North Downs East & West Town & Parish Report

<u>March 2022</u>

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 March 2022 (most recent figures):

North Downs East

Assault or Violent offences – x12

Criminal damage – x4

Harassment – x2

North Downs West

Theft – x2

Assault or Violent offences - x4

Criminal damage – x2

Here is a link to the latest figures:

North Downs East | Your area | Kent Police

North Downs West | Your area | Kent Police

Other Information or advice:

 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.

- Rural crime, heating oil thefts, with the rising costs of energy, and oil, this makes heating oil thefts all the more profitable to the perpetrators. Be mindful that there is an increased likelihood of this type of offending and consider preventative measures such as CCTV, security lighting, alarms, or even simply physical barriers to obscure sightlines to fuel storage.
- 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.

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

Home | Kent Police

www.kent.police.co.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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