

CSC 5/12/18

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018 at 5.00 PM

**PRESENT:**  
Councillor P C Harris (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs L Manchester (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor P M Harman  
Councillor Ms L C Howes  
Councillor D J Mote  
Councillor B R Parry  
Councillor A S Reach

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Martin Harding - ATC/RFO  
Sgt Dan Horsley - Kent Police  
Steve Keers - PCSO  
Billy Unsworth - KCC Community Warden  
Sarah Rawlinson (Youth Worker, Diocese of Rochester)  
Nick Hickmott (Young Addaction)

**ABSENT:** There were none.

**212/18-19. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.**

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

**213/18-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs S P Butterfill, Ms. L M Cross, Mrs M B Kelly & B E Read.

Apologies were also received from S Gransden (Kent Police), Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council CSU) and Martin Smith (Dartford Borough Council Parking Enforcement).

**214/18-19. SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

**215/18-19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

***The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.***

**216/18-19. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

**217/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2018.**

**Recommended:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**218/18-19. YOUNG ADDACTION PRESENTATION.**

Nick Hickmott from Young Addaction gave a brief presentation to members on what help his organisation can give to young people requiring support with substance misuse.

Members asked questions regarding support available to parents and the legality and effects of laughing gas canisters.

**Recommended:** That the report be noted and Nick Hickmott be thanked for his attendance.

**219/18-19. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

Sgt Dan Horsley gave a brief update on current cases and confirmed that work was ongoing to tackle anti-social behaviour using off-road motorbikes within the area. Sgt Horsley reinforced the need for intelligence and the use for of the Dartford CSU message line.

Members discussed the new legislation being considered to give police greater powers to pursue motorbikes and whether Kent Police would adopt this.

**Recommended:** That the report be noted and Sgt Horsley and PCSO Keers be thanked for their attendance.

**220/18-19. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.**

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including off road motorbikes, community days, SCAM presentations and tenancy / neighbour disputes.

**Recommended:** That the report be noted and KCC Warden Unsworth be thanked for his attendance.

**221/18-19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) – COMMUNITY SAFETY COUNCILLORS WORKBOOK.**

Members discussed the usefulness of the workbook and agreed to work through questions one and two at the next meeting of this committee.

**Recommended:** That the document be noted and that questions one and two be placed on the next agenda for this committee for member's consideration.

**222/18-19. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.**

Sarah Rawlinson gave a brief overview of her role as Youth Worker for the Diocese of Rochester including projects she is working on to improve online safety and obesity.

The Chairman updated members that the next AGM for Neighbourhood Watch North & West Kent was on the 16 October at 6.30pm in the Management Suite at Bluewater Shopping Centre.

The Chairman also updated members that activities were continuing with Community Speedwatch and the group were hoping to expand the number of roads covered.

**Recommended:** That the information be noted.

**223/18-19. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.**

Members were provided with the up to date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Members noted the reduction in crime between June and July for both Greenhithe and Swanscombe.

**Recommended:** That the item be noted.

**224/18-19. ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING – LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

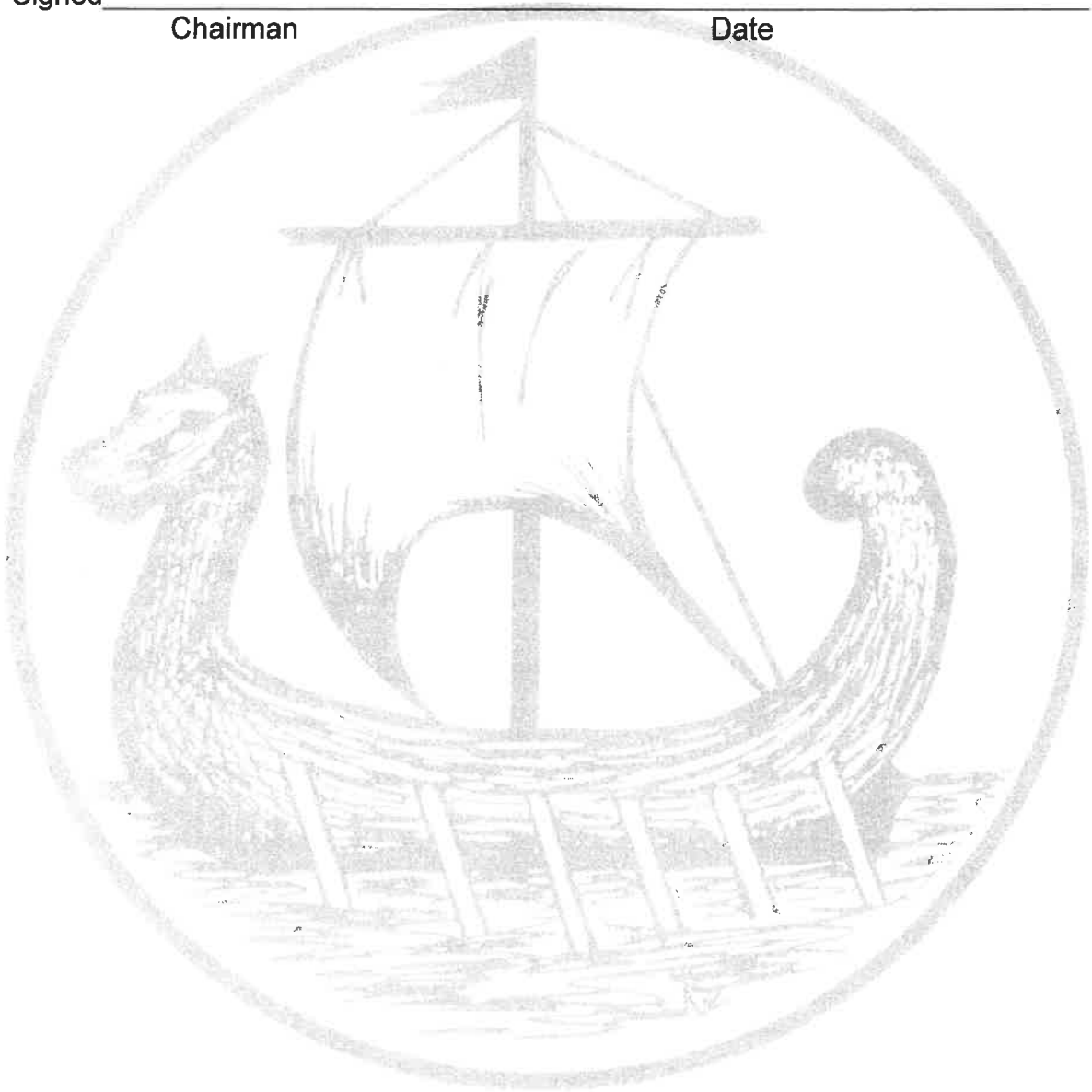
Further to minute 132/18-19 members discussed the initial information that had been gained from the first meeting with The Craylands School. Members agreed it was important to pursue the other schools within the Town to gain a wider picture.

**Recommended:** That officers continue to chase the schools who have not responded to arrange initial meetings.

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Date





## Exercise 1 – what do you know about community safety in your area?

Think about some of the community safety concerns in your council area. Write down what you know about the following:

What did the most recent crime statistics reveal about offending behaviour in the area?

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What key projects is the council involved in to tackle anti-social behaviour by young people in the area?

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What key projects are the council involved in to tackle issues relating to drug or alcohol misuse in the area?

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What is being done locally to prevent and reduce all forms of 'hate crime', ie threats, physical attacks or abuse driven by the hatred of someone because of their race, ethnicity, nationality, disability etc.?

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Reflect on your responses to the questions above. How well do you feel you know about community safety now? Could you learn more? Would you feel comfortable to be asked any of these questions by one of your constituents or the local media? If you feel your knowledge is lacking in any areas, could you speak to any of your councillor colleagues or senior managers to find out what is being done and where you can go for further information?

## The focus at neighbourhood level

### Working in partnership

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it clear that tackling crime should be a partnership matter, with key local organisations working together to achieve a shared strategy for the benefit of local communities. Whatever the structural arrangements covering your council area, it is important that you are aware of the ways in which you can influence the strategies and plans of the CSP for the benefit of your neighbourhoods:

Alongside these formal partnership bodies, other initiatives have helped to tackle the need for improved community safety, not least of which have been local Neighbourhood Management and Neighbourhood Policing schemes. Both have been effective in delivering more responsive services and engaging local residents (Neighbourhood Policing is discussed later in the workbook).

The focus of community safety work varies greatly between areas depending on the priorities identified locally. The services commissioned can be creative and imaginative in tackling all of the factors that give rise to crime, help to prevent offending behaviour or assist in building safer communities (see case study).



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## Exercise 2 – community safety: having your say

How much do you know about partnership working arrangements in your council area to tackle community safety? Consider the following:

Who chairs the CSP? How much contact do you have with this person?

Who represents your council on the CSP? How many times have you consulted with them about community safety concerns in your ward?

What channels of communication are in place to enable you to receive feedback from the CSP on its activities and to put forward ideas for consideration by the partnership?

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## Detailed statistics for Dartford - Swanscombe



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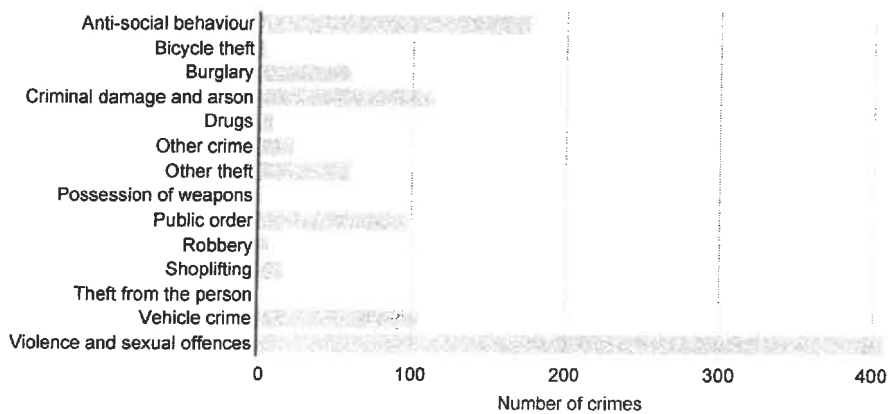
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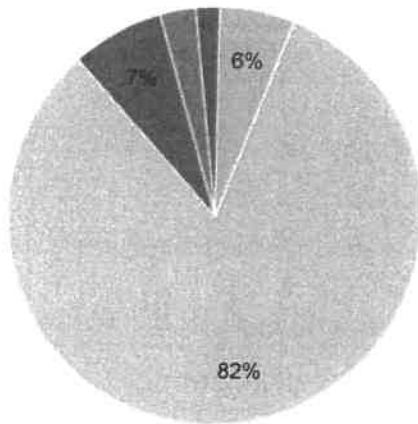
### Comparison of crime types in this area between October 2017 and September 2018



Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ↕
Anti-social behaviour	176	16.22%
Bicycle theft	4	0.37%
Burglary	60	5.53%
Criminal damage and arson	115	10.60%
Drugs	9	0.83%
Other crime	23	2.12%
Other theft	61	5.62%
Possession of weapons	1	0.09%
Public order	98	9.03%
Robbery	7	0.65%
Shoplifting	17	1.57%
Theft from the person	0	0.00%
Vehicle crime	106	9.77%
Violence and sexual offences	408	37.60%



### Comparison of outcomes in this area between October 2017 and September 2018



- Under investigation
- No further action
- Offender dealt with by police
- Offender sent to court
- Offender dealt with at court

Outcome type	Total	Percentage
<b>Under investigation</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5.94%</b>
Under investigation	37	4.07%
Status update unavailable	17	1.87%
<b>No further action</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>82.29%</b>
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	337	37.07%
Unable to prosecute suspect	411	45.21%
<b>Offender dealt with by police</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7.15%</b>
Action to be taken by another organisation	49	5.39%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	0	0.00%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	12	1.32%
Local resolution	4	0.44%
<b>Offender sent to court</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
Suspect charged	25	2.75%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
<b>Offender dealt with at court</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.87%</b>
Court case unable to proceed	1	0.11%
Defendant sent to Crown Court	0	0.00%
Defendant found not guilty	0	0.00%

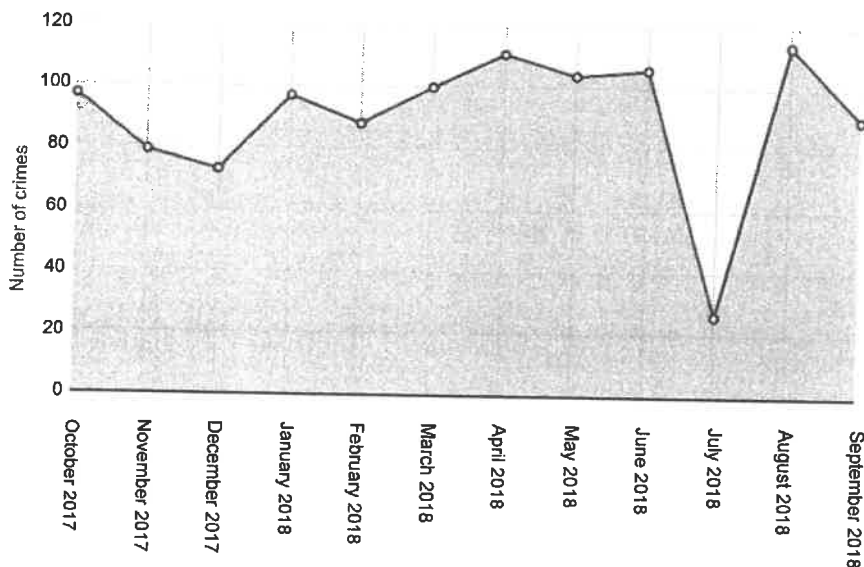
<b>Outcome type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Offender given absolute discharge	0	0.00%
Offender given conditional discharge	2	0.22%
Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	2	0.22%
Offender deprived of property	0	0.00%
Offender given community sentence	2	0.22%
Offender given suspended prison sentence	0	0.00%
Offender sent to prison	4	0.44%
Offender otherwise dealt with	0	0.00%
Court result unavailable	6	0.66%

### Crime levels in this area between October 2017 and September 2018

Showing:

All crime

Update



Month ↕

Total ↕

Month	Total
September 2018	90
August 2018	114
July 2018	26
June 2018	106
May 2018	104
April 2018	111
March 2018	100
February 2018	88
January 2018	97
December 2017	73
November 2017	79
October 2017	97

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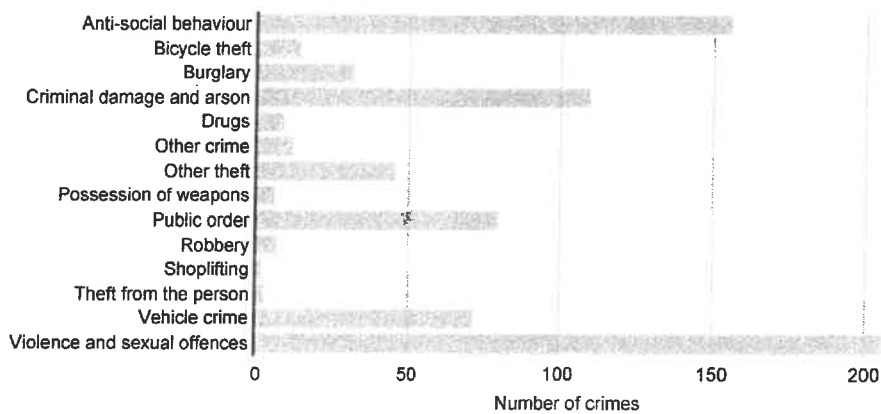
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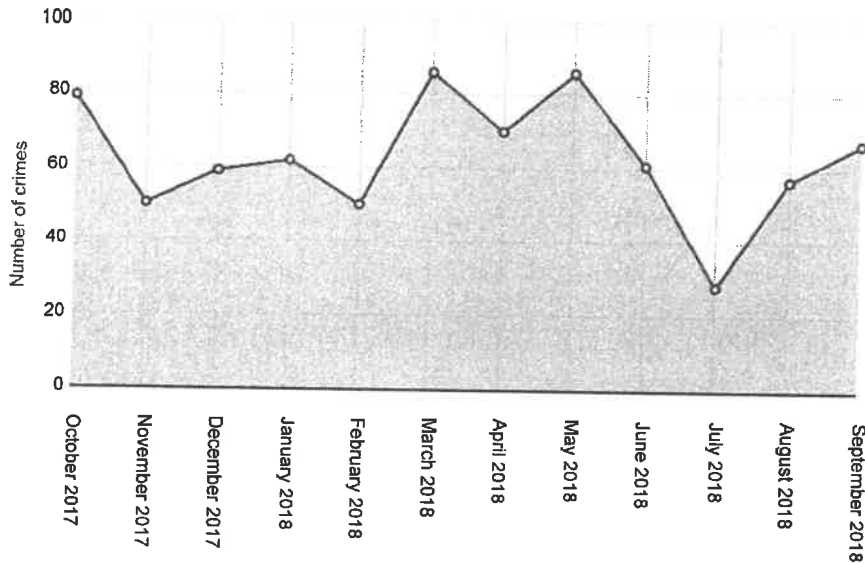
Crime type ⇅	Total ⇅	Percentage ⇅
<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	156	20.66%
<b>Bicycle theft</b>	14	1.85%
<b>Burglary</b>	32	4.24%
<b>Criminal damage and arson</b>	110	14.57%
<b>Drugs</b>	9	1.19%
<b>Other crime</b>	12	1.59%
<b>Other theft</b>	46	6.09%
<b>Possession of weapons</b>	6	0.79%
<b>Public order</b>	80	10.60%
<b>Robbery</b>	7	0.93%
<b>Shoplifting</b>	2	0.26%
<b>Theft from the person</b>	3	0.40%
<b>Vehicle crime</b>	72	9.54%
<b>Violence and sexual offences</b>	206	27.28%

## Crime levels in this area between October 2017 and September 2018

Showing:

All crime 

Update

Month Total 

Month	Total
September 2018	67
August 2018	57
July 2018	28
June 2018	61
May 2018	86
April 2018	70
March 2018	86
February 2018	50
January 2018	62
December 2017	59
November 2017	50
October 2017	79

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## Graham Blew

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**From:** Sarah Smith <sarah.smith@manor.kent.sch.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 November 2018 08:53  
**To:** Graham Blew  
**Subject:** Parking at Manor



**AGENDA ITEM II**

CSC 5/12/18

Dear Graham

As you are aware I have been meeting with representatives from your council to look at ways we can ease congestion around our school, improve considerate parking and hopefully in the long run reduce the number of parents who use their cars in the vicinity of the school. I am also part of the Leaders Working Group on School Safety so have attended their meetings and have met with Iona from KCC to work on joint initiatives.

One of the things that is a common approach is a park and stride. This is where parents park a short walk from the school and walk in. I wondered if it would be possible to use the carpark in the park opposite St Peter and St Pauls church to facilitate this. I would then signpost this to parents as a safe place to park and then encourage a short walk through the park and then along Swanscombe Street to the Lolly Pop lady as a safe walking to school route. Whilst I cannot make parents do this if you agree it would be ok I can do a trial period and see if anyone uses it.

Obviously if you or the council members can think of a better alternative for a venue to park and stride from I am open to any suggestions.

Peter Harris and Peter Harman are coming in on Thursday 6th December to talk to the School Council at 8.30am and they will lead a campaign across the school and in the local area to tackle the parking and safety issues around our school.  
wondered if the Mayor or

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I look forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards

Sarah Smith  
Head of School  
Manor Community Primary School and Nursery

## Graham Blew

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**From:** Peter Harman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 November 2018 20:20  
**To:** Graham Blew  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Use of Swanscombe Park

Hello Graham,

I have recently attended a number of meetings with Peter Harris to discuss safe routes to school. At a meeting with Manor School it was suggested that one option would be to allow parents to park in Swanscombe Park for a time to allow them to walk their children to the school.

I believe it is possible that maybe one or two parents already do this. However, for the school to have this in their travel plan they would need to get permission from the Town Council.

I would therefore be grateful if you could list this as an agenda item for discussion on the appropriate committee please.

Kind regards

Peter

Peter Harman (07956) 347419  
KCC Member for Swanscombe and Greenhithe

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## Parking Meeting with Knockhall School – 15 Nov 2018 10am

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Present: Councillors' P M Harman & P C Harris  
M Harding (ATC/RFO)  
J Jay (Headmaster, Knockhall School)  
S Butterfill (Governor, Knockhall School)  
B Unsworth (KCC Community Warden)  
S Rawlinson (YCEO, Diocese of Rochester)

PHs gave brief introductions and explained that this was an initial fact finding meeting to gauge the concerns of each school and look at what steps could be taken to resolve parking around school pick up and drop off times.

SB explained that the school have gone through recent safeguarding checks and are very keen to engage with activities like these.

JJ confirmed that SB's involvement in the meeting was critical as it is the schools policy that governors work hand in hand with the senior team at the school.

At this point all parties went on a walk-through of the school grounds to look at the layout of the surrounding roads and entrance ways.

JJ confirmed that no staff enforce outside but he is at the main school entrance each morning. The existing drop off area isn't as used as it should be but the exit to this area becomes congested as this is the main school entrance.

SB confirmed that the board of governors had written to Kent County Council (KCC) asking for consideration of the road as a one way street. This would prevent cars constantly meeting each other and causing blockages to the road.

SB agreed to forward on a copy of the original letter sent to PHn to chase up as KCC member.

PHn asked regarding both the school bus and the original proposal to bring in a walking bus using the British Legion car park.

SB confirmed that the issues with the school bus blocking the road were resolved by setting a designated stop point, and that JJ meets the driver daily to ensure no problems have been encountered. SB confirmed that the walking bus scheme didn't take off due to lack of use.

JJ confirmed that a traffic survey had not been undertaken as resources were limited.

PHn offered to consider this being undertaken within his remit as both a KCC member and school governor.

JJ confirmed that they were considering moving the entrance to the school along with the building works being undertaken for the new school building. This building works was not planned to expand the school but increased capacity was currently available.

JJ confirmed that students were predominantly from within a 1 mile radius of the school but some and from central Dartford and into Gravesend.

## **Parking Meeting with Knockhall School – 15 Nov 2018 10am**

PHs enquired regarding the speed limit on the road and it was confirmed that the road was within a 20mph zone but that the actual road was not highlighted as 20mph at either end.

PHn stated he would investigate this further with Kent Highways.

All parties went back inside to further discuss the issues.

PHs provided everyone with a draft of some ideas following meetings held with Craylands and Manor school. He confirmed that the emphasis would be on any work being student led and would like to come along and brief the school council on the same issues discussed today.

JJ confirmed that Knockhall School would be very interested in participating in any student led projects as he had recently taken the school council to parliament and they were keen to get more involved with decision making processes.

SR confirmed that any initiatives that came from this could be supported by the Kent Fire Service Fit and Safe project which looks at both emphasising fitness within children but also has an aspect looking at road safety.

JJ confirmed he was keen for any suggestions arising from this be implemented across each of the schools within the town as this could bring a consistent approach to managing the school run.

PHs confirmed that the information gathered would be considered by the Town Councils Community Safety Committee but that this would have to be a multi-agency approach which is why both PHn as KCC Member and BU as Community Warden had been invited.

PHn asked a final question regarding the possibility of further staggering the school pick up times to prevent the majority of parents needing to be within the road at the same time.

JJ confirmed that this had been considered but that both the logistics of managing pupils and the majority of parents having multiple siblings at the school, this was felt to be counterproductive.

PHs thanked everyone for their time.

Closed 11.30am

**Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town**  
**Council**

Cllr Peter Harris SGTC

Cllr Peter Harman SGTC and KCC

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## Aim

- To Manage the School Run

# Multi Agency Solution

- Children – Immediate – taking ownership of issue
- Parents – Immediate – support and compliance
- SGTC, - Support – 1st tier of local Government (CSC)
- DBC - Enforcement – 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of local Government (CSU)
- KCC - Long Term – 3rd tier of local Government (Highways)
- KFRS/NHS – Immediate – Emergency access
- Kent Police - Enforcement
- Local Press – Immediate and long term?

## Next steps

1. Ownership – you the pupil
2. Practical solutions – K.I.S.S. and P.M.A.
3. Educate – short and long term  
(Communicate)
4. Facilitate/coordinate (Make it happen)
5. Trial
6. Re-assess – re-educate
7. Establishing the Facts – see sheet



## **CALL FOR IDEAS**

- Each school has different issues.
- Complicated issues to be divided in to phases
- Think outside the box
- Communicate – how?
- Progress meetings – challenge parents to comply (Next meeting in 2 weeks time?)
- Inter school competition?

# The School Run

- Questions

A Paper by Councillor Peter Harris

Chair

Community Safety Committee

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council

## **MANAGING THE SCHOOL RUN**

Primary Schools within Swanscombe and Greenhithe

Craylands Lane Primary School

Knockhall Primary School

Manor Community Primary School

### **1. Introduction.**

Roads in close proximity to these 3 schools become dangerously congested when parents drop off and pick up their children. Inconsiderate parking, lack of respect for others and dangerous manoeuvring of cars contribute to a stressful twice daily event and has already caused a serious injury to a pupil in a Dartford school . The risk is not only to parents and children but also local residents with not only the potential for serious accidents but also long term harm to children's health through the unseen pollution emanating from vehicle exhausts. It has been clearly established that pollution levels increase exponentially during these 2 periods of the day especially in winter when drivers leave their engines running. Please see Annex A. Collective responsibility is key to the effective implementation of the recommended plan owned by the pupils themselves supported by adults. Annexes B and C show some solutions being sought by other schools around the country.

### **2. Aim**

The aim of this document is to detail the issues involved in managing the school run both in the short and long term with recommendations.

### **3. Current Issues and actions.**

a. Reliance on the car. In all three of our schools, it would appear that the majority of parents live within 1(one) mile of the school. It needs to be established how many pupils live within this circle and the first phase of this plan would be to encourage those who do not need

to go to work to walk/cycle with their children. Walking just 2 miles a day (four for the parents) is healthy, and reduces one more car on already congested roads. **ACTION-All**

b. **Risk of accidents/health - short/long term.** There is always a risk of accidents when cars are used and combined with a stressful driver and sometimes dangerous driving compounds that risk and anything to prevent accidents should be welcomed. Prevention is much better than cure. **ACTION - All**

c. **Efficient use of drop off/pick up points for working parents** - those schools with these facilities should ensure that they are run efficiently so that working parents who do need to use the car should be able to use the pickup and drop off point available at the school, confident that there will be a member of staff to take over/hand over responsibility for their child. **ACTION - School**

d. **Long term harm through pollution** - Annex A shows that young lungs are susceptible to long term damage and therefore a risk to ill health in later life. **ACTION-All**

e. **Non-working parents.** Those parents who do not work should be encouraged to walk providing a period of time when they can interact with their children at the same time as exercise. **ACTION- pupils/parents**

f. **Attitude of parents.** The school run can be a stressful period for hardworking parents and the automatic reliance on the use of the car for short journeys needs to be challenged. This reliance on the car will be the major issue to overcome and peer pressure may be a solution although this could lead to confrontation so will need careful monitoring. It is clearly of benefit to engage with the parents through their children as there may be many ideas around but it would be useful to engage the children first to find out what they think and what the solution to that could be. For example park and walk schemes where local car parks not too far from school can be used to drop children off. Sharing cars for those who live in the same street may also be an option. **ACTION - parents**

g. **Attitude of children** - Fully engage the children with a learning process that will develop personal skills that will help them in their future life. For example, explain to them that there are always solutions to problems with a P.M.A. (Positive Mental Attitude) and a "Can Do" attitude which is key. It is our responsibility as adults to encourage ideas and develop incentives to walk/cycle - other systems such as the provision of secure cycle/scooter stores with school grounds. **ACTION - School Council**

h. **Collective support** Everybody from pupils to parents and everyone in between need to look at their situation and discover what they can contribute to the collective management of this issue with a good dose of PMA. **ACTION - All**

j. **Incentives.** What can be done to encourage different forms of transport than the car? Awards to school children or collectively by class. Develop community spirit with nearby classroom friends sharing cars? **ACTION - All**

l. Inter school/class rivalry/competition - potential for sharing ideas. What sort competition and how to judge/measure it. **ACTION - School**

m. **Local Infrastructure**. Each school local area needs to be assessed by KCC Highways officers to check all roads and pavements and crossing areas are safe for parents and pupils to use. A working check list should be created for the short and long term requirements for improving the road/pavement layout and signage for these roads outside the school gates. It may be possible to ban drivers from the access roads to each school or make them one way? School travel plans should be produced or updated as the situation develops. **ACTION - KCC**.

n. Emergency Services. Access to the school and local properties are obstructed by cars albeit for short periods and chaos could ensue with panicked children and parents with the potential for further emergencies. Collective responsibility should avoid ASB and dangerous irresponsible parking, therefore police involvement is not envisaged until the final phases with perhaps a minority of non compliant parents. Throughout the phased introduction, a classified RESTRICTED record should be maintained of non compliant drivers that can be produced if requested by the police. **ACTION - School -Emergency Services**

o. KCC warden. Our local KCC Community Warden is well aware of the problems for each school and will be on hand to resolve disputes if and when required. **ACTION - KCC**

p. CSU Dartford - the parking enforcement section within the CSU at Dartford lacks resources to make regular visits to any of our schools to enforce parking so targeting vehicles through the provision of evidence should allow the parking enforcement officer to use their time efficiently on site. **ACTION - School -CSU Dartford**

#### **4. Concept of Operations**

a. Overall Plan The overall plan needs to be completed prior to the Christmas break followed up by advertising through the various school mediums with a view to starting the phased introduction in Jan 2019

b. Multi-Agency solution - combination of children, parents, (PTA) teachers, councillors emergency services, youth workers, police, DBC and KCC

c. Ownership - This is aimed at giving the children the responsibility which will provide them with the skills required in later life as listed below. Initially through the school council but cascaded down to individual classes and teachers to develop as they see fit and wholly supported by SGTC CSC and support agencies.

d. Phased introduction. At the recommended monthly meetings, a decision will have to be reached whether one phase has been completed and another can be introduced though some could be run consecutively.

e. Review and re-assess. At each monthly meeting, the School Council, Head and SGTC Councillors will assess the results of the last phase, adjust any necessary changes and then communicate these to the rest of the school, parents and teachers.

f. Introduction of enforcement. If/when it becomes clear that there are a number of parents who will not comply and the only way that they will comply is by enforcement, then each school will be able to provide evidence to the Police/CSU Dartford.

## **5. Command and control?**

a. Overall. - SGTC CSC to coordinate jointly with School Councils

b. Publicity - Both school notifications, council notifications and Governors and PTA meetings will be able to pass on the information to the parents to engage them . Use of the local press may help get the message across to some of the parents though this aspect can be entirely up to the children, the School Council and the Heads of individual schools. ACTION - All

## **6. Communications**

a. Regular meetings with SGTC CSC and School Councils should be planned so that advice and guidance can be shared with information passed to parents and pupils through weekly updates via the schools Newsletter.

## **7. Conclusions .**

a. The status quo is unsatisfactory to all parties. Lead elements will be the School Council along with the CSC SGTC along with support from local authorities. It is crucial to the success of this venture by all being proactive, persistent and determined to succeed. Once satisfactory management of the plan has been achieved, then it is important to sustain it.

b. Benefits to children - the whole process should be used by each school as a learning process and develop pupils:

- (1) Organisational skills.
- (2) Social skills.
- (3) Communication skills.
- (4) Collective and individual responsibility (Teamwork).
- (5) Inter school rivalry (Competition).
- (6) Thinking outside the box.

Annexes;

A. National Incentives to Ban the School Run.

B. What is the Daily Mile.

C Recommendations for the school run

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**National Incentives to Ban the School Run - (from the Internet)**

Schools across the country are moving to ban the school run amid growing concern about the devastating impact of air pollution on young people's health.

The Guardian has found that thousands of schools in cities and towns – from Edinburgh to London, Manchester to Ellesmere Port – are taking measures to try to deter parents using their cars. These include closing roads, setting up “park and stride” schemes, walk-to-school initiatives and “playing dead” protests.

Kathryn Shaw, from the charity Living Streets, said more families and schools were becoming aware of the impact of air pollution on young people's health, as well as concerns over road safety.

“When parents drive up to the school gates, it's not just their children they're dropping off for the day,” she said. “The toxic fumes from the cars stay too. A lot of parents don't want to drive all the way but feel there is no other option.”

Are you a parent concerned about pollution caused by the school run? Do you have positive experience based on action taken by a school? Do you work for a school or local authority?

But now schools, local councils and public health experts are beginning to take action. In Edinburgh parents have been banned from dropping their children off at nine schools. The scheme has been so successful it is now being rolled out to others across the city. In London, Hackney council has closed the roads outside five schools and the initiative is due to be extended to another 12 sites. A similar programme is to be launched in Westminster where the council says a range of options – including road closures – will be on offer from September.

In Alloa, Scotland children lay down and played dead in the road to highlight concerns around road safety and pollution outside their school. And in Stockport one primary school has introduced a “park and stride” scheme based in a local pub car park in a bid to stop parents driving to the school gates.

Shaw said Living Streets was working with more than 2,000 schools to promote walking, cycling and scooting and that more people were becoming aware of the benefits to air quality and “children's physical and mental health” all the time.

The findings come amid growing concern about the illegal levels of air pollution in the UK and the impact on human health – particularly children.

Earlier this month a medical expert said the hospital admissions of a girl who died in an asthma attack at the age of nine showed a “striking association” with spikes in illegal levels of air pollution around her home in London.



The family of Ella Kissi-Debrah are now calling for a new inquest into her death following fresh evidence that air pollution was a contributory factor.

Last week a new report revealed how air pollution leads to spikes in health problems and drives up hospital admissions and visits to the GP. And last year the Guardian revealed that hundreds of thousands of children are being exposed to dangerous levels of air pollution outside schools, colleges and nurseries.

The government has been defeated three times in court over its air pollution plans and is now being taken to Europe's highest court. Its own figures show the school run is a major factor, estimated to make up one in four cars on the road at peak times.

Alison Cook, director of policy at the British Lung Foundation, said children were particularly vulnerable to the impacts of air pollution.

"Damage to the lungs in early age is irreversible, and children breathing in dirty air is linked to chronic chest problems later in life."

St Mary's primary school in South Reddish, Stockport is one of several schools in the area which are trying to clamp down on the school run.

"We have a pupils' eco-council at the school and they decided that, because of their concern around air pollution and global warming which we have been learning about, they wanted their parents to stop driving to school," said a spokesperson.

The school has held marches with parents and children, written to parents asking them not to drive, launched a parking promise scheme and has a system where each child can log how they got to school each morning.

Now a local pub has agreed to operate a "park and stride" scheme, with parents parking in the pub car park and then walking the final seven minute stretch to the school gates.

"Because it has come directly from the children we have had real support from the vast majority of parents," said the spokesperson. There are still some who drive but we will continue to work with them to improve our immediate environment for everyone at the school."

## What is The Daily Mile?

The aim of The Daily Mile is to incorporate 15 minutes of self-paced physical activity (walking, jogging or running) into your daily life, to experience the benefits of regular exercise. We all know that regular physical activity has a positive impact on our health and wellbeing, and can help us to feel refreshed, happier, more productive, and less stressed.

By getting *#FitForLife* with The Daily Mile, you are taking the first steps to leading a more active, healthier lifestyle.

This isn't about elite sport or exercise – simply go outside into the fresh air in what you're wearing, to get fit in 15 minutes of self-paced walking, jogging or running. In this time, most people will average a mile or more. By focusing on the time of 15 minutes rather than on the distance, it keeps The Daily Mile non-competitive, social, and inclusive – everyone can take part at their own pace, regardless of age, ability or personal circumstance.

General Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Schools should actively develop and fully implement a School Travel Plan, which includes an assessment of the surrounding area, community consultation and promotes behaviour change through active travel initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Schools should use their PE and Sport Premium to support more children to walk to school.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

Schools should take advantage of available accreditation and behaviour change schemes to support more children to walk and recognise and share.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

Schools should proactively partner with local authorities and parents and carers, working together to support more children to walk to school.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

Schools should mainstream walking into the school day by identifying opportunities for children to experience their local area on foot, to normalise walking for short trips and learn road safety skills interactively within the school day, for example as part of geography lessons.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

Schools should enable and support their staff to walk all or part of the way to work.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

Local authorities should make 20mph the default speed limit for all streets where people live, work, shop and play, and consider other road safety enhancements to provide the maximum safety benefit for children.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

Local authorities should use their powers to create Controlled Parking Zones around schools, to prohibit parking on streets near schools.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

Local authorities should support calls for street closures through pilot projects and roll-out schemes on a permanent basis where these are proved to be effective.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

Local authorities should work with schools to deliver evidence based and effective behaviour change initiatives and accreditation schemes, as well as coordinate strategic planning for active school travel.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

Local authorities should collect and monitor robust data on rates of walking to school in their area.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

KCC should bring forward proposals to create new signage and clarify enforcement measures for local authorities to implement school street closures.

# ISSUES TO CONSIDER

## PHASE 1

### Establishing the facts.

How many pupils live within one mile of school?

How many don't live within one mile of the school?

How many walk to school?

What other ways can pupils/parents travel to school? Can this be provided?

How many work and have to use the car?

Where else can they park? (and walk or ride)

Is the road outside the school safe?

Does it have the appropriate signage? If not why not. Speed limit, crossing points, Lollipop man/lady? Are they clear?

What do you suggest to make it safe?

Is there a drop off pick up point near the school. If not why not. Is it used? Why not? Sign posted?

Is the school going to expand? By how many and when?

What injuries to a human is caused by a car travelling at 10, 20, 30, 40 mph?

What damage can be done to young lungs from car exhausts?

Is the damage short or long term?

What can pupils do to solve this?

What can parents and teachers do to help?

What can outside agencies do to help? SGTC, DBC, KCC, Governors, PTA, Police, KFRS

How about a competition between the schools?

Think about the next stage - how to communicate all of this - letters, Newsletters, email, adverts - talking and how to maintain momentum? Frequency of coordinating meetings?  
Suggestions for alternatives to driving

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Driver arrested in #Bean after failing to stop for officers in #Dartford

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Police officers arrest 27-year-old in Bean after a suspected stolen car spotted in Dartford.  
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**Kent Police Dartford** @kentpolicedart · Nov 23  
We've arrested two men on suspicion of attempting to steal a motorbike in #Greenhithe - read more here -

**Two men arrested after attempted theft of motorbike**  
The motorbike was reported to have been targeted at around 1am on 21 November 2018 in Greenhithe.  
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**Highways England** @HighwaysSEAST · Nov 14  
Delays of nearly 1 hour due to the ongoing lane closure within J3. We were waiting for @SECAmbulance to leave scene (which they've now done). We'll try and get the vehicles cleared ASAP and reopen the lane. @kentpoliceroads now also on scene.



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**Highways England** @HighwaysSEAST · Nov 14  
Traffic has just been released. Lane 3 (of 3) remains closed following a collision. Delays of approximately 30 mins (and increasing) and slow traffic back to J1a ( #Dartford). Allow extra time for your journey.



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Two men arrested after attempted theft of motorbike in Greenhithe

Policing news

## Two men arrested after attempted theft of motorbike in Greenhithe

23 NOV 2018

Officers on a routine patrol have arrested two men on suspicion of attempting to steal a vehicle.

The men were arrested at around **2.30am** in **The Brent, Dartford**, on **22 November 2018** after officers received a report of two men attempting to steal a motorbike in **Greenhithe** at around **1am**.

During their patrol a vehicle came to the attention of officers and two men both from Gravesend and who were inside the car were detained and searched.

Police searched the vehicle and also found a quantity of drugs and cash. A claw hammer was also found inside the vehicle.

One man aged 21 was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs while an 18-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

He was also arrested for possession of an offensive weapon and both men were arrested on suspicion of attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

The pair have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

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## Matthew Scott Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner

### Emergency services to join forces for jobs fayre in Dartford

Police, fire and ambulance staff are joining forces for a special event later this month to showcase various jobs opportunities with the emergency services.

The **Bluelight Jobs Fayre** during October half-term in Dartford is free and open to everyone. It has been organised by Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who said:

'I encourage anyone – especially those out-of-work, studying, or considering a change in career – to drop in to North Kent College on Friday 26 October anytime between 10am and 4pm. Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have and find out how to apply.

'Kent Police, for example, is currently in the middle of its biggest recruitment drive for a generation. The force is looking for police officers and staff to help make us all safer in Kent.'

Superintendent Tracey Quiller from Kent Police said:

'This event is a great opportunity for people to come and find out more about an incredibly varied and rewarding career with the emergency services. It is an extremely exciting time to join Kent Police as we continue to recruit both police officers and police staff for a number of roles across the county.

'We will have representatives on hand to discuss the different roles available and how you can become part of the Kent Police family.'

Karen Irvine, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Learning at Kent Fire and Rescue Service, said:

'We are actively recruiting on-call firefighters at a number of stations around the county. The role is part-time and is done by all sorts of people and can be done alongside another job,

### The PCC Matthew Scott invites you to his **Bluelight Jobs Fayre**

Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have, and find out how to apply. There'll be representatives of:

- Kent Police and British Transport Police
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service
- South East Coast Ambulance Service
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Prisons and rehabilitation, and more!

You can also find out more about volunteering with:

- Victim Support
- Independent Custody Visitors
- Appropriate Adults
- Kent Special Constabulary
- Restorative Justice

Use the hashtag #BluelightJobs  
 Follow @PCCKent  
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When?  
Friday 26 October  
10am - 4pm  
Where?  
North Kent College  
Oakfield Lane  
Dartford DA1 2J1



college or around caring for children.'

She added: 'Firefighters aren't the only heroes we employ. Behind the scenes, there are many professionals working hard in essential roles the public doesn't see, including our fire and rescue control team, community safety, information systems, finance and more. We also have a range of apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities. Not all of us are frontline staff, but we all play a vital role in keeping people safe.'

South East Coast Ambulance Services' Paramedic and Operations Manager Phill Morris said:

'We have a number of careers to promote at SECAMB. There are opportunities to take up clinical and non-clinical roles and we'd encourage anyone who's interested in a career which saves lives to come and speak to us.

'The roles include Emergency Care Support Workers across our whole region and also roles working as 999 Call Handlers and NHS 111 Call Handlers at our locations in Ashford, Coxheath and Crawley. We're really looking forward to meeting everyone at the jobs fayre and showcasing the variety of career opportunities we have to offer.'

As well as the three main blue light services, the event will feature stands from partner

agencies including: British Transport Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company

And there will be the chance to find out more about volunteering with groups like Kent's Special Constabulary, the fire service, Victim Support and the Young Lives Foundation which provides appropriate adults to help vulnerable people, including children, detained in police custody.

Nikki Franks, Curriculum Manager for Public Services at North Kent College, said:

'We are delighted to be hosting this event and working in conjunction with the blue light services who support our courses and students year after year.

'Public Services Courses at North Kent College are designed to prepare learners for a career improving and safeguarding the communities which they are a part of. The jobs fayre will give them the opportunity to learn more about the careers they wish to pursue.'

For more information about the event and to register your interest, please visit our Facebook page.

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### News in Brief

#### Excellence in Policing Conference speech

Matthew attended and spoke at the Excellence in Policing Conference in September. He spoke as the APCC national leads for performance and Mental Health, highlighting the work PCCs have done in these areas and the future work and support that is necessary going forward. The full speech can be read [here](#)



#### Annual Policing Survey: Tell the PCC how safe you feel where you live

Matthew Scott would like to hear from you about what matters to you in your local area, where Kent Police can improve and what priorities Kent Police should be focusing on. Please do so by completing his short survey [here](#).



The latest episode of the Police and Crime Podcast is here. You can hear an excerpt of Matthew holding Kent Police's Chief Constable to account; he reports back on the mental health Conference he attended and he makes an exciting announcement: Please [click here](#)

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## Matthew Scott Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner

### First officers from Kent Police recruitment campaign begin service

The first batch of new officers appointed under Kent Police's biggest ever recruitment campaign are set to start their duties.



The 34 officers took part in a ceremonial Passing Out Parade on Friday 28 September in front of their friends and families who were joined by the Chief Constable of Kent Alan Pughley QPM and the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott.

The new recruits are part of an uplift in the number of officers keeping the county safe. In February, Mr Scott increased the 2018/19 council tax precept, meaning a Band D household pays an extra £1 a month, funding an additional 200 Kent officers to support local policing.

There will be a further planned recruitment of 240 officers to maintain existing numbers, while an additional 80 staff will also be employed.

Chief Constable Alan Pughley said:

'It was a privilege to attend the Passing Out Parade for our newest officers and welcome them into a police force that has been graded as 'outstanding' for the way it treats the public and the people who work for it.

'It was fantastic to see the officers showing a great deal of pride in their achievements during the pa-

rade and they will now begin protecting our communities and putting victims at the heart of everything we do as a police force.'

Kent Police's will be recruiting into the New Year and applicants should visit the force website for more details. Successful applicants will be placed on a training programme which will include physical fitness, legal training and tutoring with local policing teams.

Mr Scott said:

'Residents across Kent consistently tell me they want to see more police officers, being more visible, in their communities.

'I've used council tax to invest in up to 200 more police officers this year. I am sure residents will join me in wishing the latest recruits all the best for their future careers. We all look forward to seeing them on our streets soon.'

Kent Police is also open for the recruitment of volunteer officers to join its award winning Special Constabulary, where they can receive training to the same standard as a regular full-time police officer in support of their community.

### Matthew's engagements

Last month saw Matthew engage with the communities in Ashford and Swale. He handed out his annual policing surveys to members of the public and listened to views on policing and crime in their local areas. Matthew attended a Morrison's in the Isle of Sheppey, the Forum Shopping Centre in Sittingbourne and spoke on SFM radio during a live interview. Additionally, Matthew visited a coffee morning in the rural area of High Halden, Ashford and the County Square Shopping Centre to gauge the different views across rural, urban and coastal areas around the county.



£800 for Heart Research UK and local charity the Young Lives Foundation.

Matthew Scott, who also took part in the event on Sunday 16 September said:

'It was a pleasure to run alongside the young cadets and lend them my support. They give up their time for their communities and I couldn't be more proud of them.'

Matthew also joined 16 of Kent's Volunteer Police Cadets for a fundraising run at Mote Park, Maidstone.

All the cadets completed the Subway Helping Hearts Family 5km course in under an hour and in doing so raised more than



## What is a Police and Crime Commissioner?

Matthew Scott was elected Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2016.

His role is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan.

He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent Police to account for the delivery of that plan. He sets the council tax precept for policing, is responsible for the overall policing budget, and com-

missions services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects.

Mr Scott also serves as the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' portfolio holder for Performance, and also as the portfolio holder for Mental Health.

He lives in Swanley with his wife and young daughter, is a fan of cricket and football, enjoys real ale and is a keen musician who has played in cover bands across the South East.

### Get in touch

To raise an issue with Mr Scott or to invite him to a meeting or event please visit the OPCC website: [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us)

Please note that the PCC cannot interfere in operational policing or demand that the Chief Constable changes how he uses his policing resources. Equally, his office (the OPCC) cannot provide updates on how a crime is being investigated.



# Background

- Schools involved:
  - 1. Manor Community School
  - 2. Craylands Lane Primary School
  - 3. Knockhall Primary School
- NB: All Schools in Dartford (and the UK!)

# Community Safety

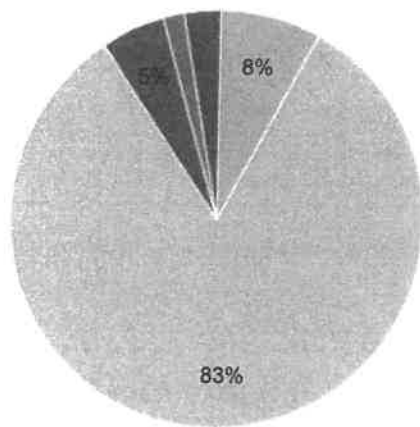
Healthy Living

Road Safety

Key:

- Prevention
- Management

## Comparison of outcomes in this area between October 2017 and September 2018



- Under investigation
- No further action
- Offender dealt with by police
- Offender sent to court
- Offender dealt with at court

Outcome type	Total	Percentage
<b>Under investigation</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7.85%</b>
Under investigation	31	5.18%
Status update unavailable	16	2.67%
<b>No further action</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>82.64%</b>
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	263	43.91%
Unable to prosecute suspect	232	38.73%
<b>Offender dealt with by police</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.01%</b>
Action to be taken by another organisation	23	3.84%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	2	0.33%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	3	0.50%
Local resolution	2	0.33%
<b>Offender sent to court</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.67%</b>
Suspect charged	10	1.67%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
<b>Offender dealt with at court</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2.84%</b>
Court case unable to proceed	3	0.50%
Defendant sent to Crown Court	1	0.17%
Defendant found not guilty	0	0.00%

<b>Outcome type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Offender given absolute discharge	0	0.00%
Offender given conditional discharge	0	0.00%
Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	1	0.17%
Offender deprived of property	0	0.00%
Offender given community sentence	2	0.33%
Offender given suspended prison sentence	0	0.00%
Offender sent to prison	1	0.17%
Offender otherwise dealt with	0	0.00%
Court result unavailable	9	1.50%