

North Downs East & West Town & Parish Report

January 2021

Kent Police report for this month's town and parish council meetings, this report contains figures for the last month for the areas of North Downs East & North Downs West of incidents relevant to the public, the figures will feature on the Kent Police website if not already, there may be certain incidents not mentioned within this report but have been reported to Kent Police.

Reported Crime January 2021 (most recent figures):

North Downs East

13x Harrassment

9x Assault without injury

9x Violence

North Downs West

3x Distraction burglary

2x Miscellaneous theft

Here is a link to the latest figures:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/a/your-area/kent/shepway/north-downs-east/?tab=StatsAndPreventionAdvice>

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Other Information or advice:

The hot topic crimes remain the same as last month.

- Fraud Vaccines – A number of warnings have been released in relation to fraudsters attempting to get money from people by fraudulently offering out vaccines. They then subsequently ask for bank details giving some flimsy excuse as to why they would need these details.
- Fraud – There have been a number of attempts recently to defraud people with fraudulent telephone calls, perpetrators claiming to be from a reputable business or

organisation. Recent calls have been purporting to be from BT, claiming that money is owed and service will be cut off if the money is not transferred immediately. If you fall victim to one of these scams it must be reported to Action Fraud, this can be done online or by phone. It is also advised to contact your bank and attempt to freeze payments or in some case recover them.

- Vehicle security – There have been several reports throughout the year of unattended vehicles being broken into and valuables taken from within. This has predominantly happened in the rural lanes near to well-known walking trails and parking locations, but can be just as prevalent in urban areas. Officers have patrolled locations when possible but are still finding a large amount of persons leaving valuables on display in cars. If anyone witnesses anything suspicious or untoward then please contact police via 101, or visit the Kent Police website if time has passed.
- Burglaries – With the longer nights there is typically a rise in burglaries, remember to secure your property appropriately overnight. Remember to lock doors and easily accessible windows, and do not leave the keys where they can be seen or reached from outside the property. Thieves are generally targeting cash, jewellery, and small electronic devices that have value and are easy to sell on.

Please find advice on these issues and crime prevention on our website at:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/>

If you have any worries, concerns or information you would like me to know, please contact on 101 (non-emergency) and the information will get to me.

Kind Regards

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