

# Newsletter

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## 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 ([Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk)) or Anthony Garnett, Licensing and Community Safety Manager ([anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.garnett@tmbc.gov.uk))

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## Enjoy a safe Christmas period

The Christmas and New Year holiday period can be a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate the season. Unfortunately opportunist thieves also operate at this time of year. Crime levels in Tonbridge and Malling are low and there is no need to be duly worried about being a victim of a crime. However, there are a few simple measures that can deter and prevent crime and help you keep the season jolly.

### When 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.

### If you are away

- If you are going away over the festive period remember to tell your neighbours that you will be away and ask them to keep an eye on the house. Cancel milk and papers.
- Buy some timers for your lights, radio and TV so it looks as if you are at home. These can be picked up cheaply from any DIY store.
- Remember to securely lock all doors and windows.

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## Tackling nuisance vehicles in Tonbridge

Following reports of nuisance vehicles gathering near to Ashby's Point in Tonbridge, the Community Safety Partnership worked together to tackle the issues. Kent Police undertook additional patrols and were able to issue a number of warning letters to drivers causing a nuisance. Kent Fire & Rescue Service were also able to talk to the young people using their engagement car and were able to tell them about the dangers of excessive speed/dangerous driving. It appears that the problems now seem to have reduced but if you're still being affected then please report to the Police on 101.

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## One Stop Shop now open



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.

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## Tackling Anti-social Behaviour in East Malling

Due to an increase in Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in East Malling the Community Safety Partnership has been working to address these issues. Visits to those committing the offences have been made by the Police, the Borough Council's Anti-social behaviour officer and Circle Housing Russet officers. The Police are carrying out additional police patrols to help residents feel safer and the motorbike belonging to someone who had been seen driving illegally was recently seized and will be destroyed. Residents should ensure that they report any incidents of ASB to the Police via 101 or 999 in an emergency. We are working together to ensure that residents can feel safer and feel more confident to report issues.

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## Useful contact details

Community Safety Unit	<a href="mailto:csp@tmbc.gov.uk">csp@tmbc.gov.uk</a>	01732 876132
Sarah Taylor	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, <a href="mailto:csp@tmbc.gov.uk">csp@tmbc.gov.uk</a>	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 Martin Smith, Community Warden Supervisor	07969 584173
DAVSS	Offer support for victims of Domestic Abuse	01892 570538
Choices	Offer support for victims of Domestic Abuse	0800 9179948

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