

Parish Council monthly update

Benenden

October 2019

Information provided by: PCSO Simon Humphreys Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Unit

Crimes of note:

- 08/10/2019 Theft, Goddards Green Road. Chainsaw stolen.
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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- There has not been any Anti-Social Behaviour or other incidents of note this month.
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Items of good work:

- I would welcome any opportunity in order to engage with the local community and promote community safety and crime prevention. Therefore, if there are any local events taking place or you are part of a charity or community group and would like me to attend to provide a talk or presentation, please do not hesitate to contact me: simon.humphreys@kent..police.uk



For more information about policing in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk

To report a non-urgent crime online, visit www.kent.police.uk/contactus

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Updates of previous reported issues:

There have not been an on-going community issues reported.

With the evenings drawing in please consider the use of light timers which will ensure that your property doesn't look unoccupied and consider marking any valuables and registering them with www.immobilise.com Ensure sheds and any outbuildings are locked. Do not store tools overnight in vans and where possible where possible park them so that the doors cannot be easily accessed. You will also find useful crime prevention information by visiting www.securedbydesign.com and on the Kent Police website www.kent.police.uk

One of the types of crimes we see increasingly reported to police surrounds phone scams, whereby offenders impersonating police officers have claimed to be calling from a station in London or other area.

The fraudsters sometimes state they have arrested people with cloned credit cards, and that one of the cards is believed to be yours. They often tell victims their bank accounts have been corrupted and that the only way to safeguard the money is to withdraw it and give to a special police courier.

If you receive any calls like this, **DO NOT DIVULGE ANY BANK DETAILS OR PERSONAL INFORMATION. POLICE WOULD NOT ASK YOU THIS OVER THE PHONE.**

Wait at least five minutes after hanging up to make another call, as scammers will often remain on the line in an attempt to impersonate banks, police or other agencies you try to report this to.

Call Kent Police on 999 if this happens to you and a crime is in progress. Otherwise dial 101 or contact Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us.

Fly tipping is also an ongoing issue in certain areas. The statutory power to deal with fly tipping lies with the Environment Agency and local authorities, who are responsible for clearing waste from public land. They can investigate dumping on private land but have no obligation to clear. The Environment Agency investigates major fly tipping on public and private land where there's an immediate environment and human health risk.

When using tradesmen to dispose of waste, remember to check whether or not they hold a valid waste carrier licence. You can check by visiting www.environment-agency.gov.uk or by calling 03708 506 506. Fly tipping can also be reported directly via the Country Eye App and will then be passed on to the correct local authority to investigate and remove. To download the free app go to the apple App Store or Google Play and search for Country Eye. www.contryeye.co.uk info@countryeye.co.uk



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