

## Community events attended and next month's events in surgery.

### Introduction

Hello all, and welcome to December, I hope you're all getting into the Christmas spirit, I wonder if we will we get a White Christmas this year. If you know that any of your elderly neighbours are going to be alone over Christmas, please check in on them if you can.

During the Month of November, I attended a couple of primary schools about what it was like to be a Police Officer, I took their fingerprint which was presented on a nice little certificate for them to take home to their family, they all really enjoyed this. If you have any groups in your area that you would like me to attend, please don't hesitate to ask.

I have attended the Farmers Market a couple of times in November, and it was nice seeing so many of you getting together for a nice coffee and a chat.

Over the next month, Kent Police will be taking part in the annual Drink Drive campaign, this will involve stopping vehicles and carrying out preliminary tests at the Roadside, where anyone over the legal limit will be arrested.

Anyone planning on going out over this festive period, please decide on how to get there and back if you are planning to drink alcohol. Please do not put yourself or other road users at risk as the consequences are not worth it.

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My kind regards in advance

PC 12179 Cheryl ELLIS



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### Drop-in surgery

- Every other Tuesday starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Caple Village Hall

Your local officer is Police Community Support Officer

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## Statistics for Alkham, Capel and Hougham

November saw 40 calls to Kent Police

### Incidents of Notes

A few incidents bought up by Capel Parish Council

#### **Pile of bricks on Capel Street, in the road, outside 87/89 Capel Street**

These have now been moved

#### **BMW parked on New Dover Road for nearly three (3) weeks**

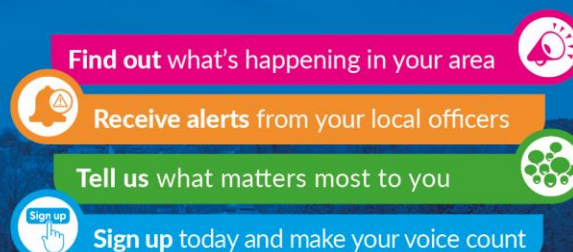
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#### **Caravan on Old Dover Road**

I have been led to believe that the occupants have been moved on and the council are aware that the caravan is now unoccupied.

Speed Watch are out in Alkham regularly, once drivers are caught 4 times or more, the local beat officers are requested to hand deliver a letter to the drivers warning them about their speed. During the month of November, I delivered six letters to the residents of Alkham and Hougham. Hopefully this will deter them from speeding in the future.

As the darker evenings and colder weather draws closer, I remind residents to consider installing external security lighting to their properties, and ensure all windows and doors are locked before going to bed. Remember to remove all valuables from vehicles and remember to check your vehicle is locked before leaving it unattended. Adding CCTV to cover the outside of your property and vehicle can be a good deterrent and help with any police investigations.



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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.

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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 act 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,

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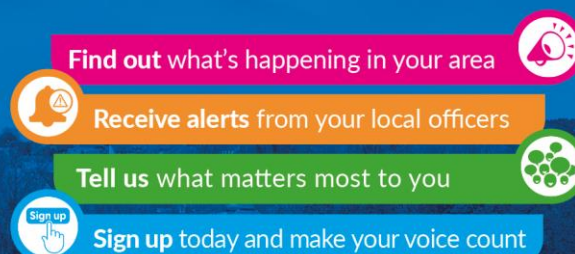
We have recently received reports of theft from a motor vehicle Dover and Deal. Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. There are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

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](#)



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