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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 [Report | Kent Police](https://kent.police.uk/report)
- Contact Crimestoppers <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including X and Facebook
- Call 101



Community Engagement – October

- Thursday 1st 1400 – 1500 hours Ringwould Tea & Chat at St. Nicholas Church CT14 8HR
- Friday 2nd 1000 – 1300 hours Dementia Roadshow at St. George's Church CT14 6BA
- Saturday 10th 1430 – 1630 hours Community Engagement at Bay Bistro CT15 6DH
- Tuesday 13th 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement at East Langdon Village Hall CT15 5JH
- Wednesday 14th 1000 - 1130 hours Royal Marines Association, Walmer for Veteran's Mess Tins and Banter CT14 7DX
- Tuesday 27th 1000 – 1130 hours Community Engagement at East Langdon Village Hall CT15 5JH

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officer
PC 12757 Sophie Bramble



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Murder investigation launched following death of man in Deal

Detectives have launched a murder investigation following the death of a man in Deal.

Kent Police was called at 10.05am on Tuesday 29 September 2026 following reports of an assault inside a property in Pilots Avenue.

Officers attended the scene alongside other emergency services and a man in his 60s was located inside the property with a head injury. Sadly, he died whilst being treated by paramedics at the scene. His next of kin has been informed.

A 60-year-old man from Deal has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Investigators are appealing to anyone who has information and who has not yet spoken to officers to contact them. Residents with private CCTV and motorists with dashcams are also asked to check for relevant footage.

Anyone with information should call 01843 222289, quoting reference 46/161522/26.

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or complete their online form [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers](#)

Swift arrests following suspected rogue trading in Dover

Suspected rogue traders have been arrested following prompt work by neighbourhood officers in Dover.

Kent Police was alerted just before 2.30pm on Wednesday 16 September 2026 to suspicious behaviour in Whitfield.

A group of people had arrived in the area in a van. Local residents were approached by the occupants and reportedly told that repairs were needed to their homes.

It is alleged that a demand for payment was made after a roof was accessed and damage reported.

Officers attended and carried out enquiries at the scene. Shortly afterwards, two 18-year-old men and a 16-year-old boy were arrested in connection with the incident and taken into custody. They were later bailed with conditions while enquiries are completed.

An investigation is ongoing and anyone with relevant information to assist should contact Kent Police on 01843 222289 quoting 46/154021/26.



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Protecting Our Local Churches

Sadly, we have recently received reports of criminal damage and thefts affecting local churches within our community. Churches play an important role in our villages and are often at the heart of community life, making these offences particularly disappointing.

Residents can help by keeping an eye out for any suspicious activity around church buildings and grounds, especially outside of normal opening hours. Please be alert to people acting unusually, vehicles parked in unexpected locations, or anyone attempting to access restricted areas.

If you see something that doesn't seem right, report it promptly. In an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, **call 999**. For non-emergency concerns, please contact Kent Police via 101 or online at www.kent.police.uk/report

By remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity, local residents can play a valuable part in helping to protect these important community assets.

UPDATE:

As part of the investigation, an arrest was made on Friday, September 4.

A 41-year-old man was taken into custody and has been released on bail whilst enquiries continue.

Anyone with relevant information to assist enquiries should contact Kent Police on 01843 222289, quoting reference 46/142140/26.



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⚠ Beware of Bank and Police Impersonation Scams

📄 For the latest fraud warnings and advice, please see [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#)

Together with Kent Trading Standards, we are reminding residents to stay alert to fraudsters posing as bank staff, fraud investigators, or police officers. These criminals may claim your account has been compromised and pressure you into transferring money, withdrawing cash, purchasing gold, or handing over bank cards and valuables.

Remember: Your bank or the police will *never* ask you to transfer money to a "safe account", buy gold, withdraw cash for safekeeping, or hand over your bank card, cash, or valuables.

If you receive a suspicious call:

- Hang up immediately
- Contact your bank directly using 159
- Never trust contact details provided by the caller

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, contact your bank *immediately* and report it via Report Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or through the Report Fraud website [UK's Home for Reporting Cyber Crime & Fraud - Report Fraud](#).

Advice is also available from the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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.



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Motorcycle and Quad Bike Security

We continue to receive reports of the theft of motorcycles and quad bikes across the Dover District and would like to remind owners of some simple steps they can take to help protect their vehicles.

Motorcycles and quad bikes can be stolen in a matter of seconds, particularly where security measures are limited. Using multiple layers of security can significantly reduce the risk. Consider fitting high-quality disc locks or D-locks, securing your vehicle with a robust chain and ground anchor, and keeping it out of sight where possible. When left unattended, always remove the keys and engage the steering lock.

Additional security measures such as alarms, trackers and forensic property marking can also act as effective deterrents and improve the chances of recovery if a theft does occur.

We are particularly keen to hear about suspicious activity involving motorcycles, quad bikes, vans transporting bikes in unusual circumstances, or people showing an unusual interest in vehicles or storage locations.

If you witness suspicious behaviour or have information relating to vehicle theft, please report it to Kent Police online at www.kent.police.uk/report or by calling 101. In an emergency, or if a theft is in progress, **always call 999**.

Prompt reporting helps officers identify patterns, target patrols and investigate offences effectively. Together, we can help reduce vehicle crime across our communities.



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](#)

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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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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