

PCSO report November 2017

Anti-Social Behaviour – Whilst being a fairly busy summer for sittingbourne I'm grateful that Tunstall has seen a very low amount of Anti-social Behaviour. There were some reported issues at King George playing fields however these were dealt with robustly.

Fraud – Unfortunately there has been an increase in telephone frauds around the Sittingbourne area where mostly elderly victims have handing over cash after being tricked into thinking they have been helping police investigations. Courier frauds usually start with a criminal calling your home pretending to be a police officer, claiming money from your account is being used to pay for goods you did not order. They normally tell you that your bank is in on the scam and is harbouring counterfeit money, and that they need your help to investigate.

You will then be asked to withdraw the cash from your account so it can be used as evidence, with arrangements made for a courier to come and collect it from you.

Variations on the scam involve people claiming to be from Trading Standards, your local bank or other organisations in a position of trust.

Rural Crime – Swale's Community police team, recently carried out a day of action in the rural areas in swale to reassure the farming communities. A 4x4 vehicle made off from one of the patrols once the vehicle was located, unfortunately without occupants, the vehicle was confirmed stolen and recovered.

Operation Castle - Kent Police's annual campaign to help prevent burglaries and bring offenders to justice has launched across the county.

Operation Castle runs every year and aims to highlight how residents can reduce their chances of becoming a victim of burglary. There is typically an increase in burglaries as evenings start to become longer and people leave their homes to attend more festivities, such as Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Kent Police Website- Kent police have launched a new Website. The new services on the webpage include the reporting of road traffic collisions, crime & anti-social behaviour. Please note that non-urgent incidents should only be reported this way or via 101, Crimes in progress should still be reported via 999.

Social Media - Kent police have recently been using social media as outlets for news and appeals to the public. Local policing teams also use this as a way of showing what we are doing on a day to day basis.

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