RUCKINGE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025.

Sadly. Ruckinge and Bilsington often suffer Fly tipping and this year I will try to ensure focus on that matter works to prevent it.







HOW TO RECOGNISE

ENVIRONMENTAL ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Environment antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

Don't just accept that there is graffiti in your neighbourhood, or litter thrown around everywhere, or dog poo in the middle of the street. **Do not accept that Antisocial behaviour is normal**.

DUMPING RUBBISH

Fly tipping, excessive litter and dumped rubbish can be a health hazard, not to mention an eyesore. It can cause unpleasant smells, attract pests, and **create a dangerous environment for children**, pets, and wildlife in particular. If the problem is not dealt with quickly, it can lead to an increase in fly-tipping making the area more obviously unpleasant and unsafe.

ANIMAL NUISANCE

This type of nuisance covers any situation where animals are creating a nuisance or people's behaviour associated with people's behaviour associated with caring for animals is deemed as antisocial. It includes **uncontrolled animals, stray dogs, barking,** fouling and intimidation by an animal.

VANDALISM & DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Vandalism includes **unauthorised graffiti, light smashing**, removing/bending signage or ornamentation, breaking windows, or other damage to property. **Graffiti is marks, scratching or drawings** made on a surface on a public place, without the property owner's permission.

ANTISOCIAL DRINKING

Drinking in public places and in large groups can intimidate people, cause noise and nuisance and deter other residents from using community spaces.

DRIVING CARELESSLY

Antisocial driving is any activity involving a vehicle which causes alarm and distress. It can be **excessive noise or loud music** coming from the vehicle, wheel spinning or doing tyre burnouts.

ARSON

Arson is the intentional and malicious **causing of a dangerous fire or explosion** for the purpose of destroying one's own or another's property.

Agencies can use restorative action to deal with offenders in relation graffiti, vandalism, litter and similar offences, which will often include them clearing up the mess.





BEFORE YOU HIRE A WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE ASK:

- for their Waste Carrier Licence
- where they dispose of their waste
- for a receipt or invoice

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Fly-tipping and other littering

Fly-tipping and littering covers a range of items that people might discard in a public place, from large appliances like fridges to drugs-related paraphernalia like needles and syringes. Find out more below, including what you can do to help clean up your community.

Common types of littering

While the police will take action if we witness it happening, littering should usually be reported to your **local council** as they can organise the removal of litter.

General littering

General littering includes the dumping of household rubbish, either in plastic bags or as individual items. It also includes dog fouling in public places.

Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of large items or waste on public roads, land or into rivers. This could include large household appliances like washing machines or discarded materials from construction sites.

Hazardous items

Equipment used for taking drugs, discarded drugs and items used during sex, such as condoms, represent a serious health risk to the general public. Your local council will want to remove these and make the area safe.

What is the impact?

Fly-tipping and littering can be a health hazard, not to mention an eyesore. It can cause unpleasant smells, attract pests and create a dangerous environment for children, pets and wildlife in particular.

We've found that if the problem is not dealt with quickly, it can lead to an increase in fly-tipping in the area, making the unpleasant and unsafe area even larger and more obvious.

What you can do

If you've witnessed littering or people leaving a mess in public, please don't attempt to remove the rubbish yourself in case there are hidden sharp or dangerous items. Contact your **local council** who will arrange for the rubbish to be removed.

If you've witnessed fly-tipping or people discarding drug-related equipment, please photograph the discarded items if possible, and **find the right antisocial behaviour reporting service** using our online tool.

FROM KENT POLICE.



On other matters,
The constant need to be vigilant for Sheds, Allotment sheds, garages, any form of external storage cannot be overstated. These are targets.

Theft of and from vehicles especially has featured in my work in recent weeks and I include motorcycles.
THE NEED TO ENSURE ALL CRIMES, ATTEMPTED CRIMES and FAILED CRIMES cannot be overstated.
I am aware the KCC now having elections will see candidates on doorsteps speaking to residents. This will be a golden opportunity for us to quality assure our work and pick up any intelligence on resident's concerns. I understand clear ID will be carried by councillors who are holding existing positions but will seek guidance on identification carried by perspective candidates. I need to be sure there is no business opportunity for criminals as **Bogus Callers** remains a problem.

Alongside Bogus Callers are Rogue Traders, and the constant advice must be **DO NOT AGREE TO UNSOLICITED WORK ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

Beware of **suspicious callers**

Most people who call at your home are genuine.

But sometimes people may turn up unannounced and try to:

- Trick their way into your home to steal valuables or money
- Sell you services or items you do not want or need
- Carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.



If concerned about someone calling at your home, **don't open your door**.

You can also:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Never leave your door unattended
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you.



Leaving Police HQ February 11th after meeting the Crime Commissioner for a very frank and honest meeting about the work of NHW in the Ashford District.
We discussed a whole series of matters especially Rural crime and crime trends that affect the rural communities

Don't forget to join NHW please just email me at peternew1@aol.com. Its completely free

Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant
Peter

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Community Neighbourhood Watch