

Community Safety Partner Updates



September 2021

Community Safety Specialist



For those who have not yet heard, Sarah Osborn is our new community safety specialist at Folkestone & Hythe District Council. Sarah has come from the community safety unit at Canterbury city and has over 20 years' experience in youth and community development as well as community safety.

Community Safety

Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner has launched an extensive survey, to find out how safe women and girls are and feel in the county.

To access the survey please click on: [Understanding your views/experiences of Violence against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) in Kent \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Understanding-your-views-experiences-of-Violence-against-Women-and-Girls-VAWG-in-Kent)

Police dog helps recover stolen goods

A police dog helped to recover stolen cigarettes and alcohol following a burglary in Folkestone.

Kent Police was called to a report of a break-in at a supermarket in Cheriton High Street at around 1.45am on Tuesday 14 September 2021.

Police dog Bear attended with officers and helped trace some of the stolen goods, including packets of cigarettes and cans of beer, to a van which was parked nearby. Darren Foster has since been charged with going equipped to burgle, possession of a knife and burglary as part of the investigation.

Mr Foster, 42, of Millfield, Folkestone, appeared before the town's magistrates' court on Wednesday 15 September 2021 and was remanded in custody to appear again on a date to be arranged.

Partner Updates

Folkestone & Hythe's first Police Lemonade Stand



PC Lewis Bennett and artist Victoria Melody (right) at the 'LemonAID Response Unit' project in Folkestone. Folkestone's Community Safety Unit has been keeping its relationship with local residents sweet thanks to a glass or two of freshly-made lemonade. Town Centre PC Lewis Bennett took part in a project which saw him run a lemonade stand in the Old High Street on the afternoon of Sunday 12 September 2021. The stand, called the 'LemonAID Response Unit', is the idea of artist Victoria Melody and was presented as part of Creative Folkestone's Open Quarter 2021.

The project is designed to break down barriers between people by giving them a chance to speak face-to-face and share some refreshment. PC Bennett was asked a range of questions by passers-by of all ages, as well as hearing their concerns about crime and safety matters in the town, and giving them an insight into the life of a police officer.

Local Children's Partnership Group – South Kent Area Directory of Support Services

Last year the Ashford, Dover and Folkestone & Hythe [Local Children's Partnership Groups](#) (LCPGs) highlighted the need for a **district directory of services**, to make it clearer and more accessible for partners to be able to effectively signpost and refer children, young people and families to appropriate support. Therefore, as one of our actions, we collaboratively developed a word version district directory for Ashford, Dover and Folkestone & Hythe which we launched in December 2020.

This September we are pleased to launch an updated, new look, online Microsoft Sway version of these directories, as one combined: [South Kent Area Directory of Support Services](#)



Kent & Medway – Provision of Domestic Abuse and Stalking Perpetrator Programmes and Referral Information

<https://interventionsalliance.com/services/crime-and-harm-prevention/reducing-stalking/>

The Kent Police & Crime Commissioner has successfully secured funding from the Home Office to deliver Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programmes and a separate Stalking Perpetrator Programme from 1 September 2021 to 31 July 2022. This offer is available across Kent and Medway and we're keen to promote the availability of these programmes and encourage partner agencies to refer suitable individuals. Delivery of this offer will be made by Interventions Alliance and in collaboration with Kent Police and Lookahead.

The available programmes are, **Stalking Intervention Domestic Abuse (DA) 1:1 Perpetrator Programme, DA Groupwork Programme** Referrals should be made using the attached referral forms and once completed should be sent to. If you have any queries regarding possible referrals please also contact Natasha but if you would like raise other points regarding delivery of the Perpetrator Programmes please contact pcc.commissioning@Kent.police.uk

Fegans-Talking Therapy

Have been commissioned by the VRU to provide CBT or an alternative talking therapy to young people under 18. The funding will support a therapeutic intervention that starts in this financial year.

Call 01892 538288 for information about making referrals

ManKind Initiative Pattern Changing Programme for Male Survivors of Domestic Abuse

144169 to discuss the course in more detail.

Folkestone & Hythe's Youth Hubs What's On programme

Will be starting very soon. To refer a young person to one of our groups please gain consent from the parent/guardian, email to folkestoneandhytheoa@kent.gov.uk

Each session has a designated member of staff to contact for more information which can be found on the last page of the programme.

The majority of our groups will be at Shepway Youth Hub unless stated otherwise.



Folkestone & Hythe
Youth Hub What's On



Multiple Group
Referral form.doc

Supporting Young People who Self-Harm

Mind and Body recognise that parents and carers are often left with questions around mental health and emotional wellbeing and may feel unsure how to deal with some situations, particularly those in relation to self-harm. The aim of this session is to help increase your confidence in these areas, as well as providing an opportunity to explore strategies to best support your young person.

To book the session please [click here](#)

If you are unable to attend any of the events, or these are fully booked, please call 01795 500882 or email mabadmin@wearewithyou.org.uk in order to express your interest and be placed on our waiting list onto

Oasis "Is This Love" Campaign and Toolkit

At Oasis, we're on a mission to educate teenagers about healthy relationships and to help them navigate their way to only having good, positive experiences.

Young people experiencing their first intimate relationships can be at high risk of abusive behaviour:

- 16 to 19 year olds are 40% more likely to experience a toxic relationship than 20 - 24-year-olds - Crime Survey for England and Wales
- Emotional abuse is the most common abuse type currently experienced by young people (72%), followed by jealous and controlling behaviours (68%) and physical abuse (57%) - Safe Lives report, 2015

We'd be so grateful if you could share our pre-prepared social media posts and assets on your channels during the summer break.

- Download the Is this Love campaign toolkit and assets here: bit.ly/OasisIsThisLove

We've also created some resources to help you to start the conversation with the young people you are connected with at www.oasisdbservice.org/young-people and www.oasisdbservice.org/school

Suzi Lamplugh Trust

The campaign for **National Personal Safety Day 2021 (Nov 9th)** is approaching, and this year we will focus on **harassment on public transport**. We have opened a survey collating data on anyone who has experienced *any* unwanted behaviours, whether that be on a bus, train, tube, taxi, even those that aren't currently criminalised. This ranges from intimidator staring, to verbal abuse, to cyber-flashing, to loitering, to sexual assault. The survey takes 2 minutes and directly impacts our policy and campaigning work on personal safety. **Survey closes Sept 27th**. All responses will be anonymised. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DZ8FMNX>

#DeserveToBeHeard

Women's Aid's new flagship campaign, Deserve To Be Heard, aims to ensure that the mental health needs of women, who are all too often not listened to and not believed, are heard and responded to effectively. The aims of the campaign are to:

- Change perceptions and attitudes towards survivors' mental health which compound women's trauma and inequality.
- Secure sufficient funding to enable specialist women's services – particularly those led 'by and for' Black and minorities groups – to deliver vital mental health support and long-term healing.

<https://bit.ly/3AkX4UI>

Fraud and Scams

Please see details of the current scams currently being undertaken



1 09092021 Kent
Fraud Alert System.pc



2 KP Rogue Traders -
Poster (1).pdf



3 Romance scam
flyer - A5.pdf



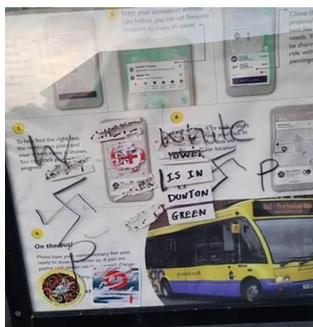
4 KP - Courier Fraud
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Events

Children and young people networking session Join Kent Sport's regular online networking opportunity on Tuesday 21 September from 7pm to 8:15pm. We will focus on creating a welcoming environment for everyone, whether they are returning or taking part for the first time. Sharing our learnings from local programmes and real life experiences of the young people involved. Open to teachers, youth workers, coaches, clubs and sporting organisations across Kent and Medway.

[Book your place on the networking session](#)

Prevent



The Prevent team have advised of concerning stickering activity in Sevenoaks in the bus shelter near a school, and as you will see from the photo there are razor blades under the stickers / labels. One of the stickers is also promoting National Front

This may be an isolated incident, please report through to the Prevent Team you see any similar incidents or sticker activity.

Email jess.harman@kent.gov.uk & Georgia.dawson@kent.gov.uk



Training

Kooth are running free professional webinars for this free online emotional health & wellbeing service.

Registration: <https://t.co/HBUCwPQTp9>

Thurs 16 Sept, 4– 5pm

Tues 19 Oct, 10– 11am

Weds 17 Nov, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Fri 10 Dec, 12.30 – 1.30pm

Contact email: kdawber@kooth.com <https://t.co/rn1Q4FkbYy>
(<https://twitter.com/HeadStartKent/status/1430811014770085888?s=03>)

Funding

The Philip and Connie Phillips Foundation makes grants to support charities in Kent and Medway who demonstrate their impact on the health and wellbeing of their local community.

Applications for grants are now OPEN.

Application deadline: Monday 27th September 2021

<https://pcphillipsfoundation.org/>

Reports

The NSPCC has published findings from an FOI about online child sexual abuse offences. Findings include that there were over 9,742 online child sexual offences recorded by the 41 UK police forces that responded to the FOI last year; and recorded crimes increased by three quarters in the last four years when comparing data from the 39 forces who were able to provide data for both time periods

[Online child abuse crimes have doubled in recent years and more must be done to protect children online | NSPCC](#)

All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Media

Selfie Generation: What's behind the rise of self-generated indecent images of children online?

<https://bit.ly/3kinSiR>

Public Health England

Health Profile for England 2021

<https://bit.ly/3EpKbev>

If you have any information that you would like included in the community safety update, please email community.safety.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk