

Newsletter

March/April 2016



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, Licensing and Community Safety Manager (anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk)

New priorities for the Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) recently held a workshop for partners to assess and agree our priorities for 2016/17. This year we have agreed to have three overarching themes which will then include key subjects within them. The overarching themes will be:

1. Safeguarding – to include domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, counter terrorism and vulnerable people
2. Health and Wellbeing – to include substance misuse and mental health
3. Public Safety – to include anti-social behaviour, road safety and environmental crime.

The CSP will now be developing action plans to address the key issues within each theme and these will then be undertaken and monitored throughout the year.

If you have any comments on the new overarching themes and priorities for the Community Safety Partnership then please contact Alison Finch, Safer & Stronger Communities manager on the email above.

Operation Volume

Operation Volume took place on 14 January 2016 to target drivers committing offences. Kent Fire & Rescue Service and Kent Police worked together and, as well as any enforcement actions, they were also given restorative justice to try to prevent them from committing the offences again. The Operation was held in Ditton (A20), Kings Hill (Jubilee Way) and Borough Green (Potters Mede). On the day 51 drivers were stopped. 35 drivers were stopped for excessive speed, 9 for mobile phone usage, 5 for no seat belt, 1 for a defective exhaust and 1 for a lady who was putting on her make up. On top of this there was also some other intelligence gathered and a drugs search carried out. The CSP also undertook Operation Milan in East Malling during January which targeted untaxed vehicles. This was also successful with 9 vehicles dealt with (four were removed, four were clamped and one paid the fines required).



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New Anti-social behaviour powers

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 gave Community Safety Partnerships new tools to use to tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour. These include Civil Injunctions, aimed at preventing individuals from engaging in anti-social behaviour quickly; Criminal Behaviour Orders which are issued against a person who as well as engaging in anti-social behaviour is also engaged in criminal activity; and Public Spaces Protection Orders which are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space.

The Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership has been able to use the powers to issue 7 Civil Injunction warning letters to young people in East Malling and to obtain a Criminal Behaviour Order against an adult offender in Tonbridge.

We are also currently looking at applying for a number of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to cover a number of areas within the borough including Leybourne Lakes Country Park and Tonbridge Memorial Gardens. Further information about these PSPOs will be circulated in due course.

Spring crime prevention advice

As spring approaches the number of shed break-ins can increase. Items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be kept insecurely in sheds and these can all be easy pickings for thieves to target. The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime.

- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- Make sure the door is securely locked at all times.
- Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items. You can use www.immobilise.com to record your items. This is free to use and helps the Police to identify owners of recovered property.
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents' policy



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Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop



A 'One Stop Shop' for victims of Domestic Abuse is now running in Tonbridge. This will be held every Wednesday from 9.30am until 11.30am at 4 New Wharf Road, Tonbridge and will allow anyone affected by domestic abuse to 'drop in' and get support and advice from a number of agencies. Agencies involved include DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services), Choices, Circle Russet and TMBC Housing. A firm of solicitors will be available over the telephone. The One Stop Shop has been funded through the Community Safety Partnership.

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).

Useful contact details

Community Safety Unit	csp@tmbc.gov.uk	01732 876132
Sarah Taylor	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, csp@tmbc.gov.uk	01732 876149
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

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