

Your Local Police Newsletter

May 2023

Dear Parishes,

Swanley & Local areas

Stolen planters belonging to the local Council were located on a near by site hours after the theft and recovered and returned by the Police.

There are continued reports of youths causing issues within the centre, most have been identified and we will be dealt with through the Youth Justice Team.

A serious assault that took place in the Hart Dyke Road area over the Coronation weekend was an isolated incident where the suspect was quickly identified and arrested. The investigation is ongoing.

New Ash Green & Local areas

Reports to a fire at the Environmental Center South Darenth were believed to be suspicious. An investigation is ongoing with several youths named. Lewisham Council who now own the building have now secured it with SiteX boarding. Police had requested this be done earlier to prevent such incidents.

Reports of bikes on the playing fields and quads in the River Darenth have started to be reported with the better weather. How calls area graded by call takers at the Control room often does not lend itself to a speedy response from the Police to such calls. If you can see the bikes causing damage or think others may be at risk of injury from them please reiterate this to the call taker.

PCSO Darling attended Hartley primary school to meet the children assisting one of the parents who is a Metropolitan Police officer.

South Darenth AGM attended by PS Savill where a brief Police update was provided and concerns listened to.

Sevenoaks & Local areas

A male was detained by members of the public and then arrested by Police following a distraction type offence in the High St where persons were targeting those leaving banks with withdrawn cash. Investigation is ongoing. This unfortunately led to PC Hubbard missing the Weald AGM but effectively disrupted an organised group operating in the SE and a further member of the group was arrested at the end of May again in Sevenoaks town.

Anti-social behaviour around the Vine rises and falls, working with Sevenoaks Council a Public Space Protection order is being sought to help with a long-term deterrent. This will still need enforcing but will provide clear signs and rule setting for those using the facilities.

Edenbridge & Local areas

CSU staff have been working to get a Criminal Behaviour order served on a Edenbridge male resident who has continually targeted vulnerable victims asking for money, this is currently within the court process and waiting for a hearing.

Hever AGM was attended at Mark Beech Village Hall where a brief Police update was provided by PS Savill.

Rural crime continues to be an issue in the west of the area, with tools and quad bikes targeted. Please report suspicious activity or incidents as we need to build a picture of what is happening in these locations. Reporting online is the quickest way.

Crime Prevention & General Advice

Please keep us updated on any forthcoming meeting events in your communities. Although low on numbers we will still strive to attend these events.

Catapult incidents continue to be a nuisance and potential danger across the area, legislation still allows for the carrying of catapults and it's only their use or intended use in criminal activity such as causing damage that allows Police to act.

The use of Nitrous Oxide gas continues to be reported to the Police although it is not an offence to be in possession of such an item. A recent move for a change in legislation was not upheld and we still have very limited powers when dealing with reports. The gas is readily available from online suppliers and the offence that is related in the supply is easily avoided by claiming it is for legitimate use.


The new Neighbourhood Police Model goes live on the 7th June. Over the next few weeks the parish councils should be getting contact from the Police Constables allocated to their areas.

If you want local alerts to your area and to be able to reply with any relevant information please sign up below.

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Is there a speedwatch group in your area that is now dormant? Would you like help to set up a new one or revitalise an old one. Contact speedwatch www.communityspeedwatch.org or e-mail Sevenoaks CSU csu.sevenoaks@kent.police.uk for assistance.



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