

Parish Council monthly update

Benenden

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Crimes of note:

There have not been any crimes of note this month.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- There has not been any anti-social behaviour reported this month.
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There have been several burglaries recently across the district, which have been committed during the hours of darkness. Please ensure that your home doesn't look unoccupied. Please also consider the use of light timers and ensure any valuables are marked where possible by using a UV pen. Further guidance is available on www.immobilise.com where you can also register property. Ensure sheds and any outbuildings are locked. Do not store tools overnight in vans and where possible mark them, and park the vehicle so that the doors



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

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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 call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us



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