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Little Stour and Ashstone

November 2020

Information provided by: PCSO Jacqui Brook, Dover Community Safety Unit

Crimes of note:

- 29/10/2020 – Criminal Damage. A resident parked their vehicle on Preston Hill, Wingham on 29th October. Overnight the vehicle had its front and back passenger window smashed. Nothing was taken from the vehicle; however, glass was found all over the road. Kent Police are looking for any information relating to this suspicious incident. Please contact 101 with any details.
- 01.11.2020 – Vehicle Inference. A report of a vehicle being broken into whilst parked on the High Street, Wingham over night from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November. The vehicle passenger window was smashed, no items were stolen, however the vehicle had been rummaged through. If anyone has seen or heard anything of this incident, please contact Kent Police with details for further enquires to be made. Thank you.
- 08.11.20 – Theft of tipping trailer. The trailer had been left over night at a property in Gilton, Ash, where work persons had been completing building works. The trailer contained around 3 tonnes of hard core. The owner of the trailer is making enquiries into CCTV at a nearby location and into a tracker that is believed to be attached to the trailer. Please report any known information regarding this incident to Kent Police quoting reference number: 08-0371.



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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 05.11.20 Poaching, Crockhard Hill. Hare coursing in fields. Two people driving a grey 4x4 vehicle through fields and hedges. Lurcher / greyhound dog seen in the field. PCSO Patrol attend the location and carried out an extensive search of the area. No persons seen.
- 05.11.20 Dangerous dog incident. Several calls were made to Kent Police of a dangerous dog in the area of Court Lane, Preston. The dangerous dog and owner were located. The dog warden and PCSO put together a community protection warning which was issued to the owner of the dog, outlining the circumstances of how the dog is to be kept under control, should these circumstances not be followed further action will be taken.
- 08.11.20 Poaching, Goodnestone. Headed in the direction of Aylesham an off-road vehicle was shining lights into trees, believed to be looking for hares. Minimal details available of the incident due to cover of darkness. Police patrol attended and stopped a vehicle matching details that were provided to Kent Police, checks were made on the driver and vehicle by the patrol.
- 08.11.2020 Hare coursing in progress. Between Goodnestone and Staple on the Goodnestone Estate. One hare killed by dog. Vehicle details and descriptions were obtained by witnesses. Dashcam footage captured some of this incident. The Rural Task Team made follow up enquires to the incident.
- 19.11.20 Suspicious event. Vehicle seen to have been parked on the bend of Chilton Gardens, Ash for over a week with shards of glass on the passenger seat. Police attended to check on the vehicle. The vehicle was found not to be causing an obstruction. House to house was conducted by the attending patrol, residents were not aware of who the vehicle belonged to. Police conducted checks on the vehicle to find the vehicle registers out of area. There were small amounts of glass on the seat but nothing to suggest what they were from; the vehicle was all in order and secure. The vehicle was reported to the DVLA.
- 24.11.20 Burglary in progress, Goldstone, Ash. Kent Police received a report of a shed being broken into. No voices heard or lights seen, only the rattling of a roller shutter heard. Police patrol attended and spoken with the resident. An area search of the property was completed, there was no sign of a disturbance or damage. Safety and crime presentation advice given.

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Items of good work:

OPERATION GALILEO is still in place and ongoing work is being conducted by Kent Police Rural Task Team.

The Community Questionnaire Drop project

The community engagement project continues to look into the needs of the community of Wingham and Ash. We are currently awaiting feedback from the Ash and Wingham Parish councils prior to formally feeding our results back to the community. This project will remain a working project and welcomes input from the local community.



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Updates of previous reported issues:

Ongoing 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 incidents of anti-social, nuisance and / or suspicious behaviour 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.
- 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.

PCSO BROOK will be joining the online Parish Council meetings from November 2020 in line with government guidance, ensuring joint working remains with our rural communities. The Parish Council meetings will be joined on a bi-monthly basis by the PCSO. PCSO BROOK will be attending the following online Parish Council meetings:

Staple Parish Council – Wednesday 9th December 2020

Wingham Parish Council – Monday 9th November 2020 – attended via zoom.

Preston Parish Council – Wednesday 4th November 2020 – attended via zoom.

Ash Parish Council – Monday 2nd November 2020 - attended via zoom.

Goodnestone Parish Council – TBC

Stourmouth Parish Council – Monday 18th January 2021.



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Coronavirus update - Tier 3: Very High alert

This is for areas with a very high or very rapidly rising level of infections, where tighter restrictions are in place.

In Tier 3:

- › you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues
- › you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- › hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha venues), pubs, cafes and restaurants are closed – they are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.
- › accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites, and guest houses must close. There are several exemptions, such as for those who use these venues as their main residence, and those requiring the venues where it is reasonably necessary for work or education and training
- › indoor entertainment and tourist venues must close. This includes:
 - indoor play centres and areas, including trampolining parks and soft play
 - casinos
 - bingo halls
 - bowling alleys
 - skating rinks
 - amusement arcades and adult gaming centres
 - laser quests and escape rooms
 - cinemas, theatres and concert halls
 - snooker halls
- › indoor attractions at mostly outdoor entertainment venues must also close (indoor shops, through-ways and public toilets at such attractions can remain open). This includes indoor attractions within:
 - zoos, safari parks, and wildlife reserves
 - aquariums, visitor attractions at farms, and other animal attractions
 - model villages
 - museums, galleries and sculpture parks
 - botanical gardens, biomes or greenhouses
 - theme parks, circuses, fairgrounds and funfairs
 - visitor attractions at film studios, heritage sites such as castles and stately homes
 - landmarks including observation decks and viewing platforms
- › leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead.
- › there should be no public attendance at spectator sport or indoor performances and large business events should not be taking place. Elite sport events may continue to take place without spectators
- › large outdoor events (performances and shows) should not take place, with the exception of drive-in events
- › places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies

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- › [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions are not allowed, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, 15 people can attend linked commemorative events
- › organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place
- › organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes cannot take place indoors. There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s
- › you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- › avoid travelling outside of your area, including for overnight stays other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through other areas as part of a longer journey
- › for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)

Useful link to the Gov.uk website.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

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LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

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Social Contact  1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.	Weddings and Funerals  Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Overnight Stays  These in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.	Working from home guidance  Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail  Open.	Leisure and gyms  Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.	Hospitality  Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.	Entertainment and tourist attractions  Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.
Education  Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.	Healthcare Services  Open.	Residential Care  Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport  May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.
Sporting Activity  Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship  Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare  Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities  Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands
keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[**gov.uk/coronavirus**](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

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