

This edition is a bit of a mixed bag, up until recently Canterbury and Dover Rural area were suffering a large rise in thefts of various property. Last week there was various search warrants carried out, where many different items of stolen property were recovered and arrests made, this disruption has hopefully temporarily halted the influx we had suffered.

To obtain a search warrant, information is required to build up an intelligence picture of persons and vehicles seen acting suspiciously or taking part in that crime. I, through this bulletin receive excellent information through your interest and vigilance which all helps greatly, so thank you for that and keep it coming.

1. Below is details of a stolen trailer taken from the Dover Rural area over the summer, any sightings of similar especially being towed by undesirables please take an registration number for me.



Ifor Williams GD105  
with mesh sides  
(NB. sides are removable) Size: 10 x 5 foot  
Draw Bar ID is GD105GM 479461  
Call Kent Police on 01303 289180 Ref: Crime report Fy-7904-09

2. Please be aware that we also are just starting to receive reports of rogue traders operating in the Canterbury area, **SAS Alarms** are targeting mostly elderly people to install and purchase house alarms system with intimidation and hugely over inflated prices. So far the members of the public that have reported it have been suspicious and done the right thing by saying no and asking for their office details and contact numbers etc. I Googled **SAS Alarms** and found reports of **SAS** Scams that have been investigated up north.  
Trading Standards have been informed and we hopefully will be gathering more information from you the public to assist them. Or please call Trading Standards direct on 01233 898825.
3. We have also had a couple of horse thefts from our neighbouring areas but both I believe have been recovered shortly afterwards in the Aylesham/Dover Rural area, if you are owners or associated with the equine world please keep you eyes open for suspicious vehicles/persons. I have a quantity of UV permanent marker pens for Tack or any other property you feel is suitable.
4. We regularly receive reports of personal details cloning and theft by fraud. Although I cannot proactively combat internet fraud, there is some security tips I have come across and will pass them on as crime prevention. These offences do impact on our crime figures as Fraud and prevention is better than cure !Well worth a read and try to understand if you use the internet for purchasing or banking. Believe me there are many offences taking place and its very painstaking to sort out if you become a victim. Here is a piece of security advice from a large bank on internet security.

One of the most popular ways that fraudsters employ to steal your identity is 'phishing'.

### **What is 'Phishing'?**

Phishing' refers to the practice of fraudsters 'fishing' for your details in order to find

out and misuse sensitive personal and financial information.

In recent times, a new form of 'phishing' called in-session phishing has emerged. This occurs when you are logged in to the bank's website. A pop-up 'phishing' window appears asking you to enter your personal details. The pop-up may also ask you to take part in a survey or inform you that your session has expired and request you to re-enter your details. Since this occurs when you're on the bank's website, it can easily be mistaken to be from the bank. Please do not respond to these messages. We will never ask you to update or validate your account information through an email link or a pop-up.

### **How do I protect myself from 'Phishing'?**

Although they can be difficult to spot, 'phishing' emails generally ask you to update or confirm sensitive personal information. Here are some guidelines to protect you from being a victim of phishing:

Never respond to emails, open attachments, or click on links from suspicious or unknown senders.

Always type the address of your bank in the browser bar, and ensure that the address is spelt correctly

Avoid opening multiple browsers when banking online

Always log-off and close the browser after your internet banking session

Use a reputed anti-virus and anti-spyware tool to protect your computer.

Thanks for reading and cascading to those you do,

Kind Regards

Paul

1,

We are experiencing numerous issues with overnight gatherings by very large groups of young persons normally aged 15 -17 years, I would not describe them as Raves, but they camp out together in isolated venues and are often in possession of and consuming vast amounts of alcohol.

These large "Get Togethers" are often arranged via pupils at various schools mostly on social networking sites, ie Face book. Can I ask any parent who notices the tents, sleeping bags and alcohol missing from the house, whilst their kids are at " Sleepovers " to check on the kids' whereabouts.

Last week we disrupted a " Get together" in East Blean Woods where many very young persons were very drunk and potentially at risk and vulnerable.

Our main concern with this issue is the under age binge drinking that occurs and the safety of these Youngsters.

Any information please forward to me.

We did however experience a full blown adult Rave in Illenden Woods Adisham last weekend that caused problems. Please keep your eyes peeled and eyes open for loud music from rural areas. Early notification is very much needed.

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We have had three " Ifor Williams " trailers taken over the past 3 weeks, All have been double axled.

Please if you a trailer or know an owner please ask them to keep it secure it well and get it security marked. There is no pattern or specific area.

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Currently one of the most prevalent crimes that does not make headlines is Identity Fraud.

It is well known that some dishonest people obtain other peoples' details from taking or going through recycling bags and obtaining information from disused post. Even your name address and postcode on a letter is an easy start to cloning your identity. This problem is very real and occurring to many people. Can I advise that any personal information is shredded or destroyed in other ways before going out with the rubbish.

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Two suspicious vehicles to look out for currently a Green Land Rover Discovery R194 OAD and a White Mercedes Van W 683 YNW .

These vehicles have been seen on or near rural land that have had theft crime committed.

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2 x Ride on Lawn Mowers have been stolen over the last week from Stodmarsh and Chartham Hatch areas. These I suspect were taken by a vehicle pulling a trailer. Again please notify any owners you know of their vulnerability.

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Some results following a couple of multi agency operations we have carried out in the past two weeks.

Operation Cubit with the Canterbury City Council and DVLA resulted in 48 untaxed vehicles being lifted and seized in the City and Rural areas.

Thank you for your information regarding this.

Also another rural Multi agency Operation at various locations resulted in 2 x Vehicles seized for No Insurance.

2x £300 fines for Waste Transport Licence Offences.

2 x Benefit Fraud referrals.

6 x Vehicle Defect Rectification Notices

6 x Fixed Penalty Notices for Seat belt and Mobile Phone offences.

Please keep sending in information, its all important however small you might think.

Thank You

Kind Regards

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