

# Community Safety Partner Updates



June 2024

## Community Safety Update and Events

### Summer Well Event 16 July

#### Summer Well Event

Showcasing all the great community work  
being done throughout the district.

**Speak to us at:**  
Cheriton Baptist Church  
Quested Road  
Folkestone  
CT19 4BY



10am-1pm

Join us and our partner agencies along with  
other members of your local area to speak  
about issues that matter to you.



The Rainbow Centre has organised a cooking on a budget demonstration during the event using produce available from their Pantry. The NHS bus will also be at the church during the morning.

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## Future Skills Wellbeing Garden

Tara Liam from Community Safety revisited the [FutureSkills](#) wellbeing garden based at Whitfield in Dover on 6 June 2024 for their garden launch.



The organisation provides free training and City & Guilds qualifications to improve employment opportunities and financial prospects.

Future Skills is based in Dover and Folkestone, and anyone is welcomed to visit the garden. The organisation has helped so many people on their journey to success and employment.

## Environmental Enforcement job vacancies

If you know of anyone looking for a career change, we are recruiting for two Environmental Enforcement Officers



### [Vacancyfor2xEnvironmentalEnforcementOfficers](#)

The post holders will act as ambassadors for the council, ensuring that public areas are kept safe, clean, and tidy, whilst responding to urgent requests and undertaking appropriate actions to resolve any issues.

Ideally, the post holders will benefit from having enforcement experience and/or come from a customer facing role and they will support in improving the district and assist in the effective delivery of the environmental patrol function. This includes dog control, dog fouling, littering, fly-tipping, unauthorised encampments, fly-posting, and, community protection) in accordance with all relevant statutes, guidance, policies and procedures.

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is **9am Friday 5th July 2024**.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 11th July 2024** and **Wednesday 17th July 2024**.

## Partner Updates

### Border Force - Coastal Crime

When it comes to stunning coastlines and bustling ports and harbour towns, the UK is incredibly lucky to have so many great locations to enjoy and explore, but if crime and the people behind it are left unchecked, then everybody suffers.

The Coastal Crime campaign aims to highlight the warning signs to look out for when it comes to coastal crime and how to stop the criminals behind it. The Coastal Crime Line allows people to report any information or suspicions 100% anonymously.

You can call **FREE** on 0800 011 3304 or report it online 24/7 on the website [Help turn the tide on coastal crime | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

#### What is coastal crime?

Essentially, it's any crime that has an impact on, or happens around, our coasts and borders, including smaller ports, docks, and marinas. From theft, to smuggling, to criminal damage, whether you're a keen sailor, work in the maritime industry or are simply enjoying a coastal hike, if you see something suspicious, the Coastal Crime Line is here for you.

#### What sort of warning signs should you be looking out for?

##### Some of the signs include:

- Seeing boats moored up in strange places or at strange times.
- Boats unloading scared or suspicious people, or suspicious packages.
- People making attempts to signal or guide boats offshore.
- People loitering and/or acting nervously.
- People taking an interest in port security or buildings.

You can learn more about the signs to spot through [ProjectKraken](#) including extra signs to spot if you work in the maritime industry

#### Educate. Solve. Support. Prevent





Educate the public what coastal crime is and the impact it has on our communities, particularly in port and harbour towns.

Messaging will seek to help stop coastal crime by targeting audiences who may have information on the criminals behind it.

By targeting awareness messaging and highlighting the warning signs at potential victims and those close to them, as well as professionals in maritime industries that may be able to witness coastal crime, we seek to protect our coastal communities from crimes that put them at risk.



## Information Awareness

### Microchipping for cats is now compulsory

On 10 June 2024, it became law in England mandating the microchipping of all pet cats meaning all cats over the age of 20 weeks must be microchipped.

You can be fined up to £500 if your dog or cat is not microchipped. [DogorCatmicrochipped](#) on the Gov.uk website.



### Alcohol Awareness Week – 1 – 7 July

[Al-AnonFamilyGroups/](#) have been helping families and friends of alcoholics worldwide since the 1950s.



The organisation has grown in the UK and Republic of Ireland into a network of over 700 self-help groups and continues to attract new members every day of the week.

Al-Anon is available free of charge to anyone who is or has been affected by someone else's drinking, including adult children of alcoholics, parents, partners, spouses other relative including friends of alcoholics.

There is also support locally for friends/family members through AL-ANON Family Groups. By clicking on the Al-Anon find-a-meeting page [FindanAl-Anonmeeting/](#) enter your postcode and the list of locations will appear.

Alcohol Awareness Week is on 1 to 7 July 2024 a week of awareness on the the4me of Understanding alcohol harm.

### Reach The Beach

A new "Reach The Beach" free bus service is launching in Folkestone over the summer to make travelling about the town easier for residents and visitors during the busy period.

Runs from 20 July 2024 to 1 September 2024.

# Reach the beach this summer!

This service operates for free

Leave the car home and hop on the special Folkestone holiday bus service



## Service 51

From 20 July to 1 September



### Service 51 Timetable

Folkestone West Station	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30
Folkestone Central Station	10:02	10:32	11:02	11:32	12:02	12:32	14:02	14:32	15:02	15:32	17:02	17:32	18:02	18:32	19:02	19:32
Town Centre / Shellons St	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	14:06	14:36	15:06	15:36	17:06	17:36	18:06	18:36	19:06	19:36
Folkestone 51	10:07	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07	12:37	14:07	14:37	15:07	15:37	17:07	17:37	18:07	18:37	19:07	19:37
Old High Street	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	14:08	14:38	15:08	15:38	17:08	17:38	18:08	18:38	19:08	19:38
Harbour Arm Bus Stop	10:09	10:39	11:09	11:39	12:09	12:39	14:09	14:39	15:09	15:39	17:09	17:39	18:09	18:39	19:09	19:39
Harbour Arm Bus Stop	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	15:45	17:15	17:45	18:15	18:45	19:15	19:45
Old High Street	10:16	10:46	11:16	11:46	12:16	12:46	14:16	14:46	15:16	15:46	17:16	17:46	18:16	18:46	19:16	19:46
Folkestone 51	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	12:17	12:47	14:17	14:47	15:17	15:47	17:17	17:47	18:17	18:47	19:17	19:47
Town Centre / Shellons St	10:19	10:49	11:19	11:49	12:19	12:49	14:19	14:49	15:19	15:49	17:19	17:49	18:19	18:49	19:19	19:49
Folkestone Central Station	10:21	10:51	11:21	11:51	12:21	12:51	14:21	14:51	15:21	15:51	17:21	17:51	18:21	18:51	19:21	19:51
Folkestone West Station	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54	12:24	12:54	14:24	14:54	15:24	15:54	17:24	17:54	18:24	18:54	19:24	19:54



JOIN OUR FREE,  
FUN COOKING  
COURSES

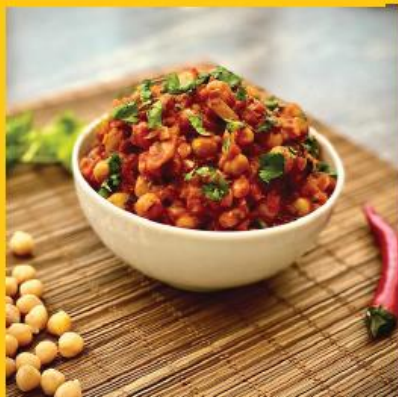
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kitchen and a phone!



**SAVE MONEY,  
COOK BETTER  
THAN THE  
TAKEAWAY**

Free, fun cooking  
courses **AT HOME,**  
**Cook great food**  
**in just 2 weeks!**  
Impress friends  
and family

**CHANA MASALA**



**ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE**



**MIDDLE EASTERN PILAF**





SCAN ME

Exciting meals can be quick, fun, easy and cheap to cook with our FREE (ingredients included), flexible, home based short courses.

Register: [www.bagsoftaste.org/students](http://www.bagsoftaste.org/students)  
Tel: 01303 980661  
Email: [info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk)

Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.

All you need is a kitchen and a phone!



### About the course

\*FREE\*

- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

### How does it work?

- We deliver 3 step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end, you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

### What do I need to do?

All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

### How long does it take?

About two weeks, but you can work at your own pace

### How do I join?

- Register online: [www.bagsoftaste.org/students](http://www.bagsoftaste.org/students)
- Call: 01303 980661
- Email [info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk)

Once we've confirmed your registration, we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

\* Free course for qualifying participants only



LEARN TO COOK



EAT LESS TAKEAWAYS



SAVE MONEY



IMPROVE HEALTH



HAVE FUN



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*What's on at...*  **ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY HUB**

**Update from the Romney Marsh Community Hub  
JULY & AUGUST 2024**

We had a very successful D-Day 80 celebration, with 60 people enjoying live entertainment from Driss & Terri – Happy Days followed by a fish and chip meal and all left with a commemorative pin. Many thanks go to SEK for sponsoring this event and local businesses Majic Memories and Matters 2 You for supplying the Balloon Decorations.

**Monday 8th July** - Shabby Ewe are hosting a Needle Felting workshop 1.30-3.30pm  
All Materials supplied £10 per person. Booking required

**Wednesday 10th July** - Diabetes coffee & catch up 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Friday 12th July** – Ex Armed Forces Drop in 10am-12noon  
Come along for a coffee and a chat, no age barrier.

**Wednesday 17th July** - Creative writing with Emma Batten 1.30pm-3.30pm £6.50  
Creative writing inspired by the Holiday Camps on the Romney Marsh in the 1950's  
this week is Maddisons Greatstone

**Friday 26th July** – Ex Armed Forces Breakfast club - 9am-11am  
Come along for a breakfast and a chat, no age barrier.

**Saturday 27th July 10am** onwards New Romney Country Fayre  
We will be open serving refreshments and a wide range of food,  
including our not to be missed Cake stall.

**Wednesday 31st July** - Diabetes Peer Support Group 1.30pm-3.30pm  
Come along and talk to others with Diabetes, gain support with various issues  
and get help and advice. Booking essential as limited spaces. Free

**Friday 9th August** – Ex Armed Forces Drop in 10am-12noon  
Come along for a coffee and a chat, no age barrier.

**Monday 12th August** - Shabby Ewe are hosting a Wet Felting workshop 1.30-3.30pm  
All Materials supplied £10 per person. Booking required

**Wednesday 14th August** - Diabetes coffee & catch up 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Wednesday 21st August** - Creative writing with Emma Batten 1.30-3.30pm £6.50  
Creative writing inspired by the Holiday Camps on the Romney Marsh in the 1950's  
this week is New Romney Caravan park

**Friday 23rd August** – Ex Armed Forces Breakfast club - 9am-11am  
Come along for a breakfast and a chat, no age barrier.

**Wednesday 28th August** - Diabetes Peer Support Group 1.30pm-3.30pm  
Come along and talk to others with Diabetes, gain support with various issues  
and get help and advice. Booking essential as limited spaces. Free

**Monday 1st July, 15th July, 5th August and 19th August**  
Cancer Support Group 2.30pm-4pm  
All Welcome

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**To make all bookings please call the hub on 01797 363888**

**Romney Marsh Community Hub - Sunflower House, Rolfe Lane, New Romney TN28 8JR**  
visit: [rmch.org.uk](http://rmch.org.uk) | email: [hello@rmch.org.uk](mailto:hello@rmch.org.uk) | Call 01797 363888

# 65+ Men

A simple scan can tell you if you have an abdominal aortic aneurysm. This is an enlargement of the main blood vessel in the abdomen and if left untreated it can be fatal.

Men aged 65+ are most at risk. NHS screening invitations will be sent to men aged 65 this year and those over 65 can request a scan.



For more information, contact the AAA Screening Programme on 01227 868775, email [ekhft.aaascreening@nhs.net](mailto:ekhft.aaascreening@nhs.net) visit [www.nhs.uk/aaa](http://www.nhs.uk/aaa) or talk to your GP

## How to help your teenager with their mental health

*A free workshop and discussion led by Paula Gardner of The Good Therapy Practice.*

### Learn about...

- What's going on in your teenager's developing brain
- What they need from you to feel safe
- Easier and less stressful ways to communicate

*Paula is a therapist, business psychologist and coach with a special interest in working with teenagers. Join us for an informal and informative session!*

For registration and enquiries email [info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@sunflowerhouse.org.uk)

**Saturday 13th July at 10am  
in The Community Room  
19 The Bayle CT20 1SQ**



**Sunflower House**  
community building  
building community

## Fraud / Scams

### Doorstep Scams

Community Safety have noticed an increase in individuals knocking on people's doors about work on the property or gardening services for payment.

This is known as a doorstep scam when a person knocks on the door and tries to scam the householder seeking money for jobs or gain access to the property. Rogue traders may call round saying they have noticed something needs fixing on the property and can do this for a fee. Usually, they may start the job but is left unfinished and the work not carried out correctly.

Please remind family and friends about cold callers and not to be tempted to let anyone who turns up unannounced at the front door seeking to work at the property.

Report a scam or a problem with a tradesperson or product to [TradingStandards/](#)

[Action Fraud](#): If you suspect that you've been scammed, report it to Action Fraud either over the phone or via their website.

[Citizens Advice](#): contact them if you've been scammed on your doorstep and they'll pass your report onto Trading Standards.

You can also speak to your local KCC Warden who will try and help you whatever the issue and they can be found [KCCLocalCommunityWardens](#)

The [NeighbourhoodWatch](#) website provides useful information in spotting doorstep scammers including protecting yourself against these scammers.



# Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

A Kent resident in relation to a fake email they received impersonating Sainsbury's (see below).

It was sent from a Gmail address with no links to Sainsbury's. It is offering a free "Stanley Quencher Flowstate Tumbler" and all you have to do is click on a link to get the process started. However, this will take you to a website under the control of the criminals where they will seek to steal your personal and financial data

If you receive this or any other suspicious emails, then please forward to – [Report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:Report@phishing.gov.uk)

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information and advice about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#)


## Preventing fraud

Together,  
let's stop  
scammers.



### Remember, ABC:

 never Assume

 never Believe

 always Confirm

Get the latest  
scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU

## Sainsbury's

### Congratulations!

We're thrilled to inform you that you've been chosen to receive a brand new Stanley Quencher Flowstate Tumbler

This exciting opportunity comes FREE of charge to you, and all it takes is a moment of your time to secure this fantastic prize.

To claim your Stanley Quencher Flowstate Tumbler, simply follow the link below:.

[>> CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED NOW <<](#)

The process is very quick and easy, just visit the link above to get started!

Thank You, Sainsbury's Customer Care

[Click here to unsubscribe.](#)

## New Published Reports

### Online safety

**Source:** UK Safer Internet Centre

**Date:** 03 June 2024

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats.

**Read the blog post:** [My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do?](#)

### See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Online safety resources](#)

### Child sexual abuse

**Source:** Lucy Faithfull Foundation

**Date:** 30 May 2024

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation has published a paper on links between adult pornography and online child sexual abuse. The Foundation works with people who pose risks to children online and offline and the paper shares case examples of adult pornography contributing to the viewing of illegal sexual images of children. The paper looks at some reasons behind pornography use and discusses how to prevent online child sexual abuse.

**Read the paper:** [Time to talk about porn: the link between viewing legal adult pornography and online child sexual abuse](#)

### See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Protecting children from sexual abuse](#)

**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](mailto:community.safety@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)**