

# KENT PCC NEWS

## New Police & Crime Plan unveiled

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Matthew Scott launches  
"Making Kent Safer".

It sets the priorities for  
Kent Police Force for the  
next 3 years.

Read more below.

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## Inquiry into Violence Against Women and Girls: update

Matthew Scott is continuing  
to meet with partners,  
victims and work with the  
police to determine what  
can be done to reduce this.  
The final report will be  
published soon.

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# Making Kent Safer



"Since my last plan...

our country has been through a lot – and this has led to extra pressures and challenges for policing to address. I thank local residents for their contribution to this plan, which I believe reflects the issues we all want to see action on whilst ensuring that victims, vulnerable people and the voiceless will benefit from the first-class service they want and deserve."

My new Police and Crime Plan is called "Making Kent Safer" and sets the priorities for the Force for the next three years. You can read it by going to: [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk).

This time I have some new priorities. One is to reduce **violence against women and girls**. Many of you filled in my survey looking at this issue and I know it's something you care deeply about. Over the next three years I will want to know how offenders are being held to account, how we're making women and girls feel safer and to how well we are caring for and supporting victims.

I have also prioritised **road safety**. Vision Zero is Kent County Council's Road Safety campaign, which aims to eradicate the number of deaths on our roads by 2050. I'm supporting that and want us all to play our part. Again I shall be monitoring results.

**Antisocial behaviour** is something local communities care a great deal about. I want Kent Police to have the resources and skills to investigate these issues and where possible, bring those responsible to justice. Neighbourhood policing is fundamental to this, providing opportunities for greater community engagement and delivering a local approach to policing which is visible and accessible.

The pandemic has made some people, particularly **children and young people** even more vulnerable. Behind closed doors too many suffer neglect or emotional or physical abuse. Sometimes offending can be an indicator of vulnerability. I want us to protect these youngsters and offer them some hope. My office commissions many services to do that, but I also want the police to continue its vital engagement work with schools.

The new Plan reflects the priorities you asked me to address in the recent Police Survey. To read the document in full, please do go to my website.

Matthew Scott.



# The new plan on a page

## Making Kent Safer 2022-2025: The Plan on a Page

**Integrity and transparency:**  
Highest standards of integrity and transparency to strengthen public trust and confidence

**Guiding principles:**

- Crime is important no matter where it takes place - urban, rural or coastal communities
- Victims and witnesses at the heart of everything we do
- Ensure that vulnerable people and those suffering mental ill health get support from the right agency

**My priorities for the Chief Constable are to:**

- Work with residents, communities and businesses to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle violence against women and girls
- Protect people from exploitation and abuse
- Combat organised crime and county lines
- Be visible and responsive to the needs of communities
- Prevent road danger and support Vision Zero
- Protect young people and provide opportunities



**As the Police and Crime Commissioner, I will:**

- Hold all agencies to account for the delivery of an effective and efficient criminal justice system
- Work in partnership with the police and others to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour
- Be responsive to emerging issues and trends through innovation
- Secure the funding that Kent needs through specific grants and the funding formula review
- Support volunteering
- Commission services for victims that are needs-led



**Delivered in the context of national expectations:**

- The Strategic Policing Requirement
- National Crime and Policing Measures
- Policing Vision 2025
- Legislation



**Kent**  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner

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## News in brief

Matthew Scott had a week of visiting different teams across Kent Police. This is an important part of his role because this is where he can actively experience what is happening on the frontline, as well as listen to feedback from officers and staff.

Areas in Kent visited included: Sheerness, Ashford, Folkestone and Maidstone.

The PCC went on patrol with teams such as the Kent Search & Marine Section, town centre policing, as well as hearing the great work of the witness care unit and proactive investigation teams.



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