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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

- Friday 4th October 1000 – 1200 hours at RNLI Walmer with DDC Community Roots Van
- Monday 14th October 1000 – 1200 hours at Sandown Castle with DDC Community Roots Van
- Tuesday 22nd October 1300 – 1500 hours at Marke Wood Park, Walmer with DDC Community Roots Van

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.street-safe.com)



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Doorstep Criminal – Urgent Alert

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

Be sure to look out for others and report anything you see to Kent Police. You can also report 100% anonymously to CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Examples of door-to-door scams

Most door-to-door scams involve selling goods or services that are either not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money, and you may get billed for work you didn't want or agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need, such as roofing work or patio replacement.

Unscrupulous employees sometimes still act illegally even when selling a genuine product by a genuine business. If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID.

If you're not happy, don't let them in.

Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.

[Doorstep Crime \(kent.gov.uk\)](http://kent.gov.uk)

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Seven arrested in east Kent drugs warrants

[Policing news](#)

Seven people have been arrested as detectives investigating a suspected drugs network carried out warrants around east Kent.

On the morning of Thursday 12 September 2024, police entered and searched eight locations in Dover, Deal, Ramsgate, Chartham and Dymchurch.

Suspected class A drugs were seized along with cash and weapons including two imitation firearms and a knuckleduster.

Seven people - four men aged between 26 and 49, two 17-year-old boys and a 35-year-old woman - have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of illegal drugs and they remain in custody while enquiries continue.

The Dover District continues to be targeted by persons purporting to be homeless and begging.

Difficulties can arise in telling apart those members of an organised crime group and a person genuinely in need. Rather than hand over money or other items to those on the street, please be advised that **your kindness is best directed to those charities and local organisations that support such individuals.**

<https://www.porchlight.org.uk/>





<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Housing-Needs/Homelessness/Homelessness.aspx>

<https://dealarea.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/deal>



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Second CCTV image released in Sandwich investigation

[Appeals](#)



The woman police want to identify.

A second CCTV image has been released by officers investigating a break-in near Sandwich. Kent Police was called to a business premises at Discovery Park shortly before 3.30am on Monday 17 June 2024.

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An investigation into the incident is ongoing and 11 people have since been arrested in relation to the burglary and bailed pending further enquiries.

Can you help?

Officers have now released a CCTV image of a second person they would like to identify as part of the ongoing investigation, following an initial appeal earlier this year.

Anyone who recognises the woman, or the man in the image released previously, is urged to call Kent Police on [01303 289185](tel:01303289185) quoting reference 46/100266/24.

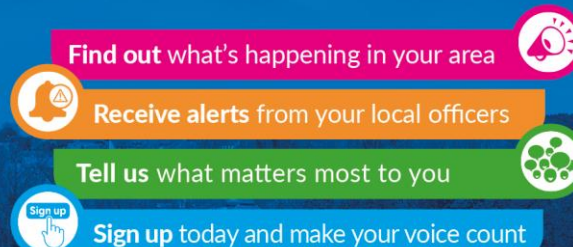
You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on [0800 555111](tel:0800555111), or by using [the online form](#).



Police are also looking to identify this man, whose image was released previously.



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Prevent theft from a vehicle

We have recently received reports of theft from a motor vehicle in the CT14 area. Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. There are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

Ensuring your vehicle is secured and valuables removed will prevent and deter opportunistic thieves.

Don't hide valuables in the boot or glove compartment. These are the first places a thief will look.

Consider purchasing a Faraday bag to store your vehicle keys.

Visit the Kent Police website [Prevent theft from a vehicle](#) | [Crime Prevention](#) | [Kent Police](#)



Speed checks

Beat Officers from Dover Community Safety Unit completed speed checks on Dover Road in Walmer. Five speeding tickets were issued plus strong words of advice. It was explained to drivers that we have been receiving speeding complaints from residents. In particular, Dover-bound traffic in the 30mph zone outside the new development.

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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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