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I will address the work that I will carry out towards Christmas.

1. For example, Father Christmas as we all know often stores extra Christmas presents in residents sheds.... Criminals know this!!

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2. Christmas shopping and leaving items in cars then going off for lunch before continuing shopping. Criminals know this!
3. Packing cars to travel the night before, criminals will be aware and looking for targets.
4. On Christmas day children playing with new Xmas gifts and leaving them outside properties and then going in for Xmas Lunch. Criminals will drive around in vans and pick up items to hand.

These are the types of risks we that criminals will target. CARS, VANS, SHEDS, GARAGES, BARNS, STABLES and any EXTERNAL STORAGE.

Stay alert and vigilant as we head to Christmas when we have a great deal on our minds and our concentration can have lapses that criminals will prey on
We also know that internet shopping parcels and courier fraud will increase in the run into Christmas and then the January sales



CRIME
Parcel thefts rise from doorsteps as gangs follow courier vans



REPORTING INCIDENTS and CRIMES including failed attempts at crime

My constant battle through 2024 has been getting people across the whole District to report all crimes no matter how small even attempts/failed crimes or near misses.
That project will need to become a crusade as we move into 2025.
THE POLICE ARE NOT CLAIRVOYANT! They must be told. Even if they cannot make a response immediately the information builds up patterns and trends and identifies "hot spots" It can help the police develop proactive patrols or can filter to people in Neighbourhood Watch like me to issue crime prevention advice to communities.

Stop making judgements "they won't come" "they are not interested"

If you report incidents, you will get a crime number or reference number.
If you feel you have not had the service you expected, with a crime number it can be followed on.
Please see helpful guidance below.
If in any doubt or you see a crime about to happen or in progress, make that a 999 call. Any doubts use 999 Force Control will be able to prioritise responses on operational activity.

Too many times people write what they have seen on Facebook but do not call the police. Why I struggle with this is in my 35 years in the fire service nobody ever wrote on Facebook "the house opposite me is on fire" they rang 999 for the Fire Brigade.

The best example in a rural area would be hearing from the community that
" drug deals" and "drug deliveries" are happening in a village hall car park.

Firstly why? Well drug dealers know that isolated car parks especially in rural areas they are unlikely to meet a passing police patrol car by chance as against a town area.
Similar to rural crimes like Barns, Stables, Sheds and theft from Farm Buildings.

Sometimes those rural areas are poorly lit and there is not a great coverage of CCTV or camera doorbells. There may not be passing residents out walking late at night.

BUT and here is the big question. Who has picked up the phone and reported what they have seen? Remember "crimes in progress are a 999 call. I repeat myself the police are not clairvoyant! They must be called.
If they fail to respond and or act on intelligence, then the council can formally ask the question and follow up on

PLEASE REPORT EVERYTHING

METHODS OF REPORTING but never hesitate to use 999 and let Force Control make the decisions



Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant
Never forget "CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN COMMUNITIES THAT CARE"

Your council care, your councillors care and residents I meet all care, and let me leave you in no doubt whatsoever...I care!

I look forward to supporting the community and council as much as I can to keep you firstly crime free as possible but as important keeping you free from the fear of being a victim of crime also.

How can you help

To join Neighbourhood Watch in RUCKINGE (which is completely free) just email me on peternew1@aol.com

May I wish each and every one of you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.
Thank you for your support, I really appreciate it.

Peter

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