

# Community Safety Partner Updates



August 2025

## Community Safety Update and Events

### Community Safety Stand – 25 July

Tara Liam along with KCC Warden, Neil Staveley were located with their stand at the Lower Radnor Park

The officers engaged with members of the public about keeping safe and provided advice about ASB (anti-social behaviour) in the area whilst handing out safety information and advising how to report to Kent Police.



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## Folkestone Trawler Race – 9 August

On 9 and 10 August 2025, the Folkestone Trawler Race celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The annual weekend event highlighted the fishing heritage and industry.



Community Safety along with Environmental Protection had a stall and engaged with members of the public who were keen to speak about various topics of concern from dog fouling to community safety concerns. Purse bells, signal blockers, and reflectors, all aimed at helping people stay safe were handed out including free dog fouling bags, treats and night lights were handed out for dog walkers



There were various stallholders showcasing their work, live bands, along with various events including paddleboard and raft races with competitions for all the family visiting Folkestone Harbour.





## Safety Stand – 20 August

On 20 August Community Safety joined staff from Kent Country Council Warden team at a stand in the Amphitheatre in the Lower Leas Coastal Park in Folkestone.

The officers engaged with the public about home safety advice whilst handing out safety information and items to protect people inside and outside of their homes.



## Mobile Phone Scam Parking Fines

We were alerted to a mobile phone scam regarding parking fines.

These are not from the Parking Team.

We never send text messages regarding Penalty Charge Notices (PCN).

If you have received a message like this, report it to Action Fraud [Action Fraud | Kent Police](#)



## Fraud / Scams

# Kent Fraud Alert System

### Fake Parking Fine messages

Whilst attending events, people have been stating that they are still receiving fake messages for parking fines and so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be alert to these types of scams.

### What Do These Parking Fine Scam Texts Look Like?

Scam texts may claim you have received a **Parking Charge Notice (PCN)** or **Penalty Charge** for a parking offence. They will often:

- Include **urgent language**, e.g. “Final warning!” or “Your credit score will be affected.”
- Contain a **link** to a fake payment page.
- Pretend to come from an official source, like your local council or DVLA (they do not send fines by text).
- Use company names that sound legitimate

What to Do if You Receive a Scam Message:

- Do not click any links.
- Do not rely to the message.
- Do not share personal or payment details.



If you are genuinely unsure whether a fine is real, contact the council or company direct using details on their official website – Never the contact information in the message.

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](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and you will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

## Partner updates

### Seafit Folkestone Health Event

Seafit is a joint initiative run by the Fishermen's Mission and the Seafarers Hospital Society around the coastline of the UK.

They give services to the quayside based on tide times and fishing seasons, giving fishermen easier access to health and wellbeing providers to help them make positive lifestyle choices.

The SeaFit brand is recognised in many fishing ports as we connect fishermen to physical and mental health services. We conduct regular quayside conversations, NHS health checks, mental health counselling, dental, health screening, information on self-management of long-term conditions, cancer information and a newly developed physiotherapy network. They also work with local GPs, health professionals and other charitable organisations.

Community Safety will have a stand in the car park on the right-hand side of Harbour House.



**THE FISHERMEN'S MISSION**  
**HEALTH & WELLBEING**  
**SEAFIT**  
**FOR FISHING FAMILIES**  
**SEAFARERS HOSPITAL SOCIETY**

**DON'T TAKE YOUR HEALTH WORRIES TO SEA**

**Free Health & Dental Event for Fishermen & their Families**  
**25th September 2025**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Location:** Car Park right hand side of Harbour House, Harbour Approach Rd, CT20 1QH

**Free:**

- Dental treatment
- Health Checks & Information
- Cancer Support
- Mental Health Support
- Financial Support
- British Liver Trust
- Healthwatch Kent

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Working in partnership with:

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**SEAFARERS HOSPITAL SOCIETY**  
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Fishermen's Mission, Registered Charity England & Wales No. 233820 • Seafarers Hospital Society, Registered Charity England & Wales No. 231724





**Kent** Fire &  
Rescue Service

On Tuesday, 8 July 2025, Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) launched its rural plan, who are asking the public to give their views on whether they support KFRS' future to help protect rural communities

KFRS' proposed changes to the location of a water rescue vehicle in the county

KFRS invite you to use the poster below, and share the consultation link, with people in your local communities, to help us get as much feedback as possible before 1 October 2025.

Take part here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/ruralplan>

# Have your say

**Help shape the future of rural fire and rescue services here**

- **Prepare** homes and businesses for risks
- **Act** to reduce these risks
- **Protect** the things that matter most

Visit [www.kent.fire-uk.org/ruralplan](https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/ruralplan) or scan the QR code to have your say.

**prepare • act • protect**

 Kent Fire & Rescue Service **together**

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## **Outreach Stop Smoking Service**

It can be very difficult to stop smoking but there is local support around.

There are various levels of support which include weekly support from a specialist adviser and free access to prescription products. The support includes Quite Clubs, Drop-in-sessions, One to One support.

A clinic is held every Thursday from 9.30 – 12.30 at the Folkestone Hawkinge Community Centre, Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge

Drop in between 11am-12pm or book directly via <https://kent.everyonehealth.co.uk/self-referral/>, call 0333 005 0095 or text QUIT to 60777.



## Activities held Lympne Village Hall

LYMPNE PARISH COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROJECT

### Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Would you be willing to lend a hand to a neighbour?

Lympne Parish Council would like to enroll some volunteers willing to ferry those in need around the village if you

Have a car and a bit of spare time  
Want to make a positive difference  
Are happy to have your Insurance checked and have a police check (DBS)  
We'd Love to hear from you.

**SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER**



**We Need Help For**

- a lift to village clubs
- medical appointments
- Trips to Age Concern Hythe
- or even just to the post office

**REGISTRATION IS EASY**

- Visit the following website and complete the online form  
<https://airtable.com/app13qvd8PMSM3wDP/shrTb79BqR3ANTKDs>
- Scan the code on this notice



## Thrive Through Menopause

A 7 week programme to guide you through your menopause transition

3<sup>rd</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
6.30pm - 8pm  
St Stephen's Church, Lympne  
CT21 4LQ



For further information contact  
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Part-funded by Lympne Parish Council  
Fee is £28 for the 7 weeks



## National Campaigns



World Suicide Prevention Day is held annually on 10 September to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented dedicated to raising awareness around suicide prevention, mental health support and breaking the stigma associated with suicidal thoughts.

Changing the narrative on suicide is about transforming how we recognise this issue and shifting of silence to openness, understanding, and support. It provides an opportunity for communities, organisation and individuals to unite in sharing life-saving information and promoting compassionate action.

## New Published Reports

### Sexually coerced extortion

**Source:** NSPCC Learning

**Date published:** 28 August 2025

NSPCC Learning has published a Why language matters blog exploring the problems with the term 'sexortion.' The blog explores how using the term can minimise children's experiences and overlook the complexity and multifaceted nature of the issue. It highlights how professionals should use the term 'sexually coerced extortion' when reporting and recording this type of abuse, while staying aware of and reflecting the language children and young people use.

**Read the blog:** [Why language matters: why we should rethink our use of the term 'sexortion'](#)

### Online safety: pornography

**Source:** Children's Commissioner for England

**Date published:** 18 August 2025

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a new report on children's exposure to online pornography and the harms caused by this. The report discusses what children are seeing and where, before the Online Safety Act's protections came into force in the summer of 2025. The research utilises a survey of 16- to 21-year-olds and a focus group with 16- to 17-year-old girls. Findings show: 70% of survey respondents had seen pornography online; the average age a child first sees pornography online is 13; X (formerly Twitter) remains the most common source; and 59% reported seeing pornography online by accident. The Commissioner calls for improvements in how online pornography is audited and for the government to explore options to ensure children can't use VPNs to avoid the age assurance process.

**Read the report:** ["Sex is kind of broken now": children and pornography](#)

**See also on NSPCC Learning**

> [Preventing online harm and abuse](#)

#### **Online safety**

**Source:** NSPCC and Vodafone

**Date published:** 15 August 2025

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### **Financially motivated sexual extortion**

**Source:** NSPCC Learning

**Date published:** 05 August 2025

NSPCC Learning has published a podcast episode discussing how to protect boys and young males from targeted online blackmail and extortion, featuring experts from Childline and CEOP Education, part of the National Crime Agency (NCA). The episode covers: what online financial sexual extortion is; how to spot the signs of online blackmail and extortion; how to support boys who are experiencing online sexual extortion; and how to report real and AI generated images.

**Listen to the podcast:** [Podcast: Protecting boys from financially motivated sexual extortion](#)

**Listen on YouTube:** [Protecting boys from financially motivated sexual extortion](#)

**If you have any information that you would like us to include within any future updates, please email the details to [community.safety@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)**

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