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Community Safety News

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year

All of us here within the CSU wish you a safe and happy Christmas and hope you have lots of fun and joy over the festive period.

If there is an incident that occurs over this time, the new on line reporting system is now available.

https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-a-crime/kent-police-online-reporting/

This service was introduced to help residents have an alternative to calling 101. To help Police in their investigations when you make the report, please ensure you have (if available):

- The date and time of the crime/incident
- Details of any stolen or damaged items (i.e. IMEI number for your mobile, vehicle registration)
- The contact details of any witnesses
- Information about any evidence that could help an investigation



Currently it is not possible to upload attachments; this function will be introduced later. There are separate sections within the form for you to add the different information required at this stage. Once submitted, you'll receive a reference number and a copy of your report (if selected). **Please note this service is not to be used for emergencies; that is still 999.**



Our CSU Team have been working with partners to present a series of You Tube videos to help residents, businesses and visitors to the District understand what services are available and how to report issues.

Our first one is on Anti-Social Behaviour, what it is, how to report it and what we do to tackle it. You can view it on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVLPNn8XtNQ

Look out for more videos in the New Year.

Up and Coming events for your diary

On **Monday 18th December, 7.30pm,** members of the CSU, Police, District Councillors and North Kent Crime Prevention Panel will be at **West Kingsdown Village Hall** to talk to residents about their concerns regarding crime and anti-social behaviour.

There will be free gifts, including shed alarms, timer switches, card protectors and personnel alarms, as well as advice on how to protect your property and vehicles. Please come down and see us.

On **Tuesday 6 February 2018**, we are working with schools for Internet Safety Day on the digital sunset challenge, where we are asking Year 5 and 6 students to put away their phones from 7pm-7am. Each school that takes part will receive a school and parent pack alongside an Amazon voucher for their school.

On Wednesday 7 February 2018, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnerships are hosting a gangs workshop at Sevenoaks District Council Offices. The training is between 10am—3pm. Guest speakers will be practitioners and ex-offenders talking about their real life experiences and mentoring works and what partners can do to address current concerns and issues. This training is free, but non attendees will be charged.

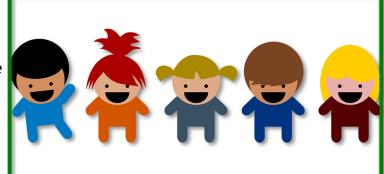
To book your place, please contact us on 01732 227000 or <u>community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk</u>

The Big Community Sing hits the right note

Choirs, quartets, rock and acapella groups and glee clubs are invited to showcase their musical talents at the 'Big Community Sing' concert next summer.

This event takes place at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks on **Thursday 21 June** from 7pm.

Singing groups can enter for free. Application forms are available by emailing <u>communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk</u> or calling 01732 227000. Successful applicants will be notified by Thursday 1 March 2018.



Tickets to watch the Big Community Sing cost £5 with the funds being used to support local mental health services. Tickets go on sale from 1 April 2018 at the Stag Box Office.

Cllr Pat Bosley, Deputy Chairman and lead for The Big Community Sing says: "This special event will be music to the ears of singing groups, giving them a chance to perform in front of hundreds of people while raising money for local mental health services.

"Singing as part of a group is a great way to get involved in the local community and improve health and wellbeing. It can reduce stress and anxiety and help people who feel secluded or vulnerable."

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