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### Contacting Kent Police

Please remember in an emergency **always dial 999**

For any non-emergency enquiries please visit the Kent Police website where you can:

- Submit an online report of a crime or other incident
- Use our "Live Chat" function
- Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including Twitter and Facebook
- Find information about Crime Prevention and our Partners
- Call 101



### Drop-in community engagement

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 0900 – 1130 hours at Middle Street Car Park, Deal (DDC Community Roots Van)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1300 – 1500 hours at Sandown Castle Community Garden, Deal

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officer  
**PC 12757 Sophie Bramble**

The Dover District continues to be targeted by persons purporting to be homeless and begging.

Difficulties can arise in telling apart those members of an organised crime group and a person genuinely in need. Rather than hand over money or other items to those on the street, please be advised that **your kindness is best directed to those charities and local organisations that support such individuals.**

<https://www.porchlight.org.uk/>

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Housing-Needs/Homelessness/Homelessness.aspx>

<https://dealarea.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/deal>



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Witnesses are sought after vehicles were damaged in Deal.

Between 0400 and 0500 hours on Tuesday 30 January 2024, at least four cars were damaged in the Dover Road area of Walmer.

Enquiries by Dover district's Victim Based Crime Team have identified three suspects, all thought to be young men, who walked through the area at around that time.

### Can you help?

Anyone with information, or dashcam or CCTV footage from the area at that time, is urged to call Kent Police on 01843 222289 quoting reference 46/18149/24.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or use [the online form](#).

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Officers are seeking help to locate a man missing from the Ramsgate area.

Colin Willis was last seen on 11 February 2024, and there are growing concerns for his welfare.

Although Colin's home is in Ramsgate he is known to move around in other areas and has previously stayed in a tent on a beach in Dover. He has also been seen on the A2 near Canterbury.

Colin is 40 years old, white and of slim build. He often wears two hats and may be carrying a black backpack.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts should call 999, quoting reference 23-0417.

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Teenagers causing anti-social behaviour in Deal, Sandwich and Ramsgate have been confronted and challenged over their actions during an operation by police.

Neighbourhood policing officers from Dover and Thanet districts worked with British Transport Police and the Special Constabulary around east Kent on Friday 16 February 2024.

Uniform and plain clothes officers in unmarked vehicles carried out patrols around Deal and Sandwich, following reports of concerns about groups of teenagers in those areas.

Meanwhile, additional officers were deployed in the village of Minster and around Ramsgate railway station, speaking to young people and reminding them of the impact of their actions on others.

### Taking action

A 16-year-old girl was arrested in Minster for breaching a Community Protection Notice (CPN) prohibiting her from being part of large groups or behaving in a way which could cause alarm or distress.

She was referred to the Youth Justice Team and will appear before a youth court in March for breaching the CPN.

A 12-year-old boy was also arrested in Sandwich and taken home to his family following reports of criminal damage to a car and shoplifting in the town.

Alcohol was seized from a number of children, five people were stopped and searched and 15 penalties were handed out by British Transport Police for travelling on trains without a ticket.



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### Protecting communities

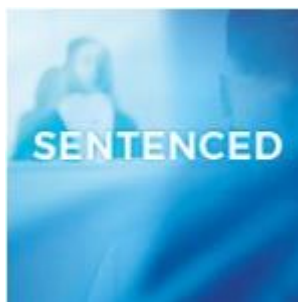
Sergeant Gavin Rolfe, of Dover Community Safety Unit, said: 'Nobody wants to stop young people enjoying themselves. However, when their actions lead to shoplifting, assaults or the carrying of weapons, it is right that the police step in.'

'Officers engaged with the teenagers they encountered during the patrols, warning them of the impact of anti-social behaviour. Where necessary, action was taken against individuals suspected of breaking the law.'

'We will continue to carry out operations of this kind to address concerns raised to us by the community, and make sure everyone feels safe.'

[Report antisocial behaviour | Kent Police](#)




[Anti-Social Behaviour \(dover.gov.uk\)](http://dover.gov.uk)



Robert Watson, from Dover, has been sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for stealing a church lectern that was worth thousands and had been gifted to St John the Evangelist in Kingsdown more than century ago.



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### Electric Scooters – know the law

Although e-scooters can be great fun, it's against the law to ride one on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

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 with the landowner's permission.

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.

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)



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As part of the government's agenda to tackle violence against women and girls, we are using a new online tool called StreetSafe to enable people, particularly women and girls, to report locations where they feel or have felt unsafe and to identify the features on why that location made them feel unsafe.

The focus of this is to identify particular areas and factors that lead to people feeling unsafe and might help offenders either commit or conceal a crime – such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or poorly designed spaces, vandalism, as well as behaviours of individuals or groups of people.

StreetSafe is anonymous.

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)



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