

Community Safety Partner Updates



July 2023

Meet the Community Safety Team

From left: Community Safety Officers Lexie Foord and Tara Liam, and Community Safety Specialist Scott Butler



Community Safety Update and Events

VAWG (Violence Against Women & Girls)

On 7 July, the Community Safety and Licensing teamed up with Kent Police for the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls' event outside the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone.

Representatives from the Kent County Council youth service, [Home Start Shepway](#), [Cheriton Baptist Church](#) engaged with more than 100 people. Kent Police asked the public to complete a survey on how safe they feel in and around the district.

A broad range of information was covered, and advice was given regarding ensuring a taxi is licenced. The officers highlighted the [Ask for Angela](#) scheme which enables anyone feeling unsafe and vulnerable to seek help by approaching local business. Asking staff for 'Angela' is code recognised by staff as a call for help. More information can be found by visiting the [Community Safety](#) pages on the council website.

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Safety Perception Survey

The Community Safety Partnership is made up of various statutory and non-statutory services such as Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, local Children's Partnership Group, Education, and transport providers along with many other partners.

Click on the QR code to complete a safety survey. We would like to hear your views and use information provided to help make the district safer.



SAFETY PERCEPTION SURVEY

Please Scan, Complete & Share
to help us design out your concerns for safety.



Thank You



The Kent & Medway Violence Reduction Unit is a multi-agency partnership using a public health approach to tackle violent crime in our communities. It was set up with money which the Police and Crime Commissioner received from the Home Office.



Romney Marsh Inspires

In June the Romney Marsh Inspires event was held at The Marsh Academy where young people learned about the jobs and skills needed from many agencies and organisations.

Young people in years 8, 10 and 12 asked the officers about the skills needed to work in a community safety environment and both Community Safety Officers Lexie Foord and Tara Liam shared their knowledge including the campaigns both are involved in.



2023 Tall Ships project

In May and June, [youngsters enjoyed a wide range of activities on both sides of the English Channel](#) as part of the Tall Ships project.

Young people from Folkestone, Hythe and twin town Boulogne-sur-Mer set sail for France in July as the 2023 Tall Ships project reached a triumphant conclusion.

[Thalassa – a three-masted barquentine](#) – left the Folkestone Harbour Arm on a Sunday afternoon, waved off by proud relatives, council representatives and nautical enthusiasts.

The teenagers from England and France crewed the ship, took it in turns to cover the four-hourly watch shifts and undertake tasks such as putting up sails, adjusting rigging and duties in the mess.



They arrived in Boulogne-sur-Mer on Thursday 13 July in time for the famous La Côte D'Opale fête la Mer – a gathering of tall ships and traditional boats attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors.

This received coverage on the [BBC South East: Tall Ships 2023 \(10/07/23\) - YouTube](#) including regional coverage.

Ward Engagements – Walland and Denge Marsh

As part of the ward engagements, the Community Safety team will be focusing on meeting councillors in their ward areas.

On 21 July, Tara Liam met with Councillor Alan Martin who represents the Walland and Denge Marsh ward.

Councillor Martin and Tara headed to Lydd, Romney Marsh, Ivychurch and Brookland where Tara was introduced to parish councillors including residents who shared concerns relating to ASB (anti-social behaviour) and crime related matters and the focus was to work together in tackling any unresolved problems.



Love your Beach this Summer

From 24 July to 30 July, staff from Community Safety and Environmental Enforcement worked together as part of the Love your Beach campaign with a stand at Sunny Sands.

Two lifeguards and a dog also came along raising awareness of the importance of water safety.

The officers engaged with members of the public about litter reinforcing messages about putting litter in the bin or taking it home if the bins were full. The officers spoke about dog control zones including dog fouling and dog visitors were even treated to a little snack.



Kent Fire & Rescue Open Day

On 25 July, Folkestone fire station hosted a summer open day that was attended by around 1,000 people.

Families and friends were invited to meet firefighters whilst taking part in afternoon activities including jumping aboard a fire engine and opportunities to learn about keeping the whole family safe.



Community Safety, [KentPolice](#) [NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [RNLI](#) HM Coast Guard, [EnvironmentalAgency](#) [RSPCA](#) [KCCWardens](#) had stands at the event.



Community Engagement

Community Safety Officer Tara Liam together with Kent County Council wardens Neil Staveley who covers Folkestone East and Carol Coveney who covers Cheriton visited Harbour Church in Folkestone for one of their coffee mornings. Neil also works alongside the [RSPCA](#) who donate pet food to him which he hands out to those who attend the church every Thursday.



The officers engaged with some of the vulnerable people in the local community, listening to their concerns, providing help and sign posting them to the many services available.

The officers also spoke to the community officer from [Sunflower House](#) and from September 2023 every Friday from 9.30am a community coffee morning will be run offering free beverages and cake. The coffee mornings are open most Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon at the Harbour Church.

Partner Updates

Sunflower Memory Cafés

Our Memory Cafés are currently held at the following locations on the Romney Marsh.

NEW ROMNEY

at The Old School, Church Lane
on the Second and Fourth Monday of every month.

ST MARY'S BAY

at The Village Hall, Jefferstone Lane
on the Third Thursday of every month.

DYMCHURCH

at The Village Hall, Orgarswick Avenue
on the First Thursday of every month.



Our Cafés are open from 10am to 12pm

We look forward to welcoming you!

The Sunflower Memory Cafés provide a safe and welcoming social get together for those with dementia and their carers. Providing memory games, activities and in time day trips.

For more information call
01797 363888



ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY HUB

JUNE 2023



ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY HUB

Sunflower House, Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JR



Walking Group

Every Tuesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Come and join us for a walk around
the Romney Marsh

Please contact the Hub for more information
on 01797 363888



Our Sunflower Café is open from 9.00am
to 2.00pm for snacks and refreshments.
Lunch also available - booking essential

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Ukraine Curriculum Lessons - Україна Програма уроків



Combined Ukraine and English Lessons commenced with the support of local volunteers and Sunflower House with funding from Kent County Council and Folkestone and Hythe District Council earlier this year. Classes will be suspended over the summer period but will restart in September 2023.



Комбіновані уроки з української та англійської почалися за підтримки місцевих волонтерів і Sunflower House за фінансування Ради округу Кент і Ради округу Фолкстон і Хайт на початку цього року. Заняття будуть призупинені протягом літнього періоду, але відновляться у вересні 2023 року.

English Lessons - Уроки англійської мови



English class groups which started in 2022 are still happening today with support from local volunteers, Hythe Rotary Club, 1st Hythe Scouts, Sandgate Society and additional support and funding from Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Kent County Council.



Групи класу англійської мови, які розпочалися у 2022 році, все ще діють сьогодні за підтримки місцевих волонтерів, Ротарі клубу Хайт, 1-го скаутів Хайта, а також додаткової підтримки та фінансування від

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Rogue Traders/doorstep Criminals

We continue to receive reports from across the county of bogus tradesman knocking on people's doors and attempting to get you to agree to either unnecessary work on your property or over charging for a poor job or even taking your money to never return to carry out the work.

Remember, never pay the full price up front for home improvements and always agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand. Only pay in full when completely satisfied with the work. Our below leaflet provides more advice –

Protect yourself and others against rogue traders

Most people who call at your home are genuine. But sometimes people may turn up unannounced and try to sell you services or items you do not want or need or carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.

If you're concerned about someone calling at your home, **don't open your door.**

You can:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you
- Get three written quotes
- Ask family and friends for recommendations
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.

Remember, ABC:

- never Assume
- never Believe
- always Confirm.

Get the latest scam advice! @KentPoliceECU

Pressurised selling on your doorstep is a crime and you can report it:

- kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards or call 0808 223 1133
- For advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/
- Follow @kent_ECU or email kfas@ecis.police.uk



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Online Safety for children

A campaign by [GetSafeOnline](#) provides tips and advice on how to help keep children safe online during the holidays.

More information can be found [July23 Parents Leaflet.pdf](#)



If you have any information that you would like us to include within any future updates, please email the details to community.safety@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk