

How to contact us

If a crime is taking place or life is at risk, dial **999**

Single non-emergency number: ☎ **01622 690690**
(for non-urgent crime reporting, incidents of anti-social behaviour and general enquiries)

Email: npu.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk

Your nearest police station: **Medway Police Station**
Purser Way, Gillingham ME7 1NE

Opening hours: 8am-8pm Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm Sundays
(including non-urgent crime reporting)

Website: www.kent.police.uk

Call Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on ☎ **0800 555 111**

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Welcome to the second edition of your community safety newsletter. It has been designed to tell you what the police and council are doing to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood.

Read on to find out how we are dealing with priorities in your community.



Reducing criminal damage

Neighbourhood officers in Princes Park ward have been working to address concerns raised by local residents about criminal damage, particularly to vehicles, in Emily Road, Romney Road and the surrounding area.

Police community support officers (PCSOs) Jessica Read and Nicola Simmons are monitoring the situation during patrols. PCSO Read has also given presentations to Kingfisher Primary School and local groups for young people about appropriate behaviour, the possible consequences of causing damage and what to do if they accidentally damage someone's property.

Since these actions were taken, reports of damage and the number of groups congregating in the area have fallen.

Every effort possible is made to make sure the correct newsletter is delivered to each household. However, if you receive the wrong edition, call **01622 652158** and leave your name and full address and we will supply you with the correct newsletter.

Police and councils working together to deal with **anti-social behaviour** and **crime** where you live



you said

we did

You said

You were concerned about the anti-social use of motorcycles in the wooded area between Heron Way and Kingfisher Drive.

We did

Officers from the neighbourhood team worked with specialist officers on an operation to deal with the issue. This resulted in a significant reduction in complaints. The area continues to be monitored during patrols to make sure the problem does not recur.

You said

You were concerned about inappropriate parking outside Maundene Primary School and Kingfisher Primary School. A number of parents have been parking on double yellow and zigzag lines.

We did

Neighbourhood officers have been maintaining a visible presence around the schools at peak times to deter people from poor parking and highlight the dangers it creates for the children. A number of persistent offenders have been fined.



Streetcops Trust donation helps children's centre

The Kingfisher Children's Centre in Princes Park has received a £400 donation by the Streetcops Trust.

The money has been spent on a selection of toys including a play police station and fancy dress costumes.

Police community support officers (PCSOs) Nicola Simpson and Jessica Read visited the centre on 9 June to donate the play equipment.

The centre's manager Sarah Adams said: 'This is the first time we have received a donation like this. It helps to build relations with the police and we want the children to see the police in a positive light from an early age.'

The Streetcops Trust was set up to support local community groups in Medway.

Burglar faces unpaid work order

A 29-year-old man who stole property, including fishing equipment, worth £1,500 has been ordered to complete 250 hours' unpaid work under a community order.

You set priorities, we take action

As part of our commitment to the Policing Pledge, we want to make sure you have the opportunity to:

- have your say on what local priorities should be
- find out what has been done to deal with your concerns

Below are the most recent priorities identified for your ward. However, to get involved and make sure issues that concern you the most are included, either contact your neighbourhood officer (see page 7 for contact details) or attend one of the events listed below.

Recent priorities identified by your community

- Dealing with anti-social behaviour around alleyways between Walderslade School and Peacock Rise
- Reducing damage and graffiti in Emily Road, Romney Road and surrounding roads

Public consultation – all welcome

Date	Time	Location
Dates for future meetings are in the process of being confirmed. For further information please contact your neighbourhood officer or visit www.kent.police.uk/pact		

Crime figures for Princes Park

Overall crime, burglary and anti-social behaviour went down dramatically in July 09 compared with July 08. The police and council will continue to work hard in your area to build on this progress.

	July 2008	July 2009
Crime in total (excludes anti-social behaviour)	60	36
Burglary	8	1
Anti-social behaviour	60	45

For more information on crime statistics, visit www.kent.police.uk/crimestats

Your community safety partnership



Medway Community Safety Partnership – about us

The Partnership consists of a number of public sector organisations that work together to deal with local issues to ensure Medway is a safe place to live, work and visit.

The partnership, which was formed in 1998, includes Medway Council, Kent Police, Kent Police Authority, NHS Medway, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Kent Probation and other agencies from the voluntary and private sector.

The organisations work together to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to Medway.

Medway SOS bus

A bus to ensure late-night revellers get home safely is running in Medway.

The orange bus, which started operating in May, is funded by the Medway Community Safety Partnership. On Friday nights, the bus acts as a safe haven for people who have got into trouble and may need medical support.

Area Commander for Kent Police in Medway, Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley said: 'The bus will make a real difference to Medway not only during the evenings, but also throughout the daytime. The bus will also be used for community work and will help support educational projects for all of the agencies involved in the project.'

Councillor Rehman Chishti, portfolio holder for Community Safety at Medway Council, said: 'We will be directly helping to reduce hospital admissions for minor ailments, fewer minor incidents for the police to deal with and helping health managers reach out to the public.'



Medway Community Safety Partnership (multi-agency): ☎ **01634 333333**

Purse chain giveaway

Shoppers picked up hundreds of security purse chains during a visit by police and Medway Neighbourhood Watch volunteers to the Pentagon Centre in Chatham.

The chains were purchased thanks to a donation from the Kent Police Property Fund.

Kent Police's Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for Medway John Haddaway, said: 'The chains are simple, yet very effective.'

'They make it difficult for anyone to remove a purse from a handbag once they have been attached.'

'We are delighted at the response we have had from the public. The chains do provide extra security, but shoppers should remain vigilant and take care of their belongings at all times.'

Untaxed vehicles targeted

In a bid to remove untaxed and abandoned vehicles from the streets of Medway, Kent Police, Medway Council and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency have carried out a joint operation.

During one week, 59 untaxed vehicles were found and taken away.

To report abandoned or untaxed vehicles in your area, call Medway Council's customer services hotline on **01634 333333**, 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday or 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. Please call **01634 304400** out of hours.

Kent Police in Medway's Chief Inspector Peter de Lozey said: 'This work is vital to ensure the continued safety of road users across Medway.'

'Getting un-roadworthy, abandoned and untaxed cars off the roads can help prevent collisions and injuries caused by vehicles unfit for use.'



You can follow the partnership's work on **Facebook** and **Twitter**

Crime prevention

Crime is going down across the county but there is still a lot you can do to keep yourself and your property safe:

- shut and lock doors, windows and sheds to deter opportunist thieves
- do not leave valuables on display in your car
- if someone you do not know calls at your home, check their identity to find out if they are genuine - ask them to wait outside while you call the company or organisation they claim to be from (use details from a phone book or online directory)
- never give bank details or other personal financial information to anyone cold-calling you at home or over the phone
- use a purse chain attached to your handbag
- if you receive abusive phone calls, contact your phone company to block the calls - if the problem persists and you feel threatened, contact the police
- use lights and radios on timers if you are away from your property for any length of time to give the illusion there is someone in
- property mark your valuables with your postcode using a UV pen

Confidential anti-terrorist hotline

If you suspect it, report it:
0800 789321

If something strikes you as suspicious and out of place then trust your instincts and call the hotline.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a way in which communities can help themselves to stay safe and keep crime levels down.

Groups of volunteers work in partnership with the police and the local council to help deal with local problems.

If you would like to find out more about joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, call John Haddaway on **01634 792131**.

Check out Kent Police on Facebook and YouTube



Your neighbourhood contacts



PCSO Jessica Read
☎ **01634 792347**



PCSO Nicola Simmons
☎ **01634 792347**



We are your neighbourhood officers for Princes Park and are part of the Medway Central neighbourhood policing team.

If you have any issues you think we should be prioritising for this area, please call to discuss them or attend a local meeting (see page 3).



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- make sure Kent Police is efficient and effective
- make sure community views are reflected in the policing of Kent
- decide on the budget for Kent Police
- decide how much council tax people pay for policing
- feedback to the community on how Kent Police performs

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