

Who to contact

Medway Council

Contact us to report fly-tipping, littering, noise nuisance, graffiti, fly-posting, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling and issues with parking on yellow lines, school markings, in disabled bays, bus lanes, permit areas and car parks

General enquiries **01634 333333**

8am-8pm Monday-Friday, 9pm-1pm Saturday

Out-of-hours emergencies **01634 304400**

Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

Website: www.medway.gov.uk

Kent Police

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

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

For the deaf and speech impaired, text 'Police' and your message to **60066**

Medway Police Station Purser Way, Gillingham ME7 1NE

8am-8pm Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm Sunday

Strood Contact Point Medway Council, Civic Centre, Strood ME2 4AU

8.30am-5.15pm Monday-Thursday, 8.30am-4.45pm Friday, 9am-1pm Saturday, Sunday closed

Rainham Contact Point 1-3 Station Road, Rainham ME8 7RS

9am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9am-7.30pm Wednesday,

9am-1pm Saturday, Sunday closed

Website: www.kent.police.uk

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

To contact Neighbourhood Watch call John Haddaway ☎ **01634 792131** or visit www.kcnwa.org

Check out Kent Police on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube



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Community safety

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Cuxton and Halling ward

Welcome to the latest edition of your community safety newsletter.

It has been designed to:

- give you feedback on what Kent Police and Medway Council are doing to deal with the concerns raised by your community
- provide information on how you can have your say on community safety priorities.



You said

You were concerned about speeding on Halling High Street.



Police community support officer (PCSO) Alan Hunter has been carrying out speed checks in the area to monitor the situation and identify offenders. A check was carried out recently, during which he was assisted by a sergeant from the Kent Police traffic unit. In total, about 30 vehicles were checked and the highest speed recorded was 29mph. Hopefully, the visible presence will lead to a reduction in the number of vehicles speeding in the area.

PC Steve Gibbons has recently received training to use a speed gun. In response to residents' concerns of motorists exceeding the speed limit on Bush Road, speed checks will be carried out.

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





Ward news

Police could be working from the ward soon

Neighbourhood officers have been liaising with the parish council about using the pavilion in the recreation ground in Cuxton as a base. This will allow PCs and PCSOs to provide a more visible presence at key times to deter people causing anti-social behaviour in the area.

Bicycle patrols

Neighbourhood officers for Cuxton and Halling will be patrolling the area on police bicycles as well as on foot and in a patrol vehicle. Bike patrols allow the PCs and PCSOs to cover a greater area in the same period of time and respond quickly to reports.

Neighbourhood Watch

The community based crime prevention initiative is running in both Halling and Cuxton.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are to pass information on incidents quickly to police, improve community spirit, reduce crime and the fear of crime and feedback information from the police to residents.

Neighbourhood Watch is always looking for new members, particularly in Cuxton. Contact details on page 8.

You said

You were concerned about motorists parking inconsiderately at school drop-off and pick-up times.

We did

Neighbourhood officers have monitored the area at key times to advise motorists to park considerately so they are not causing an obstruction. Medway Council is looking at ways to improve road markings and install signs to warn motorists where it is illegal to park.

Securing your property

Neighbourhood officers have been visiting victims of crime to assist in securing their property and referring people to a Medway Council service which carries out repairs and maintenance for elderly and disabled people. The Homesafe service can also help with safety and security within the home.

A 71-year-old woman, of Bush Road, who was burgled in January, had new window locks and a security spy hole installed.

PC Gibbons and PCSO Hunter visited a man from Halling High Street after he had a heart attack. During the visit, the neighbourhood officers noticed the lock on his front door was insecure. The man was referred to Homesafe by PC Reed and a new door lock, window lock and rear mortise lock were provided.

Justice Seen, Justice Done

Bringing offenders to justice

- A 35-year-old Strood man has been fined £100 and had his driving licence endorsed with six points after he was convicted of two motoring offences. A vehicle being driven by the man was stopped in Maidstone Road, Chatham on 30 November 2009. Police officers discovered that he was not insured and did not have an appropriate licence to drive the vehicle. He was sentenced before Medway Magistrates' Court on 15 February and ordered to pay costs of £50 in addition to the fine and penalty points.
- A 36-year-old man has been given a suspended jail sentence and ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work in the community after he pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified and without insurance in Royal Engineers' Road, Maidstone in February. He was given a 60-day prison sentence, suspended for 18 months and must complete his community service with 12 months. Magistrates also disqualified him from driving for 12 months and ordered him to pay costs of £85.
- Three teenagers were seen by Medway Council's CCTV operators emptying the contents of rubbish bags along the High Street. They also emptied large metal bins, scattering food waste and rubbish across the street and continued to empty the bags as they walked towards Luton. They were stopped in Newnham Street by patrols and were taken back to Chatham High Street where they were provided with gloves, shovels and brooms in order to clear up the mess they had created. They were also issued with a fine of £50 each.

To find out more about how offenders are being brought to justice in Kent visit www.kent.police.uk/justice

Crime statistics

Cuxton and Halling:

	March 2009	March 2010
Crime in total <small>excluding anti-social behaviour</small>	12	14
Burglary	1	3
Anti-social behaviour	4	14

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

Your community safety partnership



Keeping Medway's taxis safe

Nine taxi drivers were suspended from using their vehicles following multi-agency checks in Medway. A total of 76 taxis were checked by Kent Police, Medway Council, the Vehicle and Operator Standards Agency (VOSA) and UK Border Agency. Two of the nine drivers who were suspended were issued notices prohibiting use of their vehicle on safety grounds. Four drivers were given verbal warnings for minor offences and 13 were advised about vehicle defects they needed to rectify. Only the white hackney carriage taxis are allowed to stop or pick up customers from a taxi rank or be flagged down. Private hire vehicles, which must be painted red with a chequered stripe, can only make journeys logged or pre-booked with a licensed operator.

About us

The Medway Community Safety Partnership brings together all of the agencies in the district which can make a difference when dealing with crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.

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

These agencies work together to deal with local issues to ensure Medway is a safe place to live, work and visit.

To report or receive advice on anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, graffiti, issues about licensed premises, abandoned vehicles, call **01634 338131** or email **communitysafetypartnership@medway.gov.uk**

Visit us online at **www.medwaycsp.co.uk**

Illegal waste carriers targeted

Traders taking scrap metal to merchants across Medway were targeted as part of a crackdown on illegal waste carriers by Medway Council and Kent Police.

The owners of two vehicles were issued fines of £180 in Whitewall Road, Strood after failing to produce a waste carrier licence allowing them to transport scrap metal for profit.

Meanwhile, Kent Police officers visited scrap metal dealers on the Medway City Estate, Knight Road and at Chatham Docks to check they had the appropriate licences.

A waste-laden vehicle was also pulled over as officers had concerns about whether it was roadworthy. The driver, who did have a waste licence, had his driving licence endorsed with three penalty points and was served with a notice to get identified faults repaired.

Dean Laws, senior environmental enforcement officer for Medway Council, said: 'It is quite legal to transport your own waste but if you're looking to get paid for it then a licence from the Environment Agency is required. We are able to check where scrap metal has come from and ensure it has come from a legal source. Operations like this can also help us reduce fly-tipping in the area.'

Medway SOS bus

A bus to ensure late-night revellers get home safely has become a focal point in Rochester since its launch last year. The orange SOS bus, which is funded by the partnership, has been acting as a safe haven for people who need support.

On Friday 30 April, the start of a Bank Holiday weekend, the volunteers who work on the bus along with the Red Cross attended to 19 people.

One clubber required first aid after he fell on the grassy area of Blue Boar Lane and twisted his ankle. The man was seen by the Red Cross team and then taken home by the support vehicle. Other callers included groups of young people requesting water and other drinks to re-hydrate, flip-flops for those with sore feet and some people showed interest in volunteering for the project.

On Saturday 1 May, the volunteers helped a woman in her 50s who had been drinking to get home safely after she had collapsed. A young woman who had been attacked in a night club went to the bus for help. She was suffering from a suspected broken nose. At her request, the SOS bus volunteers contacted police officers, who attended and took details from the injured woman. After treatment, she left with friends to follow-up the incident with Kent Police.

Have your say

Let us know what issues you would like the police and councils to deal with in your area. To help set local priorities, you can:

- Attend a **police surgery** (see below for dates) – open to everyone
- **Phone** or **email** your neighbourhood officer (see page 7 for details)
- Look out for visits by the **mobile police station** – pop in and have a chat with your neighbourhood officer

You can also keep updated on what action is being taken where you live by visiting www.kent.police.uk and entering your postcode

Public consultation – all welcome

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 8 July	3pm – 3:30pm	Cuxton Library, Bush Road

Time, dates and locations of meetings may change at short notice. Enter your postcode at www.kent.police.uk for the latest information and more meeting dates.

What's on

Kent County Show - 16 to 18 July 2010 at Kent Showground, Detling, from 9am to 6pm

Visit the **Kent Police stand**, near the Astor Ring, to have your say about crime and anti-social behaviour where you live. Find out how we are working with partner agencies to deal with the issues that matter the most to you.

We have a wide range of live demonstrations and activities for you to enjoy - watch our skilled police dogs and staff safety trainers in action, meet neighbourhood officers, investigate a crime scene, have your fingerprints taken and get advice on how to protect your property and prevent crime.

You can also visit the **Fit for the Road** stand to find out how we work with partner agencies and other emergency services to keep Kent's roads safe.

For information on admission, call **01622 633060** or visit www.kentshowground.co.uk

Your neighbourhood contacts

The neighbourhood officers for your ward:



PC Steve Gibbons



PCSO Alan Hunter

✉ npu.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk
☎ 01634 792346

Did you know...

In Medway there were 3,301 fewer crimes between March 2009 and February 2010 compared with the same period the previous year. This contributed to 13,770 fewer crimes across Kent.

We are committed to reducing anti-social behaviour even further to make your area even safer.

Crime prevention advice

There are a few things you can do to help protect yourself and your property:

- Shut and lock windows, doors and sheds to deter opportunist thieves
- If you are in your back garden, check your property is secure
- Do not leave valuables on display in your car and shut the windows
- If you go on holiday use lights and radios on timers to give the illusion you are there
- Use a good bicycle lock and lock it to something secure
- Property mark your valuables with your postcode using a UV pen
- Avoid leaving packaging outside that shows burglars what you have recently bought

Also, while you're enjoying the longer evenings and warmer weather, please consider others by keeping the noise down and throwing litter in the bin.