

Who to contact

Tonbridge and Malling Borough 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 and out of hours: **01732 844522**

Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ

8.30am-5pm Monday-Friday

Website: www.tmbc.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**

Tonbridge Police Station, 1 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, TN9 2HS

8am-8pm Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm Sunday

Website: www.kent.police.uk

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

To contact Neighbourhood Watch call Paul Harfleet ☎ **01732 529910** or visit www.kcnwa.org

Kent County Council

24-hour helpline **08458 247 247**

Council offices, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ

Email: county.hall@kent.gov.uk or visit www.kent.gov.uk

Check out Kent Police on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube



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Community safety

Summer 2010

Snodland West ward

Welcome to the latest edition of your community safety newsletter.

It has been designed to:

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



Dealing with your concerns about burglary

Officers from the Tonbridge Rural neighbourhood policing team have been issuing shed alarms to potentially vulnerable and repeat victims of crime. Neighbourhood officers have also been advising members of the public about property security. More information on how to keep yourself and your property safe is on page 7.

Snodland burglar sentenced

A 22-year-old man has been arrested for a number of burglaries in the Snodland area. The offender was charged for one offence and had a further six, plus two attempts, taken into consideration. On 16 March the man was sentenced to 80 hours of unpaid work.

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



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You said

You were concerned about motorists parking inappropriately and ignoring parking restrictions in St Katherine's Lane and Roberts Road at school drop-off and pick-up times.

We did

Officers from the neighbourhood policing team and civil enforcement officers from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have been educating parents about appropriate parking.

Since officers began to monitor parking in the area the situation appears to have improved, with fewer drivers stopping in the restricted areas outside the school.

More parents are now parking further away and walking their children up to the school.

High visibility patrols will continue and officers will offer advice to motorists caught ignoring the restrictions.

Further action will be taken against repeat offenders. Unattended vehicles are left with an advisory notice.

You said

You were concerned about young people congregating in the recreation ground, between Birling Road and Malling Road, drinking underage and causing a nuisance on Friday and Saturday evenings.

We did

Neighbourhood officers have carried out high visibility foot patrols at the times the problems occur. Officers spoke to a large number of young people about the impact of their behaviour on local residents. Alcohol was seized from a number of under 18s but not in significant quantities.

You said

You were concerned about people riding mini-motos in an anti-social way in Alex Hughes Close.

We did

In January, a nuisance rider was identified and given a formal warning that their vehicle would be seized if they continue to ride in an anti-social way. As the offender was seen causing a nuisance again, their mini-moto was seized.

Youth justice advice

Parents who would like to know more about youth justice issues can visit the new parents, carers and families section on the Youth Justice Board's website at www.yjb.gov.uk/en-gb/yjs/Parents

Justice Seen, Justice Done Bringing offenders to justice

Nuisance motorists targeted in Holly Hill

Officers on motorcycles have recently spent two days patrolling west Kent's rural areas to prevent the anti-social use of off-road vehicles.

Kent Police is advising motorcyclists, quad riders and 4x4 drivers to ensure they are acting legally, especially with the warmer weather and lighter evenings approaching. Police have the power to stop riders, issue a summons and, if necessary, seize the vehicles if riders ignore previous warnings.

Ten people were issued formal warnings during the operation that their vehicles will be seized if riders are found using them in an anti-social way again.

PC Dave Greenwood, from Kent Police's Central Motorcycle Unit, said: 'People need to be aware that they can ride these vehicles off-road where it is legal, so long as they have the required insurance, registration and driving licence, and providing they are riding in a manner that is not causing distress or annoyance.'

The police motorcycles are designed to patrol woodlands, fields and other hard to reach areas for normal patrol vehicles. The bikes, and the 20 riders who are fully trained police motorcyclists, can be deployed anywhere in the county and not only assist with targetting off-road bikes but also help in searches for missing people and other investigations.

Crime statistics

Snodland West:

	March 2009	March 2010
Crime in total <small>excluding anti-social behaviour</small>	37	16
Burglary	5	2
Anti-social behaviour	18	21

For more information on crime statistics, visit 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.

Find out more at: www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

Dog fouling issue highlighted

More than 250 bags worth of dog mess was cleared from an area in Tonbridge following the council's latest drive to promote responsible dog ownership.

A team of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council officers highlighted the issue of dog fouling by visiting Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground on Tuesday 23 February. The team filled 267 pink bags and left them in place of the mess for the rest of the day to highlight the extent of the problem. The bags were then removed at the end of the day.

In addition to the clean up, the council installed more than 550 dog bins across the borough, of which 130 are in Tonbridge. All of the bins are emptied regularly. If dog owners cannot find a convenient dog bin they must bag up the mess and take it home or they could face a fine of £50. Dog owners who continually fail to clean up after their dog can even be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000.

To report dog fouling, please call Streetline on **01732 876060** or use the online reporter at www.tmbc.gov.uk The dog warden for Tonbridge and Malling can also be contacted on dog-related issues by calling **01732 876181**.

Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership (multi-agency): ☎ **01732 876132**

Advice through musical

An innovative production has helped to raise residents' awareness of the dangers of distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Performances of 'Trickster' the musical, during March in Tonbridge and Aylesford, told the story of a man who fell victim to a burglary by bogus callers. The production then demonstrated the precautions that can be taken to stop such crimes taking place.

After the performances, members of the audience were also given a chance to talk to representatives of a number of organisations from the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership about safety issues and any other concerns they may have had.

Dog fouling targeted in Snodland

The focus of this year's Snodland Go Cleaner campaign is to tackle the problem of dog fouling. As part of this year's campaign, the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council environmental enforcement team have already been out patrolling the town centre, Nevill Park, the Recreation Ground and Willowside areas of the town and issuing on-the-spot fines of £50 to anyone caught failing to clear up after their dog.



Nicky Delacey, Co-chair of the Snodland Goes Cleaner Partnership said: 'We want to get the message across that other peoples' rubbish costs you money. It costs tax payers about £100,000 each year to keep Snodland's streets clean and we hope that this campaign will really highlight how important it is to dispose of our rubbish responsibly.'

To report dog fouling, please contact StreetLine on **01732 876060** and give as many details as possible, ideally including breed/description of dog, description of dog owner/walker, location and the approximate time of the incident. For more information on the Snodland Goes Cleaner Campaign, please call **01732 876147** or email waste.service@tmbc.gov.uk

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	Surgery 12pm – 12.30pm	The Library, High Street, Snodland
Friday 23 July	Surgery 11am – 11.30am	Town council offices, Waghorn Road, Snodland

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

What's on

Upcoming events in your area:

- **Snodland Activity Day - Saturday 24 July at Snodland Community Centre and Potyns Sports Ground, 10am to 3pm**
Young people can find out more about local groups including Charlton Athletic Football Club, Nemes Diving Academy, Snodland Scouts and Snodland Cricket.
- **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 find out how we're dealing with the issues that matter the most to you. Watch our skilled police dogs and staff safety trainers in action, meet neighbourhood officers, investigate a crime scene and have your fingerprints taken. For information on admission, call **01622 633060** or visit www.kentshowground.co.uk

Your neighbourhood contacts

Hello, we're the neighbourhood officers for your ward.



PCSO Kim Hatchard



PCSO Charlie Culshaw



PC Mark Stubberfield

✉ tonbridge.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk
☎ **01732 379232**

Did you know...

in Tonbridge and Malling, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells there were 1,260 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.