

Alkham, Capel-le-ferne & Hougham newsletter



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

Welcome to May, and how are we nearly halfway through the year already.

For those that are signed up to My community voice I have sent out a survey to find out what are the main concerns in your village,

From the responses so far, the main ones are speeding and inconsiderate parking. I will be going out into the village door knocking to see if I can get more people to sign up to MCV. This is a really good tool to report low level issues in your community, so I hope to see a few of you very soon.

I know that I sent this out last Month, but I think it is really important.

Recent research shows that two out of three elderly people were targeted by scammers leaving many frightened and depressed. Please see the below links which may assist the community.

[How to say no to doorstep crime - Kent County Council](#)

FREE No Cold Callers sticker [Kent County Council Public Protection](#)

I remind everyone to ensure that they report incidents to the police through the correct channels. Please call 999 in an emergency if a serious offence is in progress, someone is in immediate danger or risk of harm or property is being damaged. You should call 101 or report online.

My kind regards in advance
PC 12179 Cheryl ELLIS



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April saw 49 calls to Kent Police, this is slightly up from last month.

Incidents of Notes

There have been a few reports of abandoned vehicle, parked on roads and sometime blocking drives. When checking these vehicles on our database the owners either live on the road or somewhere near by so not abandoned at all.

I have also been in contact with the community warden who has informed me that over this last weekend there has been a company in the village of Capel knocking on doors and offering to jet wash their driveways. Some people have handed over rather large amounts of cash thinking that what they are paying is reasonable.

Please I can ask that you are all very mindful of this when agreeing to pay for such things and if in doubt say No and if the people are persistent and will not leave then please do not hesitate to call the Police.

Drop-in surgery

- 27th May
- Caple Village Hall

Your local officer is Police
Community Support Officer
Name here



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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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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,

www.gov.uk



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Prevent theft from a vehicle.

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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As part of the government's agenda to tackle violence against women and girls, we are using a new online.

tool called Street Safe to enable people, particularly women and girls, to report locations where they feel or

have felt unsafe and to identify the features on why that location made them feel unsafe.

The focus of this is to identify areas and factors that lead to people feeling unsafe and might help.

offenders either commit or conceal a crime – such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or poorly designed spaces, vandalism, as well as behaviours of individuals or groups of people.

StreetSafe is anonymous StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk).



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