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## Spring Edition

This edition of our newsletter will cover some of the work that the Child Centred policing teams have been doing as well as highlight upcoming projects.

As always if you have a general enquiry, please contact [childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk](mailto:childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk)



## News

### Transitional Talks for yr 6 Primary to Secondary

We have a short workshop designed for those students that are leaving year 6 primary this year and making the move to their new secondary schools. This workshop covers topics such as healthy relationships, keeping safe on the journey to school and personal responsibility, amongst other topics. Your local Child Centred Policing team are coordinating this, alternatively please get in contact if you would like more information to arrange one of these workshops.

### Introduction to Kent Police's Hate Crime Team

Hello, we are the Kent Police Hate Crime Performance team. My name is PC Vicki Fearn, and I work alongside my colleague PC Liz Thind. We are both Hate Crime Officers. Our job is to work closely with communities, identify themes and trends in hate incidents, and enhance how we address and prevent hate crime in Kent. You can see the work we are doing through the hashtags **#ReportHate**, **#NoPlaceForHate**, **#StopHateCrime**, and **#HateCrimeAwareness** on social media.

### *Why do we take hate crime so seriously?*

Incidents are aggressive expressions of prejudice against individuals or groups based on their identity. A hate crime is any hate incident that constitutes a criminal offense, perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate.

There are five strands to the definition of hate crime:

- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Transgender Identity

### *What is hate crime?*

Hate crime involves criminal acts driven by prejudice or hate towards someone's identity. These acts can have a profound impact on victims and communities, which is why we are committed to addressing and preventing them.

### *How to report hate crime:*

If you or someone you know is a victim of hate crime, please report it to us. You can do this by:

- Calling 999 in an emergency
- Calling 101 for non-emergencies
- Visiting our website and using the online reporting tool
- Speaking to a police officer in person

Upcoming dates of interest:

Since the start of the year, we have recognized International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Moving into

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February, we will observe LGBT+ History Month, Race Equality Week, and Safer Internet Day. In the spring, we will highlight other important dates and events related to hate crime awareness and prevention. We encourage you to participate in these events and stay informed. Together, we can make a difference.

## Recent Projects

### Parent Teacher Conference

Our first conference was held in January and covered Sextortion, feedback received was positive and that the session was very informative. We will be hosting another online workshop for parents and teachers. The event will be held on Microsoft teams Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 1830 – 1930 hours. It is an opportunity to hear from the Kent Police Child Centred Policing Team to gain an understanding of the Policing Strategy towards children in Kent. The session will include speakers from the following;

Child Centred Policing (CCP), Youth Justice, Missing Children and Child Exploitation.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions

[Please click here to register for the event](#)

Suggestion are welcome for future session.....what would you like to know more about? Get in contact [childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk](mailto:childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk)

### A little bit of what the teams across the county have been up to:

- Mini cadets – First aid training, litter picks and speed watch
- Junior cadets – Litter picks, clear up and maintenance work at Grand Shaft Spiral staircase and cutting back and clearing dense woodland at Wester heights of Dover.
- Safer internet days inputs
- Role of the police visit with a shiny car and hat to try on
- Mental health awareness workshops
- Knife pledge inputs
- Assault and violence workshops
- Hate crime inputs



Officers in Deal and Dover seized hundreds of illegal vapes from stores in partnership with Trading standards and HM revenue. Vapes and cigarettes are illegal for anyone under 18 to possess or buy. For further advice and guidance on this for your young people please see below services.

Kent – [With You](#)

Medway - [Open Road](#)



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