

## Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership (CSP) newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to provide regular updates on some of the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

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## Kent Fire & Rescue Service new Road Safety Experience – now open!

The Road Safety Experience is the first purpose built, interactive centre of its kind in the UK. It uses powerful stories, exciting interactive experiences and information from experienced road safety experts. The aim is to encourage young people to look at the potential consequences of a road accident from all perspectives – for themselves, their passengers, other drivers and their families.



*Image from KFRS website*

The new centre is at the new Rochester Fire Station. It provides supervised education visits for up to 95 young people per day. It is free to all schools, colleges and youth and community groups in Kent and Medway.

- The centre is predominantly aimed at 14 to 25 year olds;
- The experience has been designed for schools to spend a total of four hours on their visit;
- There is additional educational content that can be used before or after visit;
- The centre will also be available to youth groups.

It opened in April 2016 and if you are interested in booking a place, e-mail [roadsafetyexperience@kent.fire-uk.org](mailto:roadsafetyexperience@kent.fire-uk.org)

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## Free Football programme with Charlton Athletic FC in East Malling and Larkfield

Charlton Athletic Football Club are now running a free football programme for over 14's in East Malling and Larkfield. The East Malling sessions are held on a Thursday evening from 5pm to 6.30pm at East Malling recreation ground and on Larkfield Recreation ground on a Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6.30pm.

# Public Spaces Protection Order

The Borough Council and Kent Police have been working together to develop Public Spaces Protection Orders for the borough. The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is one of the new powers available through the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and is designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space. Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council is responsible for making the new PSPOs in liaison with Kent Police and they are applicable to any public space within the Borough.

A draft PSPO has now been completed and will shortly be sent out for consultation (following the purdah period). The PSPO proposes Borough wide Orders to deter dog fouling, exclude dogs from children's play areas owned and maintained by the Council and ensure dogs on a lead when directed. There are also proposals for Orders covering Leybourne Lakes Country Park, Tonbridge Memorial Gardens, Tonbridge Moorings, Tonbridge Racecourse Sports Ground, Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground and Haysden Country Park.

A copy of the consultation document will be available on the Borough Council's website ([www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)) or contact [Anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:Anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk)

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## Safer Towns Partnership in Tonbridge

The Safer Towns Partnership in Tonbridge has now become independent from the Borough Council and will run as a separate body. It will continue to work for the businesses in Tonbridge and a Safer Towns Co-ordinator is still in post to ensure that the businesses are able to use their radios and exclude those who have committed shoplifting in the town.



*Representatives from the Slug and Lettuce and Weatherspoons receiving their Safer Socialising Award from Mandy Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Safer Towns Co-ordinator*

During 2015/16 the Safer Towns Partnership issued 54 radios (compared to 51 the previous year) and excluded 17 people for committing shoplifting offences. They also ran the Safer Socialising Award which two licenced premises were able to achieve (the Slug and Lettuce and Weatherspoons).

If you would like further details about the scheme please email [safertowns@gmx.com](mailto:safertowns@gmx.com)

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## Anti-social behaviour in West Malling

Following a recent spate of anti-social behaviour in West Malling (particularly around the Cricket Pavilion and field), the Community Safety Partnership looked at what it could do to tackle this behaviour. The Police were able to get a Dispersal Order, which meant that if large groups were gathering they had the power to make them disperse and move away from the area. We were also able to identify some of those causing the anti-social behaviour and they were issued warning letters about their behaviour. An Environmental Visual Audit has been arranged for late May and this will look at whether there are any preventative measures that can be made to stop the anti-social behaviour.



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## Euro 2016 Football Tournament

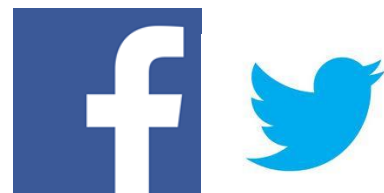


The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has been working to ensure that everyone in the borough stays safe during the Euro 2016 Championships which start on 10 June. Statistics show that during major sporting events certain types of crime and anti-social behaviour can increase. We want to make sure that everyone in the borough can stay safe whilst enjoying the games and want to remind people of the importance of being responsible for their own actions as anti-social behaviour and violence have a negative impact on the lives of families, friends and others, especially when alcohol is taken in excess. We want people to enjoy themselves but we also want to make it clear that, if necessary, enforcement powers will be used to keep the number of incidents to a minimum and to keep the community safe.

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## Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

The Community Safety Partnership now has a Twitter feed and Facebook site to enable us to send out messages about events, crime prevention and support available. You'll also be able to find out about events we're attending or running and useful information about where to get advice and support.



Find us on Twitter at [TM\\_CSP](#) and search for us on Facebook (Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership).

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Kent Police	To report a non 999 call	101
Kent Crimestoppers	Calls are free and anonymous	0800 555 111
KCC Community Wardens	Contact Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden Supervisor	07773 397131
DAVSS	Offer support for victims of Domestic Abuse	01892 570538
Choices	Offer support for victims of Domestic Abuse	0800 9179948
Maidstone Mediation	Support to help resolve conflicts or disputes	01622 692843

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