

Romney Marsh Newsletter



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Hello everyone!

Here's your February newsletter and I'll apologise now if there's some stuff on here that I might have already mentioned in My Community Voice (MCV) posts.

My next surgery is at Lydd Police Station on 17th February 10:00-11:00 and then 16th March 10:00-11:00 at the Assembly Rooms New Romney (Church Approach) anyone is welcome to drop in and have a chat about any issues/concerns that you have about your area. If there's too many people, I can always contact you afterwards and arrange to meet up or speak over the phone/email.

In addition to this, the Local Engagement Meeting is on 28th February 18:30-20:30 at Lydd Town Hall, Guild Hall, High Street Lydd, this is where you can come along and ask questions about issues that have already been reported and/or let us know about any new issues, there will be representatives from FHDC and Kent Police (including me!)



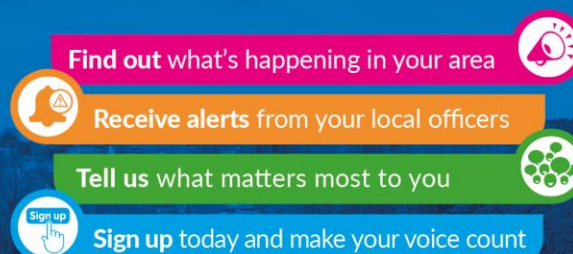
Drop-in surgery

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Your local officer is
PC Steve Putland

MY COMMUNITY VOICE

Some of you may have already seen my posts on My Community Voice (MCV) which are very kindly copied/pasted onto The Real Marsh Watch Facebook site most of the time, please keep doing this if you don't mind as this is great because it broadcasts the information I give to a wider audience and please feel free to share my MCV posts on other social media platforms too. It also sends the information right across the Romney Marsh and if it is crime prevention advice that I'm giving then that can only be a good thing! I am not able to respond to your comments on Facebook or any



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other social media platform so if you have a question, please email me or contact via MCV.

GOOD NEWS!



Some of you may already be aware that an abandoned dog in New Romney recently was rescued by volunteers from 'DOG LOST SUSSEX' and 'DRONE S.A.R FOR LOST DOGS UK' Members of the public were also involved initially and they contacted the above charities who sent out 'Maria' and 'Sue' in their hero capes and with a tiny amount of assistance from me managed to catch 'Houdini' the Lurcher so that he can now go on to have a happy life with a new owner!!



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E-SCOOTERS!

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?
No, it's illegal...
E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?
No, it's illegal...
You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?
The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.
If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

e-scooters – know the law



What you need to know
e-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc.

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.
The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.
For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.

What should I do now?
It's our priority to keep you and other road users safe. We are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances we have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and we'd really prefer not to.
Please make sure you only use your e scooter on private land.
For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit www.gov.uk




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Think before you buy:
The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.
For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety



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I'll be clamping down on the use of these so please, if you own one, heed the requirements on the above poster because if we get to a stage where we seize it from you, it will be very difficult for you to get it back. A simple explanation of this is, a car on a road with no insurance will be seized by the police if stopped whilst driving on a public road or public place, the car will be taken to the recovery operator's yard. To get the car back, you have to show that there is a valid insurance policy on it amongst other requirements however, because you cannot get an insurance policy to cover yourself to use an E-Scooter on a public road or public place, this then causes a problem for you to get your E-Scooter back and so the chances are it will be crushed just the same as uninsured vehicles are that aren't claimed after a certain amount of time.



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FOOT PATROL.

Despite the weather I am still managing to do some foot patrol all over the Marsh. There are some hamlets and villages that I'm yet to walk around but at the very least I do cover the vast majority when I'm on 4 wheels. You'll know it's me because I wear the big hat, its official name is a 'custodian' although some call it other names, but I'll leave it there! Come and have a chat if you see me even if it's not about local issues, I'm always happy to have a chinwag!



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HANDHELD SPEED DEVICE

I've been at various locations with the speed device and will continue to do this to promote the message of road safety, there's several 'hotspots' across the Marsh but I'm likely to pop up anywhere although I normally wear the flat cap for this as it's more practical for this type of work but don't be fooled because it's still me!!



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Thank you.

Steve.



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