

Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Neighbourhood Watch is a way in which communities can help themselves to stay safe and keep down crime. Groups of volunteers work in partnership with the police and the local council.



They distribute advice on security and safety within a designated area and help to make sure that elderly or vulnerable members of the community aren't targets for criminals.

Contact Sally Coleman on **01304 218151** for more information and to find out how you can get involved.

How to contact us

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

For general enquiries:

Phone: ☎ **01303 850055** (including non-urgent crime reporting)

Email: shepwaywest.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Your nearest police station: **Hythe Police Station**
121 High Street, Hythe CT21 5JJ 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm Monday-Friday (including non-urgent crime reporting)

Website: www.kent.police.uk

Shepway Community Safety Unit (multi-agency): ☎ **01303 858660**

This newsletter is also available in large print and other formats - call ☎ **01622 652158** to order a copy.

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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

Get in touch or find out more about what we do:

☎ **01622 677055**
www.kentpa.kent.police.uk

Community safety in Romney Marsh

Spring 2009

Young people air their views

Young people have the opportunity to air their views and discuss issues important to them through the Youth of Today radio show.

The show, which is currently presented by a 16-year-old girl, is supported by radio station Romney Marsh FM and started more than a year ago.

It was set up by PCSO Denis Connolly, neighbourhood officer for Romney Marsh, who said the show is internet based and has listeners from all over the world who are encouraged to share and compare issues in their community and what they like about where they live.

Guests on the show have included youth club leaders, local councillors and school staff. PCSO Connolly is working with The Marsh Academy to organise for media students to show off their presenting skills on the show.

Youth of Today is broadcast every Monday from 7pm to 9pm online at www.romneymarsh.fm/

Your priorities

The current priorities identified at a *PACT meeting are:

- Dealing with abusive young people in King Street and Moore Close, Brenzett
- Reducing litter levels in ditches and dykes in the area of King Street, Brenzett
- Reducing speeding on the A259 and A280

***Have your say** – the Partners and Community Together (PACT) process provides an opportunity to discuss local issues that matter to you and how the police, councils and other agencies will deal with them. To get involved contact your neighbourhood officer - details overleaf.

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



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You said,

A current priority is to reduce speeding on the A259, A280, outside the school in Brenzett and through Ivychurch.

We did,

The Highways Agency has been to Ivychurch to monitor the issue. However, there wasn't found to be sufficient evidence to warrant changes to the area. Speed checks will continue in and anyone caught speeding will receive a fine.

You said,

You were concerned about abusive young people in King Street and Moore Close, Brenzett.

We did,

Neighbourhood officers patrol the area regularly. PCSO Connolly has started a radio show called 'Youth of Today' and recruited two local young people to host the weekly show on Romney Marsh FM. The show is targeted at young people on the Marsh to give them somewhere to air their views and concerns. There has been a subsequent reduction in reports of problems.

Your neighbourhood contacts

PCSO Denis Connolly
 ☎ **07772 226103** or
01233 896123

PC Lee Jordan
 ☎ **01797 321723** or
07870 252473

Email:
shepwaywest.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Future PACT meetings and surgeries

Date	Time	Location
Friday 19 June	Surgery 11am-12pm	Marlie Farm Holiday Park
Friday 26 June	Surgery 3pm-4pm	Marlie Farm Holiday Park
Saturday 4 July	Surgery 11am-12pm	Marlie Farm Holiday Park

Neighbourhood task team makes a difference

The Neighbourhood Task Team (NTT) for South Kent has helped to reduce the number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour and has made a number of key arrests.

The NTT was set up by Kent Police to help deal with anti-social behaviour and target key crime hotspots.

The team is made up of Sergeant Neil Minter and five officers who work alongside existing neighbourhood officers. Unlike other neighbourhood officers, the task team is not dedicated to a single ward or district, but targets its support where it is most needed.

Significant results

Since the beginning of January 2009, the South Kent Neighbourhood Task Team has made 46 arrests and seized 16 vehicles. It has also played a part in the reduction of anti-social behaviour incidents by almost 20 per cent for the period from April 2008 to the end of February 2009, in comparison to the same period the year before.

The team currently divides its time between the three main districts in South Kent – Shepway, Dover and Ashford. However, the Kent Police Authority has approved funding for a task team in every district by the autumn.



Clean-up a great success

Following complaints about the amount of rubbish in the roadside dykes around Church Lane, New Romney late last year, a clean-up operation was organised.

New Romney police community support officer (PCSO) John Gorham contacted the Probation Service at Folkestone who sent a group of young people to help in the operation.

The group spent a morning clearing the rubbish which included bicycles, televisions and shopping trolleys. PCSO Gorham was delighted with the young people's work and how much better the area looked afterwards.

Since the clean-up there have been no further fly tipping in the area. In addition, some residents have taken it upon themselves to keep the area clean and collect and dispose of any rubbish before it becomes a problem.