-quality work.

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

Report cold callers anonymously to the charity CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or online here [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers](#).

For further advice call Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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

Fraud Talks

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 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.



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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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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