

Newsletter

November/December 2019



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.

For further details about any of these items please contact Alison Finch, Safer and Stronger Communities Manager on Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk or Anthony Garnett, Head of Service, Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Service (Anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk).

Community Alcohol Partnership event – 11 October

Eleven students from Tonbridge Grammar School were recently awarded with certificates for passing their Young Health Champions course at an event held at Tonbridge Grammar School on 11 October.

The Young Health Champions course is a Level 2 qualification which Tonbridge Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) is delivering to the school, to give young people the skills, confidence and knowledge to deliver positive health messages to other young people.



During the course the students learnt about the risks to physical, mental and social health, ranging from social media to substance misuse. They developed a better understanding of the services and facilities available in their local community and engaged with their peers at school and in the wider community to provide support and guidance on healthy behaviours. They will now be involved in giving assemblies to others within the school, providing peer mentoring and talking to parents about wellbeing.

Alcohol Awareness Week 11 November 2019

Alcohol Awareness Week will take place from 11 November and is a chance to drive a conversation about alcohol, signpost those who need help to get the support they need and the opportunity to call for change at every level. This year's theme will be 'Alcohol and Me' and is about asking people to think about whether they need to change their drinking habits. Alcohol doesn't only impact on individuals who drink. During Alcohol Awareness Week the aim will be to get people thinking about how drinking affects family and friends, our working lives, those living within our communities, and our society more generally. Too often drinking is an expectation, not a choice and it is hoped that this Awareness Week will help people to think about the changes that they can make in their lives. For further information look at www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

Thefts of catalytic converters

Nationally the Police have seen an increase in thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles and we've also seen a small increase in the borough. This is due to the current high value of precious metals that the catalytic converters contain which can be sold on easily. You can help to prevent these thefts by keeping your vehicle in a garage if possible or by parking in well lit, busy areas to help prevent the thefts. If you see any suspicious please report this to the Police via '101'.

Christmas safety tips

To stay safe over the Christmas festive period following these tips:

When out shopping:

- When shopping for Christmas presents remember to keep them locked away in the boot of your car - if they can be seen, they could be stolen.
- Always close car windows, engage steering locks and close all doors.
- Park in a well-lit area or in an attended car park.
- Make sure your purse is secure. Never keep your chequebook and card together and keep your pin number confidential.



At home:

- Don't leave presents under the Christmas tree in view of the window. Hide them somewhere safe until you need them (which makes it more of a surprise too!)
- Mark expensive presents, such as electronic equipment with your postcode by engraving or using a UV pen.
- Dispose of packing carefully as empty boxes left outside can advertise that you have new goods inside.

For more information look at www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

Useful contact details

Community Safety Unit	csp@tmbc.gov.uk	01732 844522
TMBC ASB Officer	Contact the Borough Council for help with ASB issues	01732 876149
Kent Police	To report a non 999 call	101
KCC Community Wardens	Contact Janet Greenroyd, Warden Supervisor	07773 397131
DAVSS	Offer support for victims of Domestic Abuse	01892 570538
Maidstone Mediation	Support to help resolve conflicts or disputes	01622 692843
West Kent Mediation	Support to help resolve conflicts or disputes	01732 469696

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