FROM PETER NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.





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May I start by wishing all residents, your families and friends a very Happy Healthy New Year. If we have our health we are blessed.
May I also thank the editors and their production efforts for this excellent communications platform. As we all enjoy the modern media communications this plays an essential part in reaching those who only have a land line phone.

INTRODUCTION for new readers.
My name is Peter New I am a Police Volunteer with Kent Police and work in Community Neighbourhood Watch across the whole Ashford District. My Force number is 91725.

RUCKINGE 2025

I will be producing a NHW Plan to deliver in partnership with the Ruckinge Parish Council.
It will be a clearly written plan of how I will work and my priorities of the risks for areas.
If we look at Ruckinge plans I will build in the following.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERSHIP and how we grow it. If you haven't joined it please do **its completely free. (details below)**

I will communicate by

Communications across the Ruckinge Facebook Groups.

a. **RUCKINGE COMMUNITY PAGE.**
b. **BROMLEY GREEN COMMUNITY PAGE (TN26)**

To contribute to any newsletters that cover the area.

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Attend Community events in the area.

The council have been so supportive over the years, and the Ruckinge Council Web Site provides an excellent platform for my work.

Email If I have your address and email, I can target an alert or appeal direct to your home**. I DO NOT BOMBARD YOU!** If you get too many emails you will stop reading and miss the vital message. Read my general alerts on Facebook but if I write to you its nearby.

To encourage you all to build smaller communication groups in your roads maybe for example WHATS AP GROUPS. Or just be a good neighbour to someone nearby.

TO JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

There is nothing to do or pay, just read any email I send out if there is any crime nearby.

Everything is free you just read and stay safe. I was ex fire service for 34 years so **REMEMBER EVERYTHING I DO IS ABOUT PREVENTION**

If you join don't forget to tell your insurance company you are now in Neighbourhood Watch, most offer a small discount on premiums

CRIME TRENDS IN 2025

The main areas to be aware of are in fact they split into two very distinct groups

GROUP ONE SCAMS

Cybercrimes, Scams, Rogue Traders, Bogus callers. Never ever agree to unsolicited work on your doorstep.

Sadly, there is a scam for everything and anything. TAKE YOUR TIME if in doubt please do nothing.

GROUP TWO all other crimes from “chancer and opportunist through to drugs. However never forget that so much other crime is driven by drugs as users need to steal to fund purchases.

Leave nothing on show in a parked car, vans carrying tools and equipment are especially a risk.

Other risk areas are Sheds, Garages, Barns, Stables, Outbuildings and any form of External Storage.

Thankfully Burglaries are extremely low in Kent.

Care with Internet shopping deliveries stolen off doorsteps especially as the delivery vans are now followed by criminals.

Theft of domestic heating oil from residential storage tanks where applicable

Report any Anti-Social behaviour and or Criminal Damage no matter how small.

Fly Tipping and Rural Crimes like Hare Coursing

Special campaigns against crimes like Violence Against Women and Girls and Crimes that target our elderly and vulnerable.

Reporting all incidents is essential to allow crime prevention to be given

I would like to give special mention to a matter that has started to cause concerns in rural areas.

Drug dealing and delivery/distribution of drugs in areas like rural village car parks.

Those areas are used as the chances of a passing police patrol car are much less than a town area. Passing footfall of people is low especially late at night so again the drug people are not seen. The dealers who bring drugs into an area can be violent people and we do not want that level of crime brought into an area. We don’t want drug users travelling into our rural villages to purchase the drugs, they may see an opportunity to commit crime whilst in the area.

Finally, we don't want out young people encountering people and products that will harm their health.
If you think you see these types of events happening call the police immediately on 999.

Please be alert and vigilant to this type of crime and any information especially descriptions of vehicles would be very helpful, **BUT NO RISKS PLEASE**

So finally stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant.

Please join Neighbourhood Watch, it is completely free just email to peternew1@aol.com





Pictured with the Kent Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott at Kent Police HQ where we discussed Neighbourhood Watch across the Ashford District, and an early 2025 meeting will set the scene for work in the rest of 2025.
Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant.

Thank you
Peter

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Contacting **Kent Police**



Report a non-urgent crime or incident online at **www.kent.police/report** or click the **Live Chat** button



In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**



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