

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 8th SEPTEMBER 2020

**By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for
Burham and Wouldham Ward
Councillors Dave Davis and Roger Dalton**

PLANNING

1. We are working on the planning issues raised by the new health centre in Peters Village and the Southern Extension and the offices at St Marys Old Church but have nothing to report at present.

POTHOLES

2. There are two bad potholes on Pilgrims Way at its junction with Knowle Road that have been drawn to our attention by residents. These were reported on the KCC Fault Report Line on 4th September and the tracking number is 523043. This needs to be monitored to ensure timely repair.

NEW TMBC POLICE INSPECTOR

3. Our new TMBC Police Inspector is Inspector Elizabeth Jones.

NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITE

4. A future household waste bring site has now been identified by KCC in TMBC at their waste to energy complex in Allington. There is no time scale for opening at present. We will update you when details are known.

Contacts

csu.tonbridge.and.malling@kent.police.uk Contact your local team

<https://www.kent.police.uk/> Report online, check statistics, information on your area.

<https://www.crashmap.co.uk/> Road Safety Information

Mallings July
2020

Information provided by: PS Turtle, Community Safety Unit

Crime Series or Crimes of Note

There are no crime series or clusters across the district at present. Crimes of note relate to thefts of tools from vans, some of which have been left insecure. The number of dwelling burglaries is fairly low and are continued to be attended the the Burglary Team and supported by ward PCSO's.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

Anti-social behaviour is reported in Martins Square and New Hythe Lane in Larkfield. Tasking has been created for response patrols and CSU staff to red route the area and deal with issues presented.

Holborough lakes and surrounding land has been targetted by youths wanting to swim in lakes. CSU have been liaising with land owners to secure sites, add security to prevent access to sites and threat of loss of life to trespassers.

After a relatively quiet period regarding traveller incursions, they are starting to be on the increase. Please be vigilant and be aware of any rogue trader activity.

Items of good work:



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Crime Prevention

This is the season where people have a tendency to leave windows and doors unlocked or open, including cars. An opportunist thief will have the property away before you even noticed.

Enjoy August, stay safe.

Staff Updates:

PCSO 61540 Josh Vincent has joined the team and will be covering the wards of East Peckham, West Peckham, Hadlow, Mereworth and Wateringbury. He is now independent.

Inspector Elizabeth Jones joins the team during August.



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Community Warden –
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Firstly, I would like to wish you all well and to hope that everyone has coped during these unprecedented times due to Covid-19.

Sadly, life changed dramatically for all of us and us as Community Wardens had to find new ways of working during the Lockdown.

- Carrying out welfare checks, giving advice, reassurance & support verbally over the phone was at first my main method of communication until I was physically back out in my many areas.
- During Lockdown I arranged for some food parcels to be delivered & since lockdown I have had a number of food parcels delivered & delivered some myself too.

Since being physically back in my areas I have: -

- Carried out some high visibility.
- Investigated an area within Peter's Village where young people were camping & having campfires. There was a lot of Partnership work & interaction done on this along with local residents help & knowledge gleamed.
- I am aware that very sadly we have had a life buoy thrown into the river, disregarding everyone's safety. If anybody sees any suspicious behaviour, please report this into Kent Police on 101 & advise Wouldham Parish Council accordingly. The life buoys are there to save lives. This type of incident could potentially end up being a threat to life if the life buoys are not kept safely in situ although yes one hopes that there will never be the need to use them.
- Carried out referrals & received referrals from both internal & external Partners.
- My main duties have then been assisting some vulnerable members of our community on many various concerns.

I have started some e-learning which I have to do for my role.

Assisted my colleagues with complex cases.

There has been a flurry of “**Scam reports**” come through within the month, for those that do not have the internet my best advice would be: -

- DO Not Answer your door to any unknown persons.
- Do No Answer telephone calls from unknown number’s, if you do accidentally answer the phone to unknown people do not engage in conversation about your utility bills, Amazon, Amazon Prime, HMRC, your Bank acc etc. etc. etc. – The official companies will not ring you to discuss your account; if they need to contact you, they will do this by official means – by writing to you.
- If you need to check the authenticity of someone that has rung, purporting to be from an official company – put the phone down – use another phone so you are not using the same phone line & ring the utility/company direct to check out the authenticity of the call & if indeed there is any change to the service provided or whatever you were being told.
- Do Not Click on any links within emails again purporting to be from service providers – again contact the service provider direct.
- The list for Coronavirus scams is endless with people purporting to be from official Health services door knocking & trying to gain access to people’s homes, getting resident’s to hand over money to do food shopping for them & never to be seen again. Also along with fake phone calls, text messages & emails.

Always take 5 minutes to re-assess the situation, phone a friend, family member or neighbour before making any decisions or proceeding with anything suspicious or out of the blue.

It is your phone & front door – just say “**No**” or even better do not answer to anyone unknown to you.

Use caller identity on your phones & use your phone provider call blocker for nuisance calls or text messages both for home phones & personal mobile phones.

For advice or to report issues, please call: -

Action Fraud Helpline: 0300 123 2040

KCC Trading Standards through Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133

[Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#)

Kent Police on 101 for Non-urgent & 999 for emergencies only

For anyone wishing to report anything anonymously – please report to: -

CrimeStoppers 0800 555 111

For those of you online, you can get all the **“KCC Trading Standards alerts on ‘scams, doorstep criminals & doorstep sellers’ through KCC Consumer Alerts”**. Sign up for all the up-to-date scam alerts information via this link: -

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/consumer-alerts>

“How to Spot the Signs of Financial Abuse – Doorstep Crime is Financial Abuse”

Help us prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims of doorstep crime and financial abuse. Watch the video and learn to spot the signs of doorstep crime and financial abuse. Please help to protect your family members, neighbours and friends.

Here is the link to KCC Trading Standards Public Protection You Tube channel, **How to spot the signs of Financial Abuse video**: -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtdaM7bkuOsbFpd8CzFnyhw>

SUGGESTION FOR LAND AT SIDE OF RECREATION GROUND

- 1) Brush cut and remove all growth
- 2) In early October cut again
- 3) Spring time weed killer the whole area, repeat x2 or x3
- 4) Small pockets of planting
- 5) brush cut before summer
- 6) Brush cut in August

Repeat.

WORK REQUIRED ON HALL ROAD

1. KCC to cut down the dead elms
2. Apply for free hedgerow from Woodland Trust
3. Extend Valley of Visions walk to include PV and the SSSI (Secure the Landscape meeting)
4. Include the school in the wildlife of a hedge (KCC schools program)
5. Include the school in insects (Kent Wildlife Trust)
6. Apply for grant to get whips and trees planted.