

2023

# Community Safety Partner Updates



January 2023

## Community Safety Team

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



## Community Safety Update and Events

### Local Engagement Meeting

On Wednesday 25 January the Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership held its 'Local Engagement Meeting' at Hawkinge Community Centre.



Representatives from Kent Police, FHDC CSU, KCC Community Wardens, Neighbourhood Watch, Hawkinge Town Council, and local churches all attended. The event covered neighbourhood updates, general concerns, and Public Spaces Protection Orders.

We are looking for the next meeting to be held at the Marsh Academy in a few months, details to follow in the next newsletter.

## Macular Society

Community Safety Officer, Tara Liam held a talk for members of the Macular Society on 27 January 2023 at the Clifton Hotel. The talk was centred around keeping safe in the community.



[The Macular Society](#) are a national charity that supports people with macular disease and central vision loss. Age related macular degeneration (AMD) can affect someone's central vision, as the macula is responsible for the finer details of what they see.

## Nicola's Wish Upon a Star update

236 vulnerable children and young people received a gift at Christmas thanks to Folkestone & Hythe District Council staff, councillors, Kent police and other local organisations including the Channel Rotary Club who took part in 'Nicola's Wish Upon a Star' scheme.

Those who benefit from the scheme range from new-born babies to 18-year-old young adults with hundreds of presents being distributed as part of the 'Wish Upon a Star' appeal.



A big thank you to all those who were involved in this year's appeal.

## Partner Updates

### Cheriton Baptist Church

Cheriton Baptist Church ran a 'Cheriton celebrates Christmas' event on 18 December 2022.

The day involved a 12 days of Christmas treasure hunt, carols, and Christmas treats and many craft activities.



There were 220 meals served, and an advent Quested gallery that had many local artists exhibit their artwork. The event was free of charge and the day ended with many visitors staying on watching the World Cup football final.

The warm spaces initiative was used throughout the Christmas period with families using the kitchen at the Cheriton Baptist Church to cook and eat over the Christmas holidays.

### Urban Pastors

Dave Barker and the Urban Pastors team have been active in the district for 9-years.

The team are out and about every Friday between 7.00pm and 02:00am. Since April 2022, the Urban Pastors have handed out 15 crates of bottled water, 450 cups of soup, 780 hot chocolates and 380 cups of tea and coffee.

The Urban Pastors have been out on the streets totalling 1,890 hours and engaged with over 200 teenagers (with 6 being returned to their parents to keep them away from vulnerable situations).

The Urban Pastors play a key role in keeping the streets of Folkestone and Cheriton safer with the response vehicle and can attend other local areas when called upon.

Last year the Urban Pastor response vehicle headed to Dymchurch where 60 young people aged 13-16 years of age were congregated drinking alcohol.

The Urban Pastors engaged with the group and took away the alcohol and handed out hot chocolate and bottled water whilst waiting for Kent Police to arrive



The team were also on hand in the summer to help locate a missing 6-year-old, thankfully the child was found and reunited with their carer.

They also supported the Cheriton the Folkestone Christmas light switch and the Harbour events that took place during the England World Cup games.

For more information on the Cheriton Baptist Church and the Urban Pastors visit <https://www.cheritonbaptist.co.uk/>.

## Hestia's Folkestone Haven

Hestia's Folkestone Haven provides mental health support for adults aged 16+ in the Folkestone and Hythe District. The Folkestone Haven is open during the evenings, weekends, and bank holidays, when other support services may be closed.



The aim of the service is to reduce the number of people accessing A&E departments and decrease pressure on other emergency services.

Whether you're struggling with an ongoing mental health condition, bereavement, work stress, worries about Covid-19, or any other mental health issues. The service is free and there is no need to book an appointment.

Visitors to the Folkestone Haven will be greeted by one of the trained Recovery Workers, who will offer a listening ear and tailored mental health support.

Visitors can also access support groups if they wish, such as art groups and creative writing workshops, to help maintain social inclusion.

The Folkestone Haven is funded by the NHS and a consortium of Kent based Trusts, including the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust.

A promotional flyer for 'The Folkestone Haven' with a blue and white color scheme. It features three circular images: a young boy, a woman sitting on a sofa, and a person in a wheelchair. The text includes the title 'The Folkestone Haven', a question 'Are you experiencing a mental health crisis and need immediate support?', and details about the service starting from 1st July 2020. It provides the address 'The Folkestone Haven c/o The Rainbow Centre, 69 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2AF', opening hours 'Mon-Fri: 18:00 - 23:00' and 'Sat-Sun/Bank Holidays: 12:00 - 23:00', and contact information 'No appointment needed', 'For more information please contact Folkestone.Haven@hestia.org', and the phone number '07827533871'. Logos for 'THE ROGER DE HAAN CHARITABLE TRUST', 'KENT', and 'NHS' are at the top. At the bottom, it says 'Service provided by: Hestia' and 'Charity number: 294555 | Company number: 8102218'.

**Address:** Rainbow Centre, 69 Sandgate Rd, Folkestone, CT20 2AF.

**Opening times:** Monday to Friday, 6pm to 11pm and Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 12pm to 11pm.

### Contact

Email at [Folkestone.Haven@hestia.org](mailto:Folkestone.Haven@hestia.org)

Phone on 07827 533 871.



Come to Sunflower House  
for a Warm Welcome  
**OPEN HOUSE/WARM BANK**



Meet some friendly people for a chat  
Free drinks and snacks (donations welcome)

Warm Space to work in (free WIFI)  
Social space: board games and dominoes  
Reading Corner: bookswap and browse

Healthy living advice  
Free Workshops & activities

Don't be out there alone, come over here!

  
Sunflower House  
community building  
building community

**09:30 – 1:30 every Friday**  
**Sunflower House**  
**45 Foord Road CT19 5AE**

[Sunflower House](#) aims to build and link with the community and offer support to those going through a tough time. They offer a warm space to work or socialise, alongside free drinks and snacks. There are also free workshops and activities for the community.

Sunflower House welcome ideas, support, help and donations of any size.

## Upcoming Local Events



**Parents Club**

Come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chat at our new group

We are going to have guest speakers, can help you with any issues you may be having, or just to socialise before picking the kids up from school

**Contact us for more info**

📍 Shepway Youth Hub, 5 Grace Hill CT20 1HA  
☎ 07977296960 - Maria  
☎ 07773084493 - Juliana  
🌐 [folkestoneandtheyouthhubkent.gov.uk](http://folkestoneandtheyouthhubkent.gov.uk)

**FRIDAY 12:30-2PM**

**CBC** **CALLING ALL HEROES!!!**  
**KIDS ALIVE HOLIDAY CLUB IS BACK**



FEATURING CBEEBIES' PIRATE GEM

When: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am—3pm

Ages: For Year R to Year 6

Cost: £2 per child per day, bring your own packed lunch

Booking essential at [www.cheritonbaptist.co.uk](http://www.cheritonbaptist.co.uk)

Please note that Pirate Gem will be joining us via video on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> but will be with us in person on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Cheriton Baptist Church**

Holding a primary age holiday club during February 2023 half-term and are excited to have CBEEBIES pirate Gem making an appearance.



**AFTERSCHOOL**  
**Club Yr1-Yr6**

TERM TIME ONLY

Music, singing, crazy games, crafts, snacks, bible stories and much more

**st johns**  
**FOLKESTONE**

Thursdays @ 3:30-5pm

FREE ADMISSION - REFRESHMENTS SERVED

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL, CT19 5BQ

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DEBRA LEWIS  
[Debra.lewis@stjohnsfolkestone.org](mailto:Debra.lewis@stjohnsfolkestone.org)

**St John's Church Hall**

Kids After School Club for years one to six held at St John's Church Hall.

## Community Groups

### Armed Forces Veteran Drop In

Support with Employment, Health, Debt or Housing?  
Or just a chat and coffee?

Meet with likeminded people

**Come Along**

Last Friday of each month

10:00 till 12:00

Folkestone Sports Centre  
Radnor Park Avenue, CT19 5HX

Representatives of local Armed Forces charities and other  
organisations will be on hand

For more information, contact  
[armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) or

RBL on 01303 488435



### Armed Forces Veterans Support Group

Support with Employment, Health, Debt or Housing?  
Or just a drink and a chat?

Meet with likeminded people

**Come Along**

Drop In session at

Folkestone Nepalese Community Centre, Baker Road,  
Cheriton, CT19 4NN (ground floor Cheriton Library building)  
from 10:00 till 12:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Representatives of local Armed Forces and other  
organisations will be on hand

For more information, contact

[armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) or  
[communitycentre@fncuk.org](mailto:communitycentre@fncuk.org) or call 01303 398055



## ARMED FORCES VETERANS DROP IN

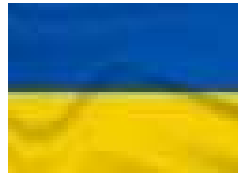
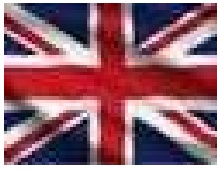
Come along for a chat and a coffee

**2ND FRIDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
10AM TO 12NOON**

at the

ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY HUB  
SUNFLOWER HOUSE  
ROLFE LANE, NEW ROMNEY  
TN28 8JR  
Tel: 01797 363888





## Prince's Trust Events – Події довіри принца

“Please see below our brand-new programmes that are kicking off the new year! These opportunities are for young people aged 16 - 30, not in full time employment, education, or training.”

*«Будь ласка, перегляньте наші абсолютно нові програми, які розпочинають новий рік! Ці можливості призначені для молодих людей віком від 16 до 30 років, які не працюють повний робочий день, не навчаються чи не навчаються».*

**\*Click any programme title to sign up\***

\*Натисніть будь-яку назву програми, щоб зареєструватися\*

### **Get Started with Beauty (Nails) – Folkestone**

Taster Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Main Programme: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Venue: F51 - Skate Park, Folkestone

### **Початок роботи з красою (нігті) – Folkestone**

День дегустатора: 2 лютого

Основна програма: 6-10 лютого

Місце проведення: F51 - Скейт Парк, Фолкстон

If you would like to know more about a programme, you can reply to this email, alternatively you can always reach our team on [OutreachKent@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:OutreachKent@princes-trust.org.uk)

Якщо ви хочете дізнатися більше про програму, ви можете відповісти на цей електронний лист, або ви завжди можете зв'язатися з нашою командою за адресою [OutreachKent@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:OutreachKent@princes-trust.org.uk)

**ROLLING PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE ↓ (Click each one to find out more)**

[MENTORING IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INFORMATION SESSION \(South-East\)](#)

[ENTERPRISE \(Virtual Business Programme\)](#)

[DEVELOPMENT AWARDS \(Funding Support\)](#)

[Health and Social Care 101 Webinar \(for ages 16-30\)](#)

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**ДОСТУПНІ НАШІ ПРОГРАМИ ↓ (Натисніть кожну, щоб дізнатися більше)**

- [НАСТАВНИЦТВО З ІНФОРМАЦІЙНОЇ ЗАСЕДАННЯ З ОХОРОНИ ЗДОРОВ'Я ТА СОЦІАЛЬНОГО ОБСЛУГОВУВАННЯ \(південний схід\)](#)
- [ENTERPRISE \(Програма віртуального бізнесу\)](#)
- [НАГОРОДИ ЗА РОЗВИТОК \(фінансова підтримка\)](#)
- [Вебінар «Охорона здоров'я та соціальна допомога 101» \(для вікової категорії 16-30 років\)](#)

## Kent Police Surgeries


**Police surgery – Folkestone  
Town & Harbour Wards.**

Your local officers will be holding a police surgery on:

**09/ 02/ 2023**

**Folkestone Yacht & Motor Boat Club**

**18:30 – 19:30 hours**



**Come and speak to local officers about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour**

Your local officer/s is/are **PC Paul SWAINSTON** and will see people individually on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact your local policing team by calling **101** or **Online Reporting and Live Chat** via **Kent Police website**.

For news, safety advice and information about policing in your area, visit **[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)**



**Kent  
Police**

**Protecting and serving  
the people of Kent**



## PCSO surgery for Broadmead and Park, Cheriton and Sandgate Wards

PCSO Brooker will be holding a PCSO surgery for the Broadmead and Park, Cheriton and Sandgate Wards to discuss recent issues and offer crime prevention advice. The surgery will give the public the opportunity to speak with PCSO Brooker in person about any concerns or issues they have.

The surgery will be held at Folkestone Sports Centre Café, Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5HX on the 2 February 2023 between 10:00am and 11:00am.

## Arrest made during Folkestone traffic checks



Traffic checks in Folkestone resulted in one person being arrested for suspected drug-driving and a further ten motorists reported for offences.

During the afternoon of Friday 20 January 2023, a total of 36 vehicles were stopped during the operation in Cheriton Road, Tram Road and Sandgate Hill.



Seven people were reported for seatbelt offences while others were reported for using a mobile phone at the wheel and speeding. One vehicle was found to be uninsured, resulting in the driving being reported and the car seized.

Officers from Folkestone Community Policing Team, town centre officers and the Kent Special Constabulary also searched two cars for suspected drugs.

An 18-year-old man from Folkestone was arrested in Tram Road on suspicion of drug-driving. He was later released on bail until 20 April pending further enquiries. Two people also received community resolutions for possessing cannabis.

Advice was issued to 23 motorists about a range of issues including vehicle maintenance and responsible driving.

## My Community Voice



The poster features a blue background with a white silhouette of a city skyline and a group of people. The text 'My Community Voice' is prominently displayed in white, with the subtitle 'Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway' below it. The poster is divided into several colored sections: a yellow bar at the top stating 'MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police'; a pink bar with a megaphone icon and the text 'Find out what's happening in your area'; an orange bar with a bell icon and the text 'Receive alerts from your local officers'; a green bar with a speech bubble icon and the text 'Tell us what matters most to you'; a blue bar with a hand icon and the text 'Sign up today and make your voice count'; and a yellow bar at the bottom with the website 'www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk' and a QR code.

My Community Voice is a way to be updated by Kent Police about the issues that matter to you.

Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of messages you receive and how.

To start getting alerts, [register your details](#), tell Community Voice how you would like to be contacted and the topics and issues that matter to you.

The alerts will come to you via email, text or voice note. If you have any information about an appeal, then you can message the team back through

the alert.

Comments and thoughts are welcomed. Clicking on the 'reply' link within a message will send your reply to the person that sent the message and your local policing team

**Please note:** This service should not be used to report any crime or incident to the police. In an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, **call [999](#)**.

## Fraud / Scams / Thefts



### Catalytic Converter Thefts

Catalytic converters are devices fitted to vehicle exhausts to reduce the number of dangerous gases emitted. They are often targeted by thieves as they contain valuable metals and can be removed in less than a minute.

Catalytic converter theft most frequently occurs in car parks, but they can happen anywhere. Thieves may then sell these converters via scrapyards, online, or ship them out of the country.

Hybrid vehicles are most targeted, as their metals are more valuable, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft.

#### Signs a catalytic converter theft is being committed

- a vehicle being raised using a car jack in a car park or residential area
- a loud drilling or cutting sound coming from underneath the vehicle

Click [here](#) to watch a video to see what a catalytic converter theft looks like.

#### Prevent it

Although catalytic converter thefts are increasing, there are steps that you can take to protect your vehicle.

To keep your catalytic converter safe, you can ask your car dealer for advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold.

Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle, park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that's well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the converter can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable.

You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.

Visit [Secured by Design](#) or [Sold Secure Gold](#) for more details.

#### Report it

- If the crime is happening now call [999](#) - if you are unsure, they would rather hear about it and decide if a theft is occurring
- If it is safe to do so, take photos of suspects or the number plate of their car (do not approach suspects, as they have been known to use violence)

- If the crime has already happened then you can [report it to them online](#) or at your [local police station](#)

## Migrant support

Migrant Help protect people affected by displacement and exploitation, helping them thrive as individuals and recover from their trauma. They support those most in need whilst aiming to bridge community gaps and bring services and support together.

Further information can be found on the [website](#)



## New Published Reports

### Violence Against women and girls (VAWG) digital conference

This conference, organised by Westminster Insights, takes place on 23 March 2023 online.

[Find out more](#)

### Online sexual exploitation

**Source:** IWF

**Date:** 13 December 2022

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has announced its collaboration with cyber safety technology company White Bullet to identify and minimise digital advertising appearing on pages which promote or contain child sexual abuse images and videos.

[Read the article](#)

[See also on NSPCC Learning](#)

### County lines

**Source:** The Observer

**Date:** 10 December 2022

The Observer has published an article regarding the potential link between the cost of living crisis and increasing numbers of children and young people being recruited into county lines gangs.

[Read the article](#)

[See also on NSPCC Learning](#)

**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)**