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# Ho Ho Ho it's the Community Safety News



## What's on in your area?

### My Community Voice

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.



My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent to you, share information and tell them about the issues affecting you. You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area. For further information, visit: <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

## Have your say in the new Victims Bill

The consultation seeks to understand how we can improve victims' experiences of the criminal justice system across England and Wales. The consultation is the first significant step towards a landmark 'Victims' Law' - a Bill which will build on the foundations provided by the Victims' Code to substantially improve victims' experiences of the criminal justice system.

The consultation will consider how to make improvements to victims' experience and confidence in the criminal justice system. The consultation asks questions across five key issues, focusing on:

- What victims should expect
- Performance and accountability
- The Victim Surcharge
- Community-based support services
- Improved advocacy support

This consultation is open to the public and you can share your views at [www.consult.justice.gov.uk/victim-policy/delivering-justice-for-victims/](http://www.consult.justice.gov.uk/victim-policy/delivering-justice-for-victims/)



# Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

Violence against women and girls is under-reported yet can be very common. It is both a form of discrimination and violation of human rights and includes the following:

- Domestic violence and abuse
- Coercive and controlling behaviour
- Sexual violence including rape
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced marriage
- Crimes in the name of 'honour'
- Stalking
- Prostitution and trafficking
- Sexual exploitation
- Girls and gang violence



WORKING TOGETHER TO  
END MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We have a dedicated webpage, which supports women and girls and offers support and advice.

[www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20040/community\\_safety/596/violence\\_against\\_women\\_and\\_girls](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20040/community_safety/596/violence_against_women_and_girls)

Thursday 25 November saw the start of 16 Days of Action against Domestic Abuse. The Partnership ran a number of campaigns and highlighted services for all victims of Domestic Abuse as well as services for perpetrators of Domestic Abuse.

It also highlighted White Ribbon Day, which was on 25 November. Members of Sevenoaks District Council and partners did a video to address men standing up to say no to Domestic Abuse. You watch this at

[https://youtu.be/Yq05\\_qCOkMA](https://youtu.be/Yq05_qCOkMA)

## Merry Christmas & Stay Safe

We would like to wish all our readers a very happy and safe time over the festive period.

Our Offices will be shut from Monday 27 Dec–Wed 29 Dec and again on Monday 3 January. If you want to report anti-social behaviour please contact Police on 101

Thank you all for your continued support over the past year and here's to 2022!

Merry  
Christmas

Happy  
New  
Year

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