



Community Safety Partner Updates



Folkestone
& Hythe
District Council

September 2024

Community Safety Update and Events

CSP Newsletters

Community Safety Partnership newsletters can be found on the Folkestone & Hythe district website [CSP 2024 Newsletters | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/csp-2024-newsletters) ([folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk))

Autumn Well Event – 20 September 2024

F&HDC Community Safety along with 33 partner agencies came together for the third in a series of the Well events. The Autumn Well event was held at Age UK in Stade Street, Hythe ([Age UK Hythe, Lyminge and Ashford](#))

The mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly, opened the event and residents came along to speak to representatives from the agencies.

Thank you to Age UK in Hythe for hosting the event.



September 2024



Winter Well Event – 27 November 2024

Winter Well Event

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

Speak to us at:

South Kent
Community Church
Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone
CT20 2QR



10am-1pm

Come and seek advice, help, or support from agencies across Kent:



and many more...

Partner Information/Updates

Urban Pastors

The Urban Pastors operate mainly in Folkestone and Cheriton, providing community support and playing a key role in keeping the area safe. The team have been active in the district for 15 years.

They engage with people who have been out partying or anyone who may find themselves facing difficult situations and sign posting where necessary to other agencies and organisations.



The [Urban Pastors — CBC \(cheritonbaptist.co.uk\)](http://cheritonbaptist.co.uk) can be seen visiting different spots in Folkestone and in Tontine Street. On the last Friday of each month, the Urban Pastors can be seen under the gazebo outside of Folkestone Town Hall where they are now handing out personal alarms and debit card covers. Later in the evening the pastors can be seen at licensing establishments.

Questionnaires are being handed out to ascertain thoughts on how safe people feel in Folkestone and engage in positive conversations with people seeking the pastors out in the nighttime economy.

Two of the Urban Pastors can be seen out and about on a Tuesday or a Thursday during the day talking to staff in local businesses and listening to any concerns.

For more information please email: urbanpastors@cheritonbaptist.co.uk



Urban Pastors can also be found on [facebook](#) under Urban Pastors Community Support.

Data information provided by the Urban Pastors from April to August 2024



URBAN PASTORS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Working in partnership with FHDC Community Safety Unit & KCC Crime Commissioner.

During the past 6 months, our volunteer team has:

Volunteered 410.5 hours across the team

Over 42 sessions

**Engaged with 1,086 people including businesses
in Folkestone town centre**

Urban Pastors aim to help to create safer communities mainly in Folkestone and Cheriton, Urban Pastors engage with people who have been out partying, the homeless, keeping young people safe in and around Folkestone and Cheriton. Each week we are also promoting the Safer Streets Initiative promoting free courses and awareness plus giving out free safety resources and advice.

We also gave out for free

Safety resources

(such as spikey's, debit card covers, leaflets, purse safety chains, personal alarms)

We have given out 384

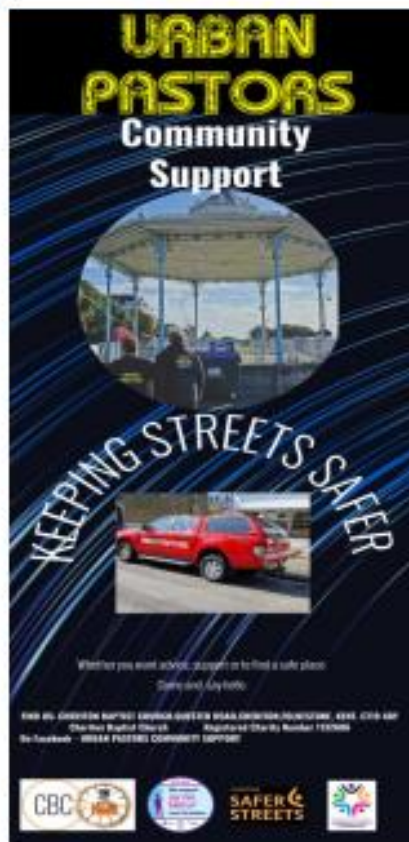
Hot drinks & Water

**We have given out 149 hot drinks
and 87 bottles of water**

Come and Volunteer with us!

We welcome anyone who has a heart to serve others and respect for those with a faith. Training will be given, depending on your experience.

Find us on Facebook – Urban Pastors
Community Support
Email – urbanpastors@cheritonbaptist.co.uk





Social Enterprise Kent



[Cost of Living Directory - Social Enterprise Kent \(sekgroup.org.uk\)](http://sekgroup.org.uk) provides up to date information and cost of living services which provide support and advice for people living in the east Kent area. The Folkestone & Hythe district can be found on page 30 up to 43



VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY

Wednesday 9 October 2024
10am - 4pm at Rainbow Centre

Feel free to drop-in

Ever thought about volunteering?

Come and find out more about the Rainbow Centre and all the volunteering opportunities we have.

Existing Volunteers

Please join us for refreshments and cake, we would love to catch up with you, say thank you, and receive your feedback and ideas.

If you have a friend who is interested in volunteering bring them along too!



Enquiries 01303 850733 or volunteering@rainbow-centre.org

Rainbow Centre is a Charity Registered in England and Wales. Charity Number 1096570



BEREAVEMENT & LONELINESS HUB

MEET OTHER LADIES SUFFERING WITH LOSS AND JOIN TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY OF HEALING AND MOVING FORWARD TO A NEW WAY OF LIVING.

Join in and try a new craft, or a creative writing task, experience a taster session with our therapist, learn about mindfulness and its benefits to helping through grief, or simply just enjoy a cuppa and a natter with the other ladies!

Join in for a Mindful Grief Walk out in the fresh sea air!

Hub to run twice a month and a walk will be held once a month.

September dates. Meeting 9th 11.30am
Hub 30th 11.30am channel suite.
Walk 6th 11am meet outside.

HOSTED AT THE BURSTIN HOTEL
FOLKESTONE
FREE ENTRY, PARKING FREE UPTO 3 HOURS
PLEASE REGISTER CAR AT RECEPTION.

contact:
Paula & Ais - info@rippleofhopegroupcic.com
(access for all including wheelchair access.)



NHS
Kent and Medway
Talking Therapies

Feeling low, worried, or stressed? We are here, we listen.

At NHS Kent and Medway Talking Therapies, we provide a range of support to thousands of people to help them to improve their mood and find ways to manage.

If you are 17.5 years or over and registered with a GP in Kent and Medway we can help you find the tools you need to get life back on track.

Contact us now, it is **FREE** and confidential.

 www.kmtalkingtherapies.co.uk
 0333 091 0414
  Text 'KMTALK' to 88802

Scan to self refer


Services provided by



Are you experiencing:


Excessive Worry


Stress


Depression


Anxiety


Lack of Motivation

How we can support you

We provide a range of evidence-based talking therapies and new ways of coping, tools, and resources to help you manage your mood.

All of our therapies can be provided via secure video, text-based therapy, webinar, phone, or in-person.

NHS Kent and Medway Talking Therapies, is a FREE and confidential support service.



Our easy 3-step approach

1. Self-refer by giving us a call, using our website, or by scanning the QR code on the front of the leaflet.
2. You will be assessed by a friendly member of our team. Together, we will agree the best support for you.
3. A fully qualified therapist will support you throughout your treatment.

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SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

For parents and carers of young adults on the autism spectrum.
All welcome, especially if you are wondering what the future holds for our young people and would like to find ways to improve local provision for them.

Friday 25 October 2024

MARK CONNORTON
Volunteer Connector and Training Manager
Kent Coast Volunteering

10.00am-12.00pm

Hythe Catholic Church Hall (Our Lady of Good Counsel),
2 Lower Blackhouse Hill, Hythe CT21 5LS

Next meeting: Friday 29 November
Any questions? Please contact hello.sasg@outlook.com
or visit our Facebook page



Information Awareness



Halloween

On 31 October residents may receive trick or treaters knocking at the doors in the hope of receiving sweets.

If you have young children:

- Never let young children go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure they only visit people known to your family.



If you have teenagers:

- Make sure they are not going to be using alcohol, flour or eggs. • Make it clear that if a 'no trick or treat' sign is displayed, they should leave straightaway.
- Make sure they do not travel alone and never go into the home of someone they do not know.
- Make sure they understand they must not frighten people. Display the front of this poster in a door or window if you would rather not be visited by Halloween callers.

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For anyone who does not want to receive these callers you can download the [Trick or treaters welcome poster with advice \(kent.police.uk\)](https://www.kent.police.uk) for your window or front door.

Folkestone & Hythe District have posters available at reception, please visit the council offices to pick up a poster.



Fraud / Scams



How to Report various Fraud Types



Penalty Charge Notice Text Scam.

Below is the latest scam parking fine text message.

It is very similar to the one that I have been alerting recently but is basically a follow up message reminding you to pay the fine or you will be banned from driving and taken to Court.

This is a **SCAM**.

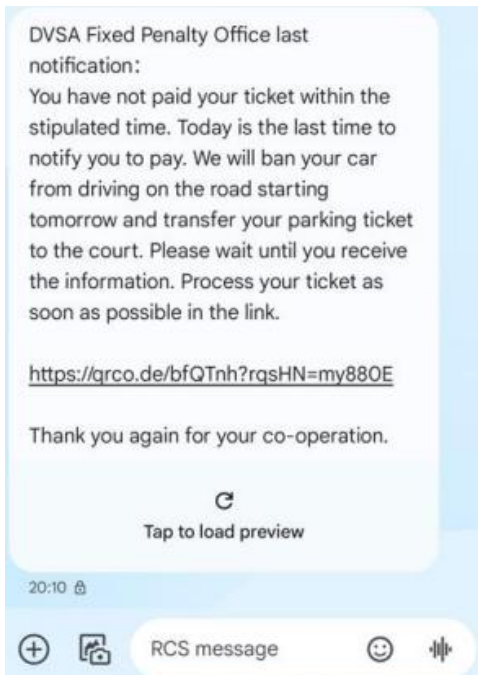
Please do not click on the link within the text message as this will take you to a realistic looking website under the control of the criminals, where they will steal your personal and financial data.

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.

Remember, ABC:

- never Assume
- never Believe
- always Confirm



You can report Scam text messages by forwarding to 7726.

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 or call 0300 123 2040.

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

If you are a victim of fraud or an online crime (cybercrime) you can report to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Additionally, you can report other types of Fraud and Scams to the following

[Report tax fraud or avoidance to HMRC - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[HMRC phishing and scams: detailed information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Report benefit fraud - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Report an immigration or border crime - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Report a problem with a medicine or medical device - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[ChildExploitationOnlineProtection](#)

[Report fraud, bribery or corruption | Kent Police](#)

[Electoral fraud | Kent Police](#)

You can report fake/phishing emails by forwarding to Report@phishing.gov.uk and fake text messages by forwarding to **7726** (Spam).



New Published Reports

Violence against women and girls

Source: Home Office

Date published: 19 September 2024

The Home Office has announced new measures to strengthen the police's response to tackling violence against women and girls in England and Wales. The measures include: a pilot placing domestic abuse specialists in 999 control rooms to advise on risk assessments; and the launch of the new domestic abuse protection order pilot. The measures reinforce the Government's commitment to addressing the root causes of violence, which include supporting schools in teaching children about healthy relationships, respect and consent.

Read the news story: [New measures set out to combat violence against women and girls](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Protecting children from domestic abuse](#)

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Sexual extortion

Source: NSPCC Learning

Date published: 06 September 2024

NSPCC Learning has published a Helplines insight briefing on young people's experiences of online sexual extortion, or 'sextortion'. Drawing from contacts to Childline and the NSPCC Helpline in 2023/24, the briefing explores: how sextortion occurs and how it can escalate; the impact on young people's mental wellbeing; how to spot the signs; and how to talk to young people who may be at risk. It also provides guidance for reporting and preventing incidents of sextortion.

Read the report: [Young people's experiences of online sexual extortion or 'sextortion'](#)

Smartphones

Source: BBC

Date published: 02 September 2024

The BBC has released a new Panorama episode focusing on children's use of smartphones. The episode follows two families and looks at the impact when their smartphones are removed for a week. The documentary discusses online harms and how content pushed to children's feeds affects them.

Watch the documentary: [Can we live without our phones?](#)

Visit the website: [Panorama](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Online safety resources](#)

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