

Community Safety Partner Updates



February 2022

Violence against Women and Girls

On **8th March** – Personal Safety Awareness campaign.

A number of sessions will be taking place to support personal safety:-



17:00 at Bouverie Shopping centre - personal safety engagement session.

We will be promoting the funded self-defence classes coming up for both under 18 and over 18's as well as whistles and personal alarms and any flyers around personal safety

18:00 at Wetherspoon's – The community Safety Partnership will be holding an open conversation about personal safety. This will be an opportunity to have an open discussion around personal safety and safer socialising.

Self-Defence Classes

Funding has been secured to deliver three personal safety, self defence programmes. These will be held at the Folkestone Sports Centre, each programme will run for 5 weeks. A Girls/under 18 class and Women's class will start on the 21st April, with the Male under 18 class starting on the 9th of June. Each course has 30 free spaces so it will be on a first come first serve basis with the tickets:-

To find out further information, timings and to book a space please visit - <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/folkestone-and-hythe-district-councils-community-safety-unit-37957413913>

Ukraine Community Support

The district's three community hubs have readily agreed to be drop-off points for items (not clothing) being collected to help the people of Ukraine.

Boxes, clearly marked UKRAINE, can be taken to:

- Romney Marsh Community Hub - Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JR Monday to Friday between 9am and 4.30pm.
- The Lyminge centre of Age UK Hythe & Lyminge - 63 Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm.
- Age UK South Kent Coast - 65 Shaftesbury Avenue, Folkestone, CT19 4NS Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 4pm.

Socks, wet wipes, hand sanitiser, tooth brushes and paste, travel-sized shower gel, combs, small towels, lip balm, pain relief tablets, rehydration solution and tissues.

In addition they would welcome coffee sachets, tea bags, hot chocolate, fruit drink powder, energy drinks, sweets, chocolate, dried fruit, cereal bars and cups, cutlery, pens and notepads, zip ties, draw-string bin bags, small torches and batteries, space blankets, face masks safety pins and clothes pegs.

Department for Education, Children's Commissioner for England and Childline.

The Department for Education (DfE) has published a blog providing guidance to teachers and families on how to talk to children and young people about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The guidance covers how to talk about distressing news stories and how to spot inaccurate information. The Children's Commissioner for England has also published a blog advising that we should not hide what is happening in the Ukraine from children and young people, but support children in understanding it. Meanwhile, Childline has published content to support children and young people who may be worried about the crisis.

Read the DfE blog: [Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation](#)

Read the Children's Commissioner blog: [We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine](#)

Read the Childline content: [Worrying about Russia and Ukraine](#)

Police Crime Commissioners plan 2022-2025

The PCC took his draft plan to the Police & Crime Panel on 2 February and full details can be found at,

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=776&MId=8733&Ver=4>

The new plan has been approved and is being finalised for publishing, in the interim the priorities are:-

Kent Police's Priorities – 2022 to 2025

- Work with residents, communities and businesses to fight crime and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle violence against women and girls
- Protect people from exploitation and abuse
- Combat organised crime and county lines
- Be visible and responsive to the needs of communities
- Prevent road danger and support Vision Zero
- Protect young people and provide opportunities

PCC Priorities

- Hold all agencies to account for the delivery of an effective and efficient criminal justice system
- Work in partnership with the police and others to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour
- Be responsive to emerging issues and trends through innovation
- Secure the funding that Kent needs through specific grants and the funding formula review
- Support volunteering
- Commission services for victims that are needs-led

Speak out Stay safe - NSPCC Learning

NSPCC Learning has updated the Speak out Stay safe programme for children with additional needs and disabilities. The specially adapted resources support schools to deliver vital messages to pupils about how to recognise abuse, and which trusted adults to turn to for help. The programme is suitable for pupils with moderate learning disabilities, additional learning needs and/or autism.

Find out about the programme: [Speak out Stay safe SEND/ASN/ALN programme](#)

Published Reports

Home Secretary says ‘Enough’ to violence against women and girls

The Home Secretary has launched an ambitious new, multi-year national communications campaign which says ‘Enough’ to violence against women and girls.

Alongside advertising, a new website provides more information on the steps people can take to safely challenge violence against women and girls, guidance for victims of these crimes and advice for perpetrators who recognise their behaviour needs to change.

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

Alliance for Youth Justice

Young Advocates for Justice - A youth-led report from children and young people with experience of the system

<https://bit.ly/3HFQ5JH>

Local Government Association

Supporting modern slavery victims: guidance and good practice for council homelessness services

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

End Violence Against Women

The End Violence against Women Coalition (EVAW) is a leading coalition of more than 120 specialist women’s support services, researchers, activists, victims and survivors and NGOs working to end violence against women and girls in all its forms. Established in 2005, we campaign for every level of government to adopt better, more joined up approaches to ending and preventing violence against women and girls, and we challenge the wider cultural attitudes that tolerate and condone this abuse. www.evaw.org.uk

This report sets out the state of violence against women and girls (VAWG) as of January 2022, setting out the prevalence and policy landscape around this issue

<https://bit.ly/3Kf2Xr2>

We All Feel It – Mental Health Support

The NSPCC has launched a new Childline campaign 'We All Feel It', which supports young people, particularly males, struggling to reach out for mental health support. The campaign encourages young people to access Childline resources online to find new ways to cope with thoughts and feelings, and to contact Childline to talk about what they're going through. It also includes a short video showing the emotions that young males feel in their day-to-day lives and provides links to relevant guidance and support on the Childline website, including: 1-2-1 counsellor chats; tools to find new ways of coping; and message boards to share stories and gain support from others.

Find out more: [We all feel it](#)

Partner Updates

The Folkestone Sports Trust have been successful in a bid for funded places for a small number of Young People, through the **Kent County Council, Reconnect Programme**. These funded places will be specifically for those who have been affected by a lack of social interaction and physical exercise, particularly as a result of the Lockdown periods, but are not in a financial position to pay for a membership. They are likely to be suffering anxiety, depression and are withdrawn. It may be that their attendance at school has suffered.

The 'membership' to Active Teens will be for 6 months, starting in January 2022 and will run through to July 2022. The 'members' will be able to use the Sports Centre Gym, join aerobic classes and swim at any time during public sessions. Use of some Gym equipment will be dependent upon their age and build, and will initially be in Group Gym Sessions, until they are confident enough to come along on their own, whenever suits them best.

Each new 'member' will have one-to-one time with one of our instructors to find out what they are aiming for through this programme, and they will be supported in trying to reach those aims with an individual exercise programme.



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Teens - code of
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Criminal Exploitation - Commission on Young Lives

The Commission on Young Lives has published a report looking at ways to support families to keep young people safe from gang exploitation and abuse. The report makes recommendations including: a shift to early intervention services; spotting problems quickly and intervening swiftly to resolve them for all families; the development or expansion of models of long-term support for families, including help to develop parenting strategies, which support and protect teenagers who are vulnerable to harm; and the provision of intensive high-level support for families to protect, support and safeguard their teenage children if they are involved in violence, gangs, are being exploited or are at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Read the news story: The Commission on Young Lives publishes new report - "a new partnership with families: supporting families to keep teenagers safe from gangs, exploitation and abuse"

Read the report: A new partnership with families: supporting families to keep teenagers safe from gangs, exploitation and abuse (PDF)

SSAFA

Link - <https://www.ssafa.org.uk/about-us>

SSAFA is **the Armed Forces charity**, formerly known as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, and is a UK-wide charity that provides lifelong support to serving men and women and veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families or dependents

Support is available for people at any stage in their military career; from the youngest recruit to the oldest veteran – no one's service is ever forgotten.

Welfare, health and support services, for the UK military's serving personnel, veterans, and their families

Prevent

Prevent identified Folkestone & Hythe as one of the four priority areas (along with Dover, Thanet and Medway) for ongoing Prevent engagement and raising awareness of how to spot and prevent radicalisation. Prevent Team will be running a new project over 2022 – 2023 with Kent Police. The project will focus on radicalisation and hate within 'online' spaces in particular gaming. This will include the hiring of a gaming bus which will visit Folkestone & Hythe district as one of the identified areas for

engagement with those actively involved in gaming.



Prevent Advice
Leaflet.pdf



Is someone
close
becoming
a stranger?

What to do if you have concerns about someone?

1. It might be nothing, but it could be something. Trust your instincts.
2. Share your concerns with others or the Police or Prevent team.
3. Look through this leaflet for contact details and information.

Forms of Extremism

Prevent aims to deal with all forms of violent extremism including both Extreme Far Right threats/terrorism and Islamist. Prevent works with individuals and communities by using voluntary early interventions to encourage individuals to challenge extremist and terrorist ideology and behavior.



Contact

Email – Prevent@kent.gov.uk

Call – 03000414141

If you feel that there is an immediate danger of a crime being committed, please dial - 999

Non-immediate threats call the police – 101

If you have a concern about an individual or situation, share it by making a referral.

www.kent.gov.uk/community-safety-and-crime-POLICIES/CONTEST/PREVENT

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT)
National Police Prevent advice line –
0800 011 3764

www.Actearly.co.uk



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Safeguarding
people and
communities from
radicalisation,
extremism, and
terrorism

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Training & Awareness Sessions

Places are still available for our 'Curious Minds: Recognising and Understanding Child Abuse' virtual seminar.

The seminar will consider how a curious mindset can empower professionals, the long-term impact of abuse and trauma, and encourage pro-active multi-agency working to protect children from child abuse. It will feature a keynote address from Dt Lydia Taiwo, a child abuse survivor, as well as sharing key information from local practice reviews.

The event will be taking place on **Thursday 17th March 2022, 9am to 1pm, via Microsoft Teams.**

If you would like to attend this seminar please book by visiting www.kscmp.org.uk/training/multi-agency/curious-mindset-recognising-and-understanding-child-abuse-virtual-seminar. Early booking is advised as places are limited.

Neighbourhood watch

'WHAT DOES SMART SECURITY MEAN FOR MY HOME?' FREE WEBINAR

Join this virtual chat with a smart security expert from ERA, plus Q&A Thursday 10th March, 5 - 6pm

Find out what smart security means for your home and how simple changes can vastly improve its security. During the webinar Neighbourhood Watch CEO, John Hayward-Cripps, and ERA's smart security expert, Sumier Foster-Shah, will discuss:

- available smart security solutions
- installation
- what to look for when choosing a smart security system and much more

Following the discussion, they will run a live Q&A session to answer all of your questions and concerns.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)*

*Maximum 500 places. Register early and sign in promptly

Funding

Free Get Grants Meet the Funder online event - Lloyds Bank Foundation

10:30 – 11:30, Monday 14th March 2022. Zoom.

The Lloyds Bank Foundation supports charities with annual incomes of £25,000 to £1m that are helping people to overcome complex social issues. They currently offer unrestricted grants of £50,000 over 2 years plus access to an additional range of professional development support.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-meet-the-funder-event-lloyds-bank-foundation-tickets-265781167627>

Crowdfund Kent

Designed to support local organisations and groups the opportunity to take forward projects and ideas to improve their local area. Along with pledges from local people, businesses and the wider community, Kent County Council has committed £500K to support crowdfunding campaigns. Campaigns can receive up to £20k per project, up to 50% of campaign target. The spring round has just opened with a deadline of the 20th of April 2022 to get involved.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund Launched (England)

Sport England has launched a new £5 million fund to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that aims to use sport and physical activity to bring communities together and tackle inequalities. Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to community organisations; including schools in support of new projects that support inactive people to get active, or less active people to become more active. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to launch new £1m Pilot Fund

Following a 10-month consultation, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust has released the first details of a new pilot fund aimed at grassroots movements seeking to create lasting change and transform intersecting structural inequalities within society. Under this programme, the Trust will provide grants as well as infrastructure and access to resources and networks to support the sustainability of movement work.