

# WATCHWORD

NEWSLETTER OF THE THANET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD AND HOME WATCH NETWORK (NHWN) ([www.mynhw.co.uk](http://www.mynhw.co.uk))

The new national NW organisation, Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (NHWN) launched a brand new Neighbourhood Watch website at the start of National Neighbourhood Watch Week on 16 June 2008. Home Office Minister, Vernon Coaker, commented :

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sults follow



local people join the police and other partners to fight crime. The Neighbourhood Watch movement plays an absolutely crucial role in strengthening these local crime fighting partnerships and I am delighted to offer my support as the week of action gets underway. These comments were strongly supported by Chief Constable Frank Whiteley of the Association of Chief Police Officers, who pointed out that Neighbourhood and Home Watch remains the largest voluntary organisation in the country, playing a major role in reducing crime, the fear of crime and bringing communities closer together.

The inaugural Chair of the new Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network is Marion Lewis, who has been active in NW in Leicestershire and Hertfordshire for many years. Kent NW played a significant role in bringing regional NW groups together to form the new organisation, and continues to set the pace in setting policy and fleshing out the elements of the new structure.

The new website (see heading) experienced a few teething troubles, but these have been largely resolved and the site seems very promising.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS/WEBSITES

Thanet NW Liaison Office - 01843 222214  
Neighbourhood Policing Team - 01843 222265

Crime Reporting - general advice & to report on line- [www.reportacrime.kent.police.uk](http://www.reportacrime.kent.police.uk)

In emergency only - dial 999

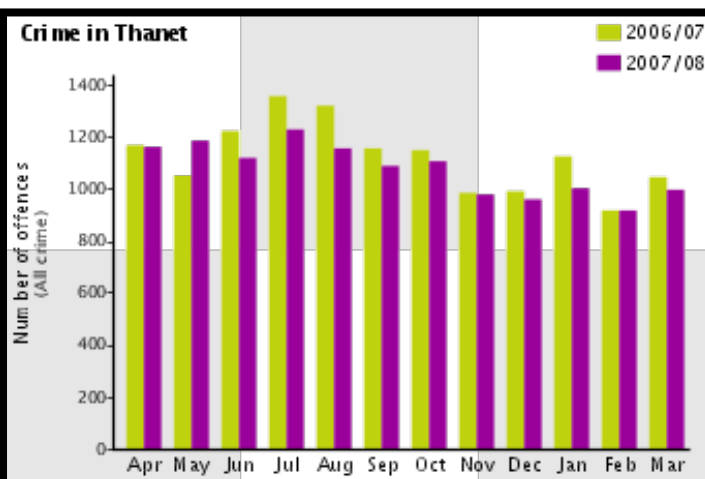
To report non-urgent crime 01843 231055

To report a crime in complete anonymity 0800 555111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

To contact Kent Trading Standards re doorstep crime etc. telephone 0845 3450210 or online [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent)  
For advice on all consumer issues telephone Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 or go to : [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

Fire Safety - 01843 863015

Thanet District Council - telephone 01843 577000 or online [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)  
Anti Social Behaviour Hotline - 01843 577888





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## **Home Safety Tips**

### **How to make your house a safe home.....**

- 1. FIT smoke alarms at each level in your home.**  
Keep them free from dust and test them once a week. Consider buying a 10-year alarm; otherwise change the batteries in your alarm/s every year.
- 2. ALSO FIT carbon monoxide alarms in areas where gas appliances may be in use.**
- 3. MAKE a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there is a fire. Keep the exits from your home clear in order to facilitate escape.**
- 4. MAKE sure that everyone in your home can easily find keys for doors and windows.**
- 5. TAKE extra care in the kitchen - accidents while cooking account for over half of fires in the home. Never leave young children alone in the kitchen**
- 6. TAKE extra care when cooking with hot oil. Consider buying a deep-fat fryer, which is controlled by a thermostat.**
- 7. NEVER leave lit candles in rooms that nobody is in or in rooms where children are on their own. Make sure candles are in secure holders on a surface that does not burn and are away from any materials that could burn.**
- 8. MAKE sure cigarettes are stubbed out properly, disposed of carefully and never smoke in bed.**
- 9. GET into the habit of closing doors at night. If you want to keep a child's bedroom door open, close the doors to the lounge and kitchen as this may well help to save their life if there is a fire.**
- 10. DO NOT overload electrical sockets. Remember, one plug for one socket.**
- 11. KEEP matches and lighters where children cannot see or reach them**
- 12. TAKE special care when you are tired or when you have been drinking**
- 13. DO NOT leave the TV or other electrical appliances on standby as this could cause a fire. Always switch them off and unplug when not in use.**

A message from Inspector Simon Morris, Neighbourhood Policing at Margate Police Station.

*"The rollout of neighbourhood policing is now complete in East Kent, with each ward having its own dedicated policing resource. Our staff are busy working within their wards to make themselves known to as many people as possible, and I would encourage each of you to make contact with them. You can find their details on the Kent Police website, at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk), and by entering your postcode your local officer's details will be displayed. The website also shows details of the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings taking place in your ward, which I would very much encourage you to be a part of. In support of this structure, we now have additional resources to support the neighbourhood teams, with Inspector Kevin Dyer joining me at Margate to manage the operational business of neighbourhood policing. In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your work for Neighbourhood Watch and your communities since the last issue of 'Watchword'. With house burglaries having halved in the last ten years, it's very clear that neighbourhood watch and your work have produced very tangible results. Thank you."*

#### Comment from the Chairman, TNWA

We have set ourselves the objective of encouraging NW Coordinators, and the public at large, to establish and maintain close contact and co-operation with our neighbourhood policing teams in order to deal more effectively with problems in our neighbourhoods. We therefore heartily endorse the above message from Inspector Morris. A full list of neighbourhood Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers is provided for your convenience as an insert in this issue of "Watchword". Keep this handy for ease of reference.

**"Justice System Must Change"** - so concludes a year long review by the Cabinet Office into the criminal justice system in England and Wales,



The so-called Casey Review found that people do not believe that crime has fallen and think that the law is stacked in favour of offenders' rights, with the justice system being seen as "distant, unaccountable and unanswerable".

The review has made 32 proposals including :-

- Community sentences to become more visible and demanding
- elderly victims of crime may get anonymity in court, with special measures for the disabled and those who may fear reprisals
- more information needed on the outcomes of court cases and the punishments offenders serve
- the Government should consider contracting out enforcement of community work from the probation service
- standardised powers for police community support officers
- stripping the Home Office of responsibility for producing national crime statistics, with this task handed to an independent organisation instead
- citizens to be trained and equipped to play a stronger role in tackling crime

Much of the above is no doubt sensible, and no doubt well-intentioned. Whether and how much of these ideas will see the true light of day and over how long a period, however, remains to be seen. The record of similar reviews in other areas may not inspire too great confidence, and some may question the need for a "public commissioner on crime" to champion people's concerns within government and for a new performance target to measure public confidence in the system. Perhaps many of us are cynical about introducing more, possibly fanciful targets, and the degree to which any commissioner will have real teeth.....

## GARAGE/SHED BURGLARY



As we have said before, this type of crime is usually on the increase at this time of the year, with the usual out-

let for stolen property being local boot fairs.

Apart from making sure that your shed or garage door and windows have good secure locks, it is difficult to do much more given that they are always of inferior build quality than your home. One thing to avoid is to leave the carton of any recently purchased garden equipment on open view, as this simply advertises that there is likely to be something and attractive in the shed or garage.

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not be overly expensive or difficult, particularly if the connection can be established wirelessly.



## The Way To the Stars? Kent Police take to the skies to help in the fight against crime

Hitherto Kent Police have been one of only three police forces without a helicopter and have had to buy in such facility when needed. Thanks to a new collaborative agreement between Kent and Essex Police, the existing Essex-based helicopter will be available to both forces for up to 20- hours a day, seven days a week.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller comments :  
"This agreement is fantastic news for Kent Police and for the people of Kent, including Medway. The helicopter has vital capabilities which will help us fight crime, nuisance and disorder and help protect the public further from the skies as well as on the streets."



## TEL'S TALES - YOUR WATCH LIAISON OFFICER, TERRY MCCORMICK REPORTS.....

### Looking for a trader you can trust?

Did you know that Kent Trading Standards can provide you with details of reliable local tradesmen and women to carry out work around your home and garden?

The "Buy With Confidence" scheme brings together a list of gardeners, plumbers, builders and many other types of businesses or services from all over Kent, which have been individually checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Trading Standards officers visit and vet every applicant, and only if they pass stringent checks are they accepted onto the scheme when they can display the "Buy With Confidence" logo.

Once a business becomes a member of the scheme, they are constantly monitored by the Trading Standards Service to ensure that their standards are not slipping. Feedback is invited from their customers, and re-visits are carried out.

While it cannot be guaranteed that nothing will ever go wrong, if you have a problem with a member of the scheme they are required to deal with any complaints in a professional manner. If the complaint cannot be resolved, the Trading Standards Service will attempt to assist in reaching a solution.

The original scheme was launched in 1999 by Hampshire County Council, and has grown to include a number of other Trading Standards Services. The website (see below) now features hundreds of businesses in over 250 trade categories. You can buy with confidence, knowing that each company has signed up to standards of customer service set out in the schemes rules.

For details of firms and tradesmen you can trust, visit the interactive consumer website at [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) or telephone Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

(Based on information provided by Kent Trading Standards)

**INTERNET CHAT ROOM SAFETY-** advice for adults, but particularly for children, about the dangers which lurk within the internet, especially in chat rooms or other social websites.

Never arrange to meet someone offline unless you are sure they are who they say they are and even then only in a public place with a parent/guardian. Stick to chat rooms where there are other people around. If you see or read something that you find uncomfortable, make sure you tell an adult. Never give out your personal details, photographs, or any other information that could be used to identify you, for example email address, telephone number or where you go to school. People on line may not be who they say they are. Never open an attachment or download files unless you know and trust the person who sent them to you.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS - THANET

NAME	WARD	MOBILE TELEPHONE
PCSO Dan Adelsberg	Birchington	07772 226230
PC VACANT	Cliftonville West	07870 252891
PCSO Tom Askew	Cliftonville West	07972 004453
PCSO VACANT	Palm Bay / Cliftonville East	07772 225967
PCSO VACANT	Northwood	07772 225942
PC Bob Blackman	Ramsgate Central Harbour	07980 770683
PC Chris Bungard	Westgate	07980 683782
PC Kim Burgess	Rural	07980 683956
PCSO Adrian Butterworth	Garlinge	07772 226120
PCSO John Christian	Cliffsend / Pegwell	07969 584292
PCSO Stuart Cogger	Cliftonville East	07772 222608
PCSO Mark Comley	Margate Central	07772 226180
PC Stuart Finch	Westwood Cross	07772 226087
PCSO Gareth Foreman	Newington	07772 226130
PCSO Peter Frampton	Salmestone	07772 226185
PC Mel Geeves	Newington	07870 252880
PCSO Sarah Grange	Marlowe Academy	07972 004415
PCSO Paul Hollier	Ramsgate Central Harbour	07772 226186
PC Paul Jane	Rural	07989 992283
PCSO Brian Lamberton	St Peters	07772 225971
PC Nick Mayo	Westwood Cross	07980 683764
PC Janine Matthews-Cusden	Margate	07980 683378
PCSO Ross Meek	Dane Valley	07772 225973
PCSO Dan Mimran	Nethercourt	07772 226029
PC Phil Morley	Eastcliff	07800 675388
PC Jason Norcross	Dane Valley	07772 226197
PCSO Victoria Parker	Thanet Tech	07772 226136
PCSO Robin Platt	Viking	07772 226108
PCSO Alan Porter	Westgate	07772 226196
PCSO Nathan Prentice	Newington	07772 226199
PCSO Laura Provins	Kingsgate / Beacon	07772 226138
PCSO Julie Pullinger	Eastcliff	07969 584291
PCSO Chris Radley	Hartsdown School	07772 225962
PCSO Craig Raisbeck	Westbrook	07772 226149
PC Jason Robson	Margate	07969 583992
PC Simon Rolfe	Birchington	07772 226174
PCSO Michelle Stovold	Margate Central	07980 684136
PC Alex Stuart	Broadstairs	07779 123439
PC, Alex Taylor	Cliftonville West	07800 675336
PCSO Nick Underwood	Dane Valley	07772 225975
PC Jason Veasey	Ramsgate Central Harbour	07772 226192
PC Dave Ward	Ramsgate Central Harbour	07980 770684
PC Tim Weston	Westbrook / Garlinge	07972 064425
PCSO Sam White	Sir Moses Montefiore	07772 225969
PCSO Gerry Williams	Bradstowe	07989 992460
PC Chris Wiltshire	Newington	07980 770678