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## **Brief report to the Ash Annual Parish Meeting 2020/1**

### **Introduction**

I have now been in post as the KCC Community Warden for Sandwich, Eastry and Ash for just over a year. It has of course been a year of disruption as we have all had to adjust to new ways of living and working, however there is hope that some resemblance of normality will return as the pace of the vaccination programme continues. My work in Ash has been dominated by these changes but nevertheless has continued.

### **Summary of activities**

My work is very varied and often requires a multi-agency approach. I keep in contact with the Police Community Support Officer and undertake joint visits where necessary. I have also worked with Social Services and the Dover District Council Housing Officers in support of Ash residents.

I have regularly attended and supported the 'Meet Up Monday' coffee and chat mornings held at the Chequers, and I have enjoyed meeting a variety of people. Due to Covid restrictions the group moved to meeting in the Chequers' garden which was very successful but was then restricted to meeting by Zoom which saw attendance significantly decline. The group has now been temporarily suspended but will meet up again when circumstances allow. I have been able to keep in contact and visit some of the group during this period. Thanks to Jan Payton for hosting and to Jane Greaves and Hazel Lander for organising the group.

The other significant activity was my work with the Boots Pharmacies in Sandwich and Ash, collecting and delivering urgent prescription medication for those people who were deemed clinically vulnerable and therefore "shielding". Over the summer period I delivered approximately 400 prescriptions throughout the local area, which also gave me face to face contact with some who had other needs. This work has now ceased, however I enjoyed getting lost in the nearby country lanes looking for house names!

Other activities include welfare visits to those individuals and families needing additional support, reporting an incident of fly tipping, rehoming an abandoned push bike, pursuing a warranty enquiry and reporting a block public right of way.

### **Future plans**

Much still depends on the circumstances surrounding the recovery from "Lockdown" however I anticipate a potential increase in home reassurance visits as people adjust to new ways of living.

I will continue to support the 'Meet Up Monday' initiative as it is re-established and continues to grow.

I hope to maintain a visual presence in the local community working with the PCSO, however this can be limited due to my other commitments in Sandwich and Eastry.

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