

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
- Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including Twitter and Facebook
- Find information about Crime Prevention and our Partners
- Call 101



Community engagement

- Wednesday 5th February 1000 – 1100 hours Deal Pantry with DDC Community Development Officer at Deal Welfare Club and Social Institute, Cowdray Square
- Tuesday 25th February 1130 – 1330 hours at The Bean & Welly, Beach Street

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](https://www.street-safe.com/) | [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk/) (www.police.uk)



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High visibility speed enforcement checks have been carried out in the Kingsdown area following complaints received from residents. A number of cars were stopped and spoken with. Positive feedback was received from the local community.

These speed checks will continue within the ward – please spread the word!



Please be aware we have received reports of doorstep criminals active in the CT14 area.

Doorstep callers are cold calling regarding guttering work.

Doorstep criminals, often referred to as rogue traders, cowboy builders or building and gardening scammers, make unsolicited visits to homes, offering seemingly attractive deals to persuade homeowners to agree to various services. However, accepting their offers typically results in paying exorbitant prices for substandard, unnecessary, and occasionally hazardous work.

[Learn how to protect yourself from doorstep criminals](#)

✓ Always get three quotes and use a safe, local trader that's been vetted by [Kent Trading Standards](#)

Consider displaying a doorstep sticker [Trading-Standards-no-doorstep-callers-leaflet.pdf](#)

Look out for others, report to Kent Police on 101. You can also report it to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You'll stay 100% anonymous, always.

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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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