

Parish Council monthly update

July / August
2020

Little Stour and Ashstone

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Crimes of note:

- 18.07.2020 – Suspicious event / fight, Ash. A naked male was wondering up and down Chequer Lane late evening, early hours of the morning, trying car door handles. All vehicles were secure. The male then began to bang on the vehicles, disturbing local residents. A resident went out to assist the male who found him to be intoxicated. Kent Police were called due to the male causing a disturbance in the community. The male was arrested for indecent exposure, criminal damage, assault and assault on emergency workers.
- 29.07.20 – Criminal damage to property, Preston. A Bay Thoroughbred mare had incurred several small wounds to her rear right quarter/rump overnight. It would appear from the size and impact of the wounds they have been created from a pellet air gun. Local enquires were made in the area. The farm was in darkness at the time the incident occurred. Crime prevent advise given to prevent further incidents reoccurring. Rural task Force notified of the incident.
- 06.08.20 – Burglary, Preston. A single male suspect appeared to have gone to the front door of a property which is lived in by a single vulnerable elderly resident. The suspect appears to have let themselves into the property, rummaged through a handbag in the kitchen leaving the items on the floor. The suspect had taken a small amount of cash. Then appears to have gone into the hallway and opened a cupboard taking nothing from there. The resident was present at home at the time, unaware that this had occurred. Neighbours saw the suspect, checked on the resident and established what had occurred. Local enquires were made. Two suspects have been arrested. Both suspects have been charged and remanded in custody.
- 06.08.20 – Burglary, Wingham. Resident reported to Kent Police that there was a male in his garden when he returned home. The resident found that their kitchen window was open which they knew was closed and secure when leaving. The resident found that the suspect had stolen a Mobile phone and some cash. The resident believed the suspect gained entry through the bathroom window and out through the kitchen window. This incident is linked to the burglary in Preston. Local enquires were made. Two suspects have been arrested. Both suspects have been charged and remanded in custody.
- 21.08.20 – Vehicle theft, Preston. Trailer has been taken from a resident's yard. The resident is unsure how it was taken due to there being no damage to their gate. This report has been filed pending any further information coming to light, no confirmed CCTV that has caught the offence.

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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 06.08.20 Suspicious incident, Wingham. A resident experienced a visit from someone who stated they were an undercover police officer from Canterbury Police Station. However, when asked for identification the person was unable to produce any ID in regard to this. The resident correctly refused to continue the conversation or let the person into their home and called Kent Police immediately to report the incident. Details were taken of the person who had attended the address and an information report was submitted.
- 14.08.20 Suspicious Event, Staple Road, Wingham. A resident came home and found a white van parked on their driveway and located a man walking around the back of their property. The male stated he was selling garden furniture. A second male emerged walking away from a neighbouring property. Descriptions of the males and details of the vehicle were taken by the resident and reported to Kent Police. Where an intelligence report was made.
- 21.08.20 Suspicious event, Wingham. Concerned resident reported a van, vehicle registration LT69 ZWS, had been driving around the village observing houses. The vehicle was in the village of Wingham 20th and 21st August. The driver had also attended the pub trying to sell a generator. The van had been seen to drive down private driveways viewing properties. This information was brought to the attention of the Rural Task Force where further enquires are being looked into.
- 22.08.20 Suspicious event, Wingham. A resident report to Kent Police in the early hours of 21st August they had experienced a really loud bang on their front door. The resident went to answer the front door to find no one was there. Occupants of the property saw a torch light being shone through the property window and down the side of the house. There have been no further reports from residents in the neighbouring vicinity. The incident has been recorded. Kent Police would encourage any future suspicious events of this nature to be called into the Police at the time they occur to enable Police Officers to attend.
- 26.08.20 Suspicious Event reported in Sandwich Road, Ash whereby it appears a small Barn / Garage has been tagged by way of spray paint near the lock. The building was found locked and secured but the fear is that the location is being targeted for property within. Police attended the location and supplied the resident with a DNA Kit and Shed Alarm. Further crime prevention advise was given to the resident for securing the outside dwelling.
- The Rural Task Force have been regularly patrolling the area of Goodnestone and surrounding villages in response of recent Police interaction around Poaching in the area. Should residents in the locality of this

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area see any vehicles, persons with dogs acting suspicious please report their findings to Kent Police on 101 with details of the vehicle and persons involved. Thank you.

Items of good work:

Kent Police Rural Task Force were deployed to the Dover District to work with Dover District Council Environmental Crime Officers in the area combating Fly-Tipping. Ten vehicles of note were nominated, and a number of stop checks carried out. Four Legal Notices were given by the Council for Waste Carrying Offences and one Warning.

During the months of July and August 2020, working jointly with the Kent County Council warden for Ash; Peter Gill and Dover District Council Community Development Officer for Ash and Wingham; Elliott Allen, we formulated and delivered a community engagement project looking into the needs of the community of Wingham and Ash. This project involved designing a joint community questionnaire asking relevant questions to the individual communities, delivering and collecting in the responses. The questionnaires have been collected in for Wingham and have been reviewed with actions drawn out of the feedback from the Wingham community. In the coming weeks we will be liaising with the Parish Clerks with a view of supporting the communities with the noted actions brought to our attention from the engagement project we have conducted. We will be updating and feeding back to the local community in due course via the village notice boards, parish council newsletters and web pages. The first week of September we will be reviewing the parish of Ash feed back in the same manner as for Wingham. Our aim for the community project is to understand how to provide a better service to our rural hard to reach communities.

Updates of previous reported issues:

High visibility patrols have been maintained in and around the villages of Ash, Wingham, Preston, Stourmouth, Staple and Goodnestone for this period and will continue.

Kent Police Community Safety Unit, in conjunction with Dover District Council Community Safety Unit remain jointly working together targeting nuisance vehicles in our rural communities, proactively targeting and disrupting those responsible for nuisance riding in the Dover District

When reporting suspicious and / or nuisance vehicle please consider the advice below:

- The Time/ Day/ Date/ Location of the incident.
- Names of or if unknown, a description of the offender, as full as possible, including clothing.

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- Any vehicle markings, such as registration numbers and a full description of the vehicle, including make/ model/ vehicle type, colour, any distinctive markings or damage.
 - If images (stills or CCTV) can be obtained at no risk to the informant, please email these to your local officer or CSU.dover@kent.police.uk
- For further information and statics relating to the ward of Little Stour and Ashstone, please visit the Kent Police website and select the appropriate area.