



Greetings, for those of you who do not know me, my name is Kyle. I am your local Police Community Support Officer for your area. This is my monthly report for **Biddenden** area. Please find enclosed details regarding recent activity in your area and new safety advice that has been given regarding the ongoing pandemic.



**\*\* I would like to apologise for the late turnout for this report, unfortunately I have been away and therefore was not able to release the report as quickly as I had hoped. \*\***

I have recently received reports with regards to parking issues at John Mayne Primary. Within the next couple of weeks, I will be doing regular patrols around the area to make sure that people are following parking regulations. Should the unacceptable behaviour of drop of and pick up continue, I will be attending the area with Civil Enforcement Officer to hand out parking tickets.



A reminder that **YOU** should **NOT** be parking on any **double yellow lines** or **yellow zigzags** within the school area, this is for the safety of the children.

### COVID – 19 Information and Guidelines!

Unfortunately for most of us COVID still poses a threat to us and our loved ones. A polite reminder that facemask should be worn where necessary. Make sure that hands are being washed regularly with antibacterial hand gel or soap.

Due to new guidelines being announced by the government regularly with regards to COVID-19, please refer to their website for the most update to date information at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.



Please refrain from having more than **6** people at one time in and open and enclosed spaces. By doing so you are making it harder for this virus to spread!

### Crime within the area...

Unfortunately, there have been a few burglaries in the area of **Biddenden** I would like to offer up some information into how this can be stopped/prevented from happening to you!

- Making sure that all doors and windows are locked of a night-time and **ANY** time you leave the premises whether you are going to your neighbours, families house or even to the village shop!
- If you have a cat or pet that uses a flap in the door, making sure that these also are locked when you are not around the property as people have used these in the past to gain entry, especially children.
- **NEVER** leave keys in the door or anywhere there is a window or in the view of a burglar, making sure that they are put in a draw or a key rack that is preferably away from the door.
- **You can also purchase other things to secure your house such as garden wall spikes**



You can find further information from Kent Police website, simply search Kent Police Burglary into google and click the first link that is available. This will take you to our website which will explain way in which you can make the house more secure. For those of you who own farms or not it's always a good idea to have some signage about CCTV or that premises are alarmed.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

There have been recent reports made to Kent Police regarding some activity in the Millennium Field. There has been some criminal damage made to some wooden stakes that were removed from the ground. Should you have any information related to this, please call 101.

There have been several residents who have been informing myself of youths who may possess catapults. A reminder that they are to be used for strict purposes, fishing and target practice etc. should this be used in any other means such as being aimed at people or cars then I strongly advise that its reported.

For those of you who wish to find out more specific crime rates and percentages of what has happened within your exact area please visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) from here you will be able to access a crime map, statistics and more.

Nitrous oxide canisters have been found in parks and behind buildings. These canisters can be placed into a normal bin to dispose. If you feel that you would like to inform us, then do so. Otherwise we are not able to do anything about these cannisters aside from disposing of them in the same way a member of the public would.

### **E-Scooters**

Again, a polite reminder about the electric scooters... There have also been reports of youths riding these new E-Scooters, as for the new scooters I would like to make it clear to all that they must only be ridden on private land. They are not to be ridden on any public path or road at any time. Unfortunately, these e-scooters are currently classified as Personal

Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they're treated as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements – MOT, tax, insurance and specific construction. Because they don't always have visible rear lights or a number plate, they can't be used on the road. So I must ask that they are only ridden on private property, otherwise as PCSO we can issue a section 59 which enables us to give the owner of any vehicle a warning saying should they be caught riding their vehicle again in an antisocial manner (including the e-scooters being ridden on paths and roads) they can be seized.

**(At the end of this newsletter you will find the correct ways in which a crime can be reported.)**

### Fraud within the community...

There has also been an influx of scams within the area, this is mainly relating to the buying and selling of puppies. Should you wish to purchase a pet online, I ask that you use a website that is vetted to make sure that you are buying from a true breeder. If they are a breeder they will also be registered as this is classed as a profession.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud whether its recent or not and you feel that you'd like to report it then please contact ourselves or Action Fraud. You can find information on how to report a fraud at: ([www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/) or you can call 03001232040)

### Seasonal Advice...

I would also like to take this time to mention that we are starting to get a bit of a change in whether. The days are now becoming darker, shorter and colder. Remember to wrap up warm and keep well rested this season. (Please use the link below that will take you to the AA website which will give you advice that can be used in the next coming months.)



[www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter](http://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter)



### Neighbourhood Watch

This month has been great to have lots of contact with the neighbourhood watch member **Adrian Lidgett**. For those of you who perhaps are not part of the Neighbourhood watch but would like to be then please contact Adrian or look on their website for further information. You will also be able to find crime prevention advice for burglaries and other crimes.

*Have a great October and I wish you all a spook-tacular Halloween!*



Please find attached bellow leaflets that you can print of and cut out to place at your door for the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.



**Sorry, no  
trick or treat**



**I will not open  
my door to you**



**Kent  
Police**



**Medway  
COUNCIL**



**Kent Fire &  
Rescue Service**

### Reporting Crimes...

Please can I remind the community to report crimes or information by the correct channels i.e. via 101, [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) - report a crime or tap the live chat button on this website. Or 999 if an emergency is happening here and now. Crimes are not to be reported to me via e-mail please as I am not always on duty.

We do not monitor community Facebook, Twitter, neighbour next door apps etc...and these are not the correct way to report things going on, otherwise we are unaware and unable to help you in your community.

**Contacting Kent Police**

- Find your answer online. Browse our A to Z question finder [www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice](http://www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice)
- Email your local policing team. Visit [www.kent.police.uk/yourarea](http://www.kent.police.uk/yourarea)
- For non-urgent issues, call **101**
- In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**
- If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**
- Find us on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @kent\_police or find your local account at [www.kent.police.uk/yourarea](http://www.kent.police.uk/yourarea)
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For non-emergency incidents please report online or call 101 and for emergencies call 999