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Matthew Scott has been visiting 25 "hotspot" zones all over Kent and Medway. These are areas which have experienced particularly high rates of antisocial behaviour and serious violence.

The force is deploying extra patrols in these parts to try to solve some of the issues. Matthew Scott has also been visiting residents and businesses, to find out what sorts of problems are occurring and what they think could be done.

Some residents who live in these areas will have received surveys through their door, asking them about the issues they face and next month, everyone on the PCC mailing list will have their say too.

Matthew Scott in Gravesend (above right) and in Sheerness (above).

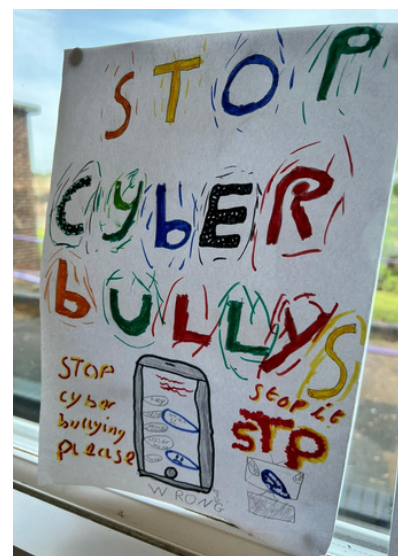
Thousands of young people benefit from PCC funded services

The PCC has funded three programmes designed to keep young people and children safe over the last year, benefitting over 10,000 pupils.

Collaborate Digital presents a specialist Online Harms and Healthy Relationships programme in both primary and secondary schools; the St Giles Trust hosts sessions in schools and pupil referral units, to dissuade young people from becoming involved with gangs, county lines and knife crime, and Catch22 works with vulnerable young people who've been exploited. More than 10,000 school pupils benefitted from the first two services and 169 children and young people have been supported by Catch22. 100% of them said they felt more confident in their ability to make positive changes in their life as a result of the guidance they received.

Matthew Scott says, "I'm so proud we can fund and support these organisations, who contribute such valuable messaging in our schools and to our youngsters."

"Protecting children and young people is one of the most important commitments in my Police and Crime Plan and I'm delighted to see the positive results our services are providing."



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Community Speedwatch Day of Action

A huge thank you to those of you who're Speedwatch volunteers! On Friday 26 July, more than 300 volunteers were deployed at locations all over the county aiming at reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads.

56 teams were in 113 locations. A total of 1237 vehicles were observed exceeding speed limits and were added to the Speedwatch database.

Community Speedwatch has 1474 volunteers and is an educational alternative to enforcement, with warning letters sent to registered owners of vehicles who are exceeding the speed limit.

If you'd like to join them please go to:

www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch



Volunteers of Community Speedwatch with the PCC at different locations across Kent.

Court delays survey

Matthew Scott has long championed victims and criticised the huge delays in the criminal justice system, with Kent's criminal courts second only to Greater Manchester for a backlog in caseloads.

So, he's supporting the Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove, in her consultation exercise, to find out the impact these delays are having on victims.

He says,

"We need to do everything we can to keep people in the process because I'm worried that more people are going to walk away."

So if you are a victim and have been affected by this, please go to our website and have your say.

www.kent-pcc.gov.uk

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