

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership newsletter. In this edition we provide information about alcohol awareness week which will take place from 19 to 25 October. We also give the latest crime statistics, information about a free internet awareness event and report on new anti-social behaviour hotlines.

Further details about the work of the Partnership can be found on our website:
www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

Alcohol Awareness week

Alcohol awareness week is a national campaign running from 19 – 25 October which aims to encourage people to think about how much they are drinking. The Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership is supporting the Government's Know Your Limits campaign by running several events during this week and encouraging people to take stock of how much they are drinking by keeping a drink diary for the week.

Over a quarter of the population in England (10 million adults) drink above the guidelines for lower risk drinking. Of these, 2.6 million adults (8% of men and 6% of women) regularly drink at higher risk levels.

The Chief Medical Officer's guidelines recommend that men do not drink more than 3 - 4 units daily (drinking about two pints or two cans of normal-strength lager or beer on a regular basis) and women do not drink more than 2 - 3 units daily (regularly drinking about a large glass of wine or three single measures of spirits).

Drinking above these levels can increase the risks of heart disease, breast cancer, liver disease, stroke and other diseases. Drinking above the recommended guidelines can also impact on your ability to get a good nights sleep and affect your general day to day health.

An online drinks diary and more information about alcohol consumption can be found at www.nhs.uk/units. The Community Safety Partnership's 'Just the One' website also provides useful information about units, the law surrounding alcohol and local services. This can be found by clicking on the 'Just the one' poster at www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk.



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Internet Awareness event

A free internet awareness event has been organised by the Tonbridge & Malling Crime Prevention Panel on Wednesday 30 September. The event will be held at 8pm at Tonbridge Baptist Church and is an evening for parents with children of all ages looking at the use of the internet. During the event, Murray Letham, an internet specialist, will educate parents on how they can keep their children safer whilst on the internet.



The event is free and refreshments will be provided. Booking a place is recommended and the first 50 parents to book will receive a free information pack. To book phone 01732 876132 or email csp@tmbc.gov.uk
The Kent People's Trust have provided funding towards this event.

Not in my neighbourhood week



Not in my neighbourhood week will be held from 2 to 6 November. The aim is for residents to learn about what the police and other agencies are doing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your area and to make your community safer.

The Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership will be organising events during this week, so keep an eye out in your local area for further details of what's going on.



You said, we did ...

Kent Police and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council are working together to deal with anti-social behaviour where you live by listening to your priorities and taking action to resolve them.

Earlier this year, local neighbourhood officers carried out regular speed checks in the Hildenborough, Hadlow, Mereworth, West Peckham, East Peckham and Golden Green wards after residents expressed concerns about potential speeding in these areas. Only a very small number of drivers were found to be speeding, however those that were exceeding the speed limit received a warning. Checks continue to be made to keep speeding down in the area.

Kent Police and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council want to keep you informed as much as possible about what is being done to deal with anti-social behaviour in your area and further information can be found in your ASB Newsletter which will be delivered through your door later this year.

Latest crime statistics

The latest crime statistics show that crime continues to reduce in the borough. Between April and July 2009 (the latest statistics available) there was a 13.3% reduction in overall recorded crimes (1,904 crimes compared to 2,197 during the same period last year). Currently Tonbridge & Malling is the one of the safest places to live in Kent.

Next SNAP disco

The next SNAP (Say No and Phone) under 16 disco will be held on Friday 23 October at Larkfield Village Hall from 7.30pm until 11pm. This will be Halloween themed disco and there will be a prize for the best fancy dress outfit. There will also be karaoke.

Tickets will cost £4 if purchased in advance and £5 on the night. Tickets can be purchased Larkfield Leisure Centre from the beginning of October. To reserve a ticket call Larkfield Leisure Centre on 01622 719345.

The SNAP discos provide a safe, healthy environment for young people to enjoy themselves. The discos are supported by the Police, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Kent Fire & Rescue Service.



PACT Panels



PACT (Partners and Communities Together) Panels are now held in various locations across the borough. The aim of PACT Panels is to improve the long-term quality of life of residents through liaison between local residents and agencies such as the Police, borough councils or housing associations.

At a PACT meeting residents and organisations look at the top three priorities to be addressed, these could be issues such as anti-social behaviour, littering, parking or speeding. The organisations then look at what actions they can take to address these issues and implement these.

To check whether there is a PACT in your area look at www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

Anti-social behaviour hotlines

The police have set up anti-social behaviour telephone hotlines for residents to report people acting in an anti-social way when their neighbourhood police officer is off duty. Anyone wishing to report incidents other than anti-social behaviour should call 01622 690690. In an emergency residents should call 999.

In the Malling area (covering Larkfield, Aylesford, Ditton, East Malling) you can call 07500 157866 between 4pm and 10pm Tuesday to Saturday, excluding bank holidays.

In the Tonbridge area residents can call 07890 248768 every day between 4pm and 11pm.

For the first time members of the public can also access local police contact information by text. Simply text PLEDGE and a postcode to 66101 at any time and you will receive contact details for your own neighbourhood policing team and their forces 24/7 non emergency details.

Crime prevention road shows

The Community Safety Partnership, in conjunction with the Tonbridge & Malling Crime Prevention Panel will be running several crime prevention road shows over the next few months. The aim of these road shows is to engage with residents and distribute free crime prevention items such as purse chains, shed alarms and personal alarms. Members of the Partnership will also be on hand to answer any safety questions, as well as hand out information leaflets.



For details of the dates and venues please look at www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk and click on the 'events' page.

Charlton Athletic Football Coaching

The Charlton Athletic Football coaching schemes will be starting again during September. These sessions are free for any young person to attend. From Tuesday 29 September (and every Tuesday from this date) the sessions will start again in Hadlow (at the recreation ground). Sessions will run from 5.30 – 6.30pm for 8 – 13 year olds and from 6.30 – 7.30pm for 14 to 19 year olds. From Thursday 24 September the sessions will start again in Snodland. These will be held from 5pm until 7pm at Potyns Sportsground and will run every Thursday from this date. From Wednesday 30 September (and every Wednesday) the sessions will start at 'the Hollow' in Aylesford. These will run from 5pm until 6.30pm.

For more details about the sessions contact Dan, West Kent Co-ordinator on 07904 965816.

Useful contact details

Community Safety Unit	Csp@tmbc.gov.uk	01732 876132
Sarah Taylor	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, csp@tmbc.gov.uk	01732 876149
Kent Police	To report a non 999 call	01732 771055
Kent Crimestoppers	Calls are free and anonymous	0800 555 111
Women's Support Service	Advice/help on domestic violence	01622 674921
Neighbourhood Watch	West Kent area	01732 529910
Streetline	To report a street related problem	01732 876060

Contacts for the Police and Community Wardens

Contact details for all local neighbourhood policing teams, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Wardens can be found on www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

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