



Staplehurst Parish has continued to maintain a low level of crime during the past year. This has been possible through the support of the community and the Parish Council. We have dealt with a number of issues throughout the year, which have included the following:

- Arrests and convictions of local youths throughout the year for burglaries/ shed breaks and car thefts in and out of the area.
- Joint agency work involving various partners including local housing providers and MBC.
- Working closely with British Transport Police around the thefts of Land rovers and Land rover vehicle parts from train station car parks in Kent. This resulted in the arrest of 2 offenders in Staplehurst. Offenders were from outside the area..
- Several operations in the area around rural crime.
- Follow ups on the victims of burglaries/breaks to give crime prevention advice and information booklets.
- Visits/talks and meetings with the staff at Woodlands House to discuss and advise on issues relating to the facility. I now also run Bi-Monthly surgeries at the facility.
- Speed enforcement checks and speed monitoring checks throughout the village.
- Talks throughout the year to various local groups. Beavers/Playgroups/school etc...
- The parish CCTV cameras have continued to be an excellent tool in detection and prevention of crime. These cameras have had a positive effect on reducing crime and nuisance in the area.
- The mobile police station that has been visiting the village over the last year may or may not continue to do this. We will know more when the new Police and Crime Commissioner is in post.

As you are aware we had a stabbing incident involving youths this year which caused us all concern. This was a one off isolated incident involving some youths from outside the area along with some local youths . This incident was totally unexpected as the local youths this year have not caused many problems for us regarding Anti Social Behaviour in the village.

We do encourage residents to call in any incidents Anti Social Behaviour..

My Monthly Police surgeries at the Library on Saturday mornings are continuing and dates/times can be found on the Parish and Police websites.

Anyone wishing to contact me about any issues or crime prevention advice can call the non-emergency Police number 101.

Thank you for your continued support in making Staplehurst safe.

PCSO Pete Gardner - Maidstone Community Safety Unit.