

**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.



## 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: **mallington.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk**

Your nearest police station: **Tonbridge Police Station**  
1 Pembury Road, Tonbridge TN9 2HS Opening hours: 8am-8pm  
Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm Sundays (including non-urgent crime reporting)

Website: **www.kent.police.uk**

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

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### Dealing with residents' concerns on anti-social behaviour

Neighbourhood officers, Russet Homes and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have been working together to tackle anti-social behaviour in Martin Square, following concerns raised by local people.

Neighbourhood officers carried out high visibility patrols in the square, after school and at weekends, to deter nuisance behaviour. Officers have also been taking details of persistent offenders to issue anti-social behaviour warning letters and visit their parents/guardians.

Officers and partners are also organising a meeting with local shop owners to discuss the problem and get their feedback.

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 dangerous and illegal parking, particularly by customers of the three banks on London Road.

## We did

New time restrictions for parking were discussed and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council parking enforcement officers spent more time in the area to identify problems and advise road users. Officers will continue to monitor this issue.

## You said

You were concerned about speeding vehicles and anti-social driving, including wheel spins and revving of engines, particularly in New Hythe Lane.

## We did

While on patrol, police community support officers (PCSOs) obtained the details of volunteers willing to help with a Speed Watch scheme which identifies people exceeding the speed limit. Local officers also issued warnings to drivers which means if they are caught acting anti-socially again, they risk losing their vehicle.

## School fête success

Larkfield residents had the chance to speak to their local officers at the Brookfield Infant School fête.

Police community support officers (PCSOs) Susan Leng and Michael Carrano were at the fête where they met with local residents and gave children fluorescent wrist bands and advice on staying safe on the roads.

## Road safety campaign

Officers from the Mallings neighbourhood policing team were out on bicycles for two weeks during the summer holidays to talk to children about road safety. From 24 August to 5 September officers provided advice to children who walk, cycle and take the bus or train to and from school, and handed out high visibility merchandise.

Superintendent Jon Sutton of Kent Police's Citizen Focus team said: 'Officers on bicycles give us greater coverage in our communities. Countywide statistics show that road incidents involving children peak when they return to school so it is important we reach as many as possible to make them aware of the dangers. Eighty four children suffered serious injuries on the roads in 2008, with three fatally injured. A further 570 suffered slight injuries.'

# 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 in Martin Square
- Reducing speeding on New Hythe Lane, Kingfisher Road and Lunsford Lane
- Dealing with parking issues in Larkfield Close and Larkfield Road

## Public consultation – all welcome

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 4 November	Surgery 7.30pm – 8pm	Larkfield Parish Council office, New Hythe Lane
Tuesday 10 November	Surgery 4pm – 5pm	Community flat, 106 Aberly Drive
Wednesday 2 December	Surgery 7.30pm – 8pm	Larkfield Parish Council office, New Hythe Lane

Times, dates and locations accurate at time of going to press. Enter your postcode at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) for the latest information.

## Crime figures for Larkfield South

Overall crime and burglary were down in July 2009 compared with July 2008. However, as the figures show, anti-social behaviour is still an issue and the police and council continue to work hard to reduce the problem.

	July 2008	July 2009
Crime in total (excludes anti-social behaviour)	16	14
Burglary	5	4
Anti-social behaviour	13	16

For more information on crime statistics, visit [www.kent.police.uk/crimestats](http://www.kent.police.uk/crimestats)

# Your community safety partnership



## About us

The Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership is made up of a number of agencies working closely together to increase community safety and improve residents' quality of life. This is done through tackling problems such as anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drug misuse and damage to the environment.

The partnership includes Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Kent Police and Kent County Council, as well as many others including voluntary sector agencies.

Following consultation with residents, the partnership has identified five key priorities for the year - these are outlined in the box on the right.

Find out more at: [www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk](http://www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk)

## Key priorities

- Tackling theft, burglary and vehicle crime
- Anti-social behaviour including environmental crime and criminal damage
- Perception of crime and public consultation
- Substance misuse
- Violent crime including domestic violence and crime in the night time economy
- Dealing with issues raised by young people

The partnership's annual action plan sets out the actions agencies will take during the year to deal with priorities. The plan can be found on the partnership website:

[www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk](http://www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk)

## New alcohol control zones set up

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council has now set up alcohol control zones in the borough, giving police new powers to tackle drink related anti-social behaviour in public places.

These zones have been established in Tonbridge, West Malling, Borough Green, Wrotham, Platt and Leybourne. The existing zone in Snodland has been extended.

The legislation will help to prevent problems arising from drink related anti-social behaviour. The police will have the powers to stop a person drinking in a public place if asked to do so, confiscate alcohol from anyone causing problems and arrest anyone who, without good reason, fails to stop drinking or surrender alcohol when requested.



## 'Have fun but stay safe'

That is the message to residents from Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) during the firework and bonfire season.

Head of Community Safety, Stuart Skilton, said: 'Our advice is to attend professionally-run firework events where possible. However, if you do hold your own events, fireworks and bonfires must be treated with respect to avoid injury and damage to property.'

'A sparkler can burn up to a temperature of 2000 degrees centigrade, so should never be given to a child under the age of five.'

Fireworks should only be purchased from reputable suppliers and it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess them in a public place. It is also against the law to light fireworks between 11pm and 7am (except on Diwali on 17 October up to 1am the next day and on 5 November up to midnight). In the wrong hands they can cause life changing injuries.

For advice on firework safety go to [www.berr.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.berr.gov.uk/fireworks). For free fire safety advice contact the KFRS community safety team on **01622 698360**.



# 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 Watson on **01732 529910**.

Check out Kent Police on Facebook and YouTube



## Your neighbourhood contacts



PC Nick Stevens  
☎ **07800 675339**



PCSO Michael Carrano  
☎ **07772 226152**



PCSO Susan Leng  
☎ **07772 226033**



**We are your neighbourhood officers for Larkfield South, part of the Mallings 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).**



Email: [malling.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:malling.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk)

### It is the role of the Kent Police Authority to:

- 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](http://www.kentpa.kent.police.uk)

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