

Elms Vale & Maxton newsletter



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New Beat Officer

Hello everyone,

My name is PC 13263 David Ansley, and I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Neighbourhood Beat Officer. With nearly 15 years of frontline policing experience, I've dealt with a wide range of matters and challenges, and I'm committed to working closely with the community to keep it safe. In addition to supporting residents, I'm also here to assist local businesses, helping to reduce crime, prevent issues before they arise, and hold offenders accountable. I look forward to building strong relationships with both residents and business owners as we work together to maintain a safe and thriving community.

Best regards



Can I help?

- Are you holding an event I can attend? Let me know!
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Your local officer is
PC 13263 David Ansley

Help Protect Our Community: Report Nuisance Motorcycles to Prevent Noise and Property Damage

Nuisance motorcycles aren't just a noise issue—they can also lead to property damage and safety concerns. Reporting these incidents to the police helps maintain a peaceful, safe, and damage-free neighbourhood.

If you notice noisy or reckless motorcycles in your area, here's how you can help:

1. Stay Safe: Never confront riders directly. Prioritize your own safety.
2. Record Key Details: Note the time, location, and descriptions of the motorcycles and riders involved. Observing this behaviour can help prevent damage to public and private property.
3. Report It: Contact the Kent Police non-emergency line 101 or use online reporting tools if available [Home | Kent Police](#)

Every report gives authorities the information they need to address this issue, prevent property damage, and keep our community safe. Together, we can make a difference!

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Crime Prevention Tips: Protect Yourself from Rogue Traders and Vehicle Theft

As the days get shorter, it's important to stay vigilant and protect ourselves from the rise in rogue traders and thefts from vehicles. Here are some practical crime prevention tips to help keep your property and personal belongings secure.

Guarding Against Rogue Traders

Rogue traders are often unlicensed individuals or groups offering services at your doorstep, like roofing, driveway repairs, or gardening. Their work is typically overpriced and poor in quality. Here's how to recognize and avoid them:

- **Say No to Cold Callers:** Most legitimate tradespeople will not knock on your door uninvited. Politely decline their offer and ask for contact details if you are interested in their services.
- **Check Credentials:** Always verify a tradesperson's identity. Ask for ID, check for professional accreditation, and look for online reviews or recommendations. A legitimate company will be more than willing to provide proof.
- **Don't Pay Upfront:** Never pay in full before the work is completed. Rogue traders often ask for large deposits or full payment upfront, then disappear without completing the job.
- **Get Multiple Quotes:** If you're planning work, get at least three quotes from reputable, local businesses. This helps to avoid overpriced or untrustworthy tradespeople.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you suspect a rogue trader, contact your local Trading Standards or report it to the non-emergency police line. Early reporting can help protect others in your community.



Preventing Theft from Motor Vehicles

Theft from cars remains a common crime, especially when valuables are left in plain sight. Here are a few ways to safeguard your vehicle:

- **Remove Valuables:** Never leave valuables like phones, wallets, bags, or laptops in your car, even for a short time. If you must store items, lock them in the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- **Lock Doors and Windows:** Always lock your vehicle and double-check all windows are closed, even when parked at home.
- **Park Wisely:** Park in well-lit, busy areas whenever possible. Thieves are less likely to target cars in places where they are easily seen.
- **Use Security Devices:** Consider using steering wheel locks or visible deterrents. Car alarms and trackers are also helpful in preventing and responding to theft.
- **Disable Keyless Entry When Not in Use:** Keyless cars are increasingly targeted, as thieves can intercept the signal to unlock your car. Store your key in a Faraday pouch, which blocks the signal, or disable keyless entry when it's not needed.
- **Report Break-ins Immediately:** If your vehicle is broken into, report it immediately to the police and secure your car as soon as possible.

Spread the Word

Feel free to share these tips with friends, neighbours, and family members to help keep everyone in the community informed and safe. By taking small steps to secure our homes and vehicles, we can make a big difference in reducing crime.

Let's work together to keep our community safe!

Stay vigilant and take care,

PC 13263 David Ansley





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