RUCKINGE MONTHLY NEWS JUNE 2025

The climate of our wonder country keeps us on our toes and changes the crime prevention advice along the way.

The recent heatwave, which is good after a tricky winter just changes our thinking on the risks we face.

Burglaries are extremely low across Kent, but we never say never as a risk.

The weather means we have every available door and window open and could just present a chance to a "chancer and opportunist" especially if we are only just "popping out for a few minutes. That presents the chance and the opportunity.

A typical time would be afternoon school run pick up time. Approx 1430 to 1530.
Just popping out on the school run shall not bother to secure the house.

Criminals know this it is a golden hour for them.

It is also the time when we are too hot and tired to secure our sheds, garages, and vehicles. We must just be as secure and vigilant.

SCAMS

As I always say scammers see everything and anything as a business opportunity.
As the Prime Minister and Chancellor sort out a winter fuel payment U Turn criminals are already active and at work.
Bogus messages saying you now qualify for an additional payment are winging their way to you via every possible modern method. Very sadly bank details are heading back in the opposite direction and criminals strike yet again.

Please remember take your time. Check, Check, and Check again and if you have any doubts whatsoever **DO NOTHING AT ALL**

BOGUS CALLERS and ROGUE TRADERS

These also will be very active in the summer weather. Roofs, cutters, gardens, trees and hedges they will be on your doorstep.

NEVER EVER AGREE TO UNSOLICTED WORK ON YOUR DOORSTEP NO MATTER HOW CHEAP AND ATTRACTIVE THE PRICE.

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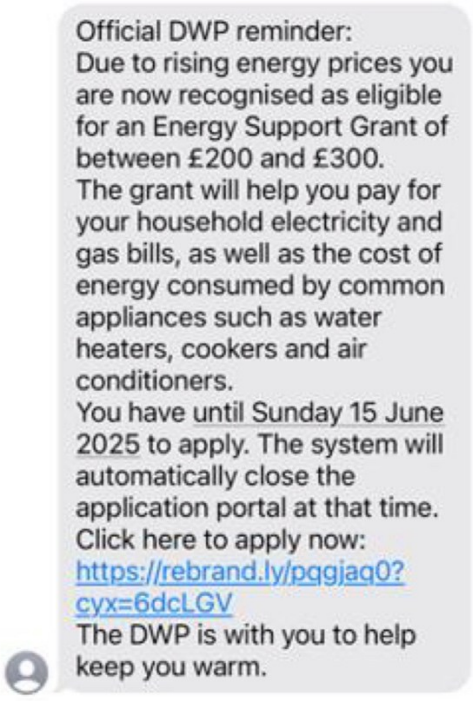
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Fake Energy Support Grant Message

We have had reports of people receiving the below text message. It gives you 24hours to apply for an energy support grant.

By clicking the link, you are taken to a realistic looking website under the control of the criminals, where they will look to steal your personal and financial data. Always be wary of texts or emails asking you click links in messages and that are time sensitive.

Report suspicious texts by forwarding to 7726.





If you think that you may have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at Advice about fraud | Kent Police

You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams

Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online **www.kent.police.uk/report**
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 **www.kent.police.uk/contact**
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.
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Winter Fuel Fake (Phishing) Emails

There has been an increase in phishing messages being reported where the victim describes receiving a message highlighting an urgent need to complete a link to avoid stopping the loss or chance of obtaining Winter Fuel Payments.

The victims have reported that the message provides a deadline. When the link is clicked, the victims are taken to a cloned government website asking for personal details initially, once completed, the next page will request card details.

This is all a scam designed to steal your financial date. Please be wary of any emails like this and do not click the link.

Report suspicious emails by forwarding them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

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Finally with the hot weather a few additional tips.



Stay safe this summer

18 June 2025

Enjoy the warmer months safely by helping to prevent avoidable fires and emergencies.

Public, Seasonal safety

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is urging everyone in Kent and Medway to help reduce the risk of an emergency this summer by enjoying the warmer months safely and responsibly.

As temperatures rise, the ground can become extremely dry, which increases the risk of outdoors fires, particularly in areas of grass, woodland, and open countryside.

To help avoid these types of incidents, KFRS is asking people to follow some simple safety advice:

- dispose of smoking materials responsibly - do not throw them onto the ground
- keep barbecues away from greenery, fences, and property
- only use disposable barbecues in authorised areas and make sure it is cold before putting it in a bin
- supervise burning bonfires and lit barbecues at all times
- always take rubbish home or use a bin, as litter such as reflective cans and glass can start fires
- avoid lighting bonfires when the ground is very dry

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“By taking a few sensible precautions, we can all play a part in protecting our countryside and keeping the county safe this summer.

“And do take the time to check-in on loved ones and neighbours who may struggle in the heat, and check they have everything they need to be as comfortable and safe as possible.”

People can also check the Fire Severity Index, issued by the Met Office, to see if their area is at risk of wildfires.

Stay safe near water

It can be tempting to cool off in open water, but it may be colder than expected, contain strong currents, or have hidden hazards beneath the surface. These conditions can lead to cold water shock and increase the risk of drowning.

James said: “If you get into trouble, the best way to float is to tilt your head back with your ears submerged. Try to relax and breathe normally and spread your arms and legs out to improve stability. You can gently move your hands and legs to help stay afloat – and it's OK if your legs sink, we all float differently. Once your breathing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.

“And if you see someone in trouble, don’t go in after them – call 999. Ask for the fire service for incidents in lakes or rivers, or the coastguard if you’re at the coast. Make the Right Call and you could help to save time and someone’s life.”

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Kent Fire and Rescue Service
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As lots of you begin to enjoy the warmer weather, our crews want to remind you that if you ever come across someone struggling in inland water (like a river or lake), dial 999 immediately and ask the fire service.

For any sea emergencies, ask for the coastguard.

Acting fast and asking for the right emergency service saves valuable time.

#Maketherightcall #watersafety #kfrs #firefighters



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