

Parish Council monthly update

Little Stour and Ashstone

December 2020

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

Crimes of note:

- 01.12.2020 – Criminal Damage. The afternoon of 1st December on Durlock Road, Ash. A resident informed Kent Police someone had smashed the window of their flower shop. There was a nut found from a bolt of 17mm in the window. It is believed this is one of several incidents that have occurred in the local area.
- 11.12.2020 – Criminal Damage. The evening of 11th December Kent Police were called to The Frog and Orange Pub, Shatterling Road by a member of the public who reported they were sitting in their vehicle in the pub car park when a thud was heard on the rear window of their vehicle. When looking at the window the owner found a hole in the window which it is believed to be a bullet hole.
- 13.12.2020 – Criminal Damage. The morning of 13th December Kent Police received a report of a ball bearing being fired at a resident's window on Queens Road, Ash. The ball bearing had gone through the outside panel and landed between the panes.
- 13.12.2020 – Criminal Damage. The morning of 13th December Kent Police received a second report a very loud bang at a property on Chilton Fields, Ash. The resident looked outside and found a hole in their UPVC front door.

Kent Police would like to speak with anyone who has seen or heard any information relating to incidences of BB pellets being shot at local residents windows causing criminal damage. To date four incidents have been reported to Kent Police, occurring at the above locations.

Please contact Kent Police on 101 or online via the Kent Police website or the 'live chat' option. Thank you.

- 20.12.20 – Theft of push bike from New Street, Ash. Two mountain bikes had been chained and covered up outside of a resident's property. The next morning the resident noticed the cover had been removed and one of the bikes was taken, leaving only the back wheel of the push bike chained up to the other bike, secured to the fence. Please report any information regarding this incident to Kent Police quoting reference number: 20-0396.
- 29.12.20 – Theft of honesty produce in Hoaden, Ash. Around midday 3 x half dozen boxes of eggs were stolen from an honesty stall at the end of a resident's property and £2 stolen from the money tin. The resident informed Police this has been a repeat occurrence since spring 2020. Details of a vehicle involved have been taken and enquires are ongoing.



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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 20.12.20 Suspicious incident, Oxenden Crescent Wingham. At 02.40am on 20.12.20 a local resident was awoken by a male talking outside of their property, this was followed by a loud bang on her front door with a torch light being shone into the front door. The male then left. The residents looked out once the voice had gone but did not see or hear anything. There has been similar incidence of this nature reported to Kent Police in August 2020. Local officers are aware of the incidents. High visibility patrols have been made in the area. Please would residents report any and all incidents relating to these circumstances in this area to Kent Police for further enquires to be made. Thank you.
- 22.12.20 Poaching, Durlock Road. At 11.30pm a large panel van vehicle index: CV68 HWO, with hatchings on the back, seen lamping with a powerful spotlight across the surrounding fields. The vehicle was seen crawling around different roads with no logical route. The vehicle was noticed in the village of Ash heading in the direction of Durlock Road. Police patrol attended the area, an area search was carried out to no avail.

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 Ash and Wingham. The questionnaire feedback results have now been published into the community. This project will remain a joint working project between; DDC, Kent Police and KCC 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 and PCSO WINTER will be joining the online Parish Council meetings in January 2021 via zoom. This is in preparation for the ward of Ashstone and Littlestour to be appropriately covered whilst PCSO BROOK is on maternity duties/leave. PCSO WINTER has been put in post to cover the area and will be carrying out all the duties PCSO BROOK would normally perform.

To date PCSO WINTER has been carrying out a visible Policing presence on the area and as well as answers calls.

The Parish Council meetings will be joined on a bi-monthly basis by the PCSO. PCSO's will be attending the following online Parish Council meetings:

Staple Parish Council – Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Wingham Parish Council – Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Preston Parish Council – Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Ash Parish Council – Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.50pm

Goodnestone Parish Council – TBC

Stourmouth Parish Council – Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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Coronavirus update - Tier 4: Stay at home

Please visit the Gov.uk website for full details in relation to the stay at home guidance.

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



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