



June 2021

Fawkham parish meeting

1. What have been the biggest challenges you faced during the pandemic?

- During the pandemic there was a period of time where officers were unable to visit individuals face to face if they reported anything to us, including our vulnerable individuals. Therefore everything follow up visits had to be done over the phone which made it tougher to get public engagement with our areas, and made it difficult to build a rapport with individuals.
- When PCSO RANDALL and PCSO GREEN took over the patches and was learning our areas, Covid19 hit so we was unable to meet some of our Parish Councils and other key agencies who can provide good information to us.

2. What has been the most positive aspects to have come from the pandemic?

- High visibility patrolling – ensured PPE was being worn in stores and that businesses were adhering to the regulations. This also included responding to Covid19 relates calls to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus.
- We worked alongside multiple agencies to help those individuals who have been struggling during the pandemic. Vulnerable or elderly individuals that we was not aware of before have contacted us, so now we can continue to engage and support them.

3. What do you feel are your biggest achievements over the past year?

- Fawkham is one of our quietest areas, with a very limited amount of reports.
- During Covid19 we had to adapt to certain jobs, for example having to attend Covid related calls – specifically for Fawkham we attended a few businesses e.g The Rising Sun Pub, and other businesses that residents have created from home.
- Op Rio – Kent Police created an operation specifically for nuisance bikes called Op RIO for various areas, and so we have been attending reports of nuisance bikes in St Edmund King & Marty church which since has calmed down, and along Fawkham Road, Scratchers Lane, and Three Gates Road.

4. What are your key priorities for the next 12 months?

- Due to Fawkham being one of our quietest areas we would like to uphold this.
- Keep encouraging people to report incidents to Kent Police – good information to gain to help with our enquiries are - dates/times, VRM's, images/videos.
- Reduce violent crime by education and engagement with youths. Reduction of burglaries by offering crime prevention, gathering intelligence from the communities that may identify organized crime, and those most vulnerable in the community.
- To ensure engagement with the communities is reinstated with the lifting of COVID regulations by attending public events/venues.
- Op Rio will be continuing into the summer months.

- Continuing to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

5. What issues / concerns should we be aware of in the next 12 months?

- Op Rio will be continuing, report any nuisance bikes.
- False plates/stolen plates, and stolen vehicles have been on the uprise. If you see a vehicle has been left in the same place for a long time, or looks damaged and could be suspicious then please let us know.
- The use of catapults has also been on the rise, specifically in St Edmund King & Marty Church. A catapult in a public place is classed as an offensive weapon and so should not be taken out into the public. This is something the local PCSO's are aware of and are dealing with. The individuals involved have been spoken to, and some catapults have been seized. Please continue to report the use of catapults to Kent Police.
- Be aware of online crime/fraud- elderly persons not used to frequent internet use, over the past year have been using online banking, shopping more frequently. Telephone fraud on the rise as well. Be a good neighbour if you have elderly residents nearby, offer support be accessible.

If you would like to find out more about crime that's going on in the area and the rest of the district, you can sign up to the 'e-watch' twice-weekly newsletter on the community safety information website - 'e-watch.co'. The following links will take you directly to the most recent crime updates for each area;

FAWKHAM and WEST KINGSDOWN - <https://e-watch.co/viewArea.php?viewbeat=37>

Thank you for reporting any issues or information to us, and if there is anything we may be able to assist with, please do not hesitate to get in contact via 101 or 999.

Once again, if you want to keep up to date with ongoing work in the Sevenoaks District please follow us on twitter @kentpolice7oaks.

Many thanks,

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