

New Faces and a fond farewell

A new district commander for the Sevenoaks District has been appointed. Chief Inspector Tony Dyer has taken over from Roscoe Walford, and will be responsible for the areas of Sevenoaks, Swanley and Edenbridge and surrounding villages within the District.

CI Dyer has worked for Kent Police for 15 years and most recently has worked within Kent Polices tactical operations command. CI Dyer brings a wealth of operational experience .

He said: "I am delighted to join the team in Sevenoaks, who I have quickly seen to be proud of the role they carry out and work hard to keep the people of the area safe from harm."



The CSU also welcomes Lorraine Silvester the District Councils, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and PC Alex Abramian into the team, both have a wealth of knowledge and expertise and we are pleased that they are part of the CSU family.

Both have got stuck in straight away dealing with ASB in Edenbridge, Swanley, New Ash Green and Dunton Green. They have been out and about across the District visiting partner

agencies and local residents

We also say a sad but fond farewell to PC Tim Matthews who will be retiring from the Police on 31 August after 30 years. Tim has worked in many areas of Kent Police and has been in the CSU for the last 5 years. Tim has been a great asset to the CSU dealing with all enquiries of ASB and community concerns. We are really sad to see him go and we want to thank you for all your help and advice but maybe not the jokes!.



New Policing Structure

A new policing structure will start on 12 September. Kent Police have recruited more officers across the County to tackle their priorities which are:-

Child Sexual Exploitation

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery

High Harm Impact Crime (vulnerable people, burglary, drugs)

Gangs

Domestic Abuse, Serious Crime and Sexual Offences

There are 3 dedicated PCSOs based in the CSU that are working on Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Adults and Schools/Young People. These dedicated roles will help address local concerns/issues and work with other partners in the CSU to reduce vulnerable victims.

PCSO areas have also changed and each PCSO will work in teams of 2 across the District.

This new structure will help officers to be more proactive as well as reactive in dealing with reports of crime. For more information on Kent Police go to their website

www.kentpolice.uk

Illegal Raves

There have been a number of Illegal Raves across the District including Sevenoaks, Edenbridge and Swanley. Organisers have been from Surrey or London and target empty business units, and then via Social Media organise and publicise the raves. Kent Police have done a great job in attending and restricting incidents in the community. The CSU is working with businesses to ask them to check and secure their property. Youth workers are also speaking to youth groups and young people of the dangers of attending the raves. If you are aware of any events planned please call Police on 101

Giveaways

The CSU are giving away free to residents, two crime reduction gadgets to help reduce purse dipping and shed breaks.

Firstly the bells come in a range of colours and are fitted to your purse and jingle if your purse has moved alerting you to potential purse dippers. They are ideal for all ages.

Shed Alarms are available to help protect garages or sheds from break ins, the alarm is fitted to your property and can be controlled by remote control, very simple and easy to use.

If you would like any of these items please e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk



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