

# KENT POLICE



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 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.
- several operations in the area around rural crime. Particular a regular rural operation called Op innovate.
- Follow ups on the victims of burglaries/breaks to give crime prevention advice and information booklets.
- Visits/talks and meetings with local groups and businesses.
- The parish CCTV cameras have continued to be an excellent tool in detection and prevention of crime. These cameras have continued to have had a positive effect on reducing crime and nuisance in the area.
- Patrols of outlying areas to deter and stop vehicles known for scrap metal thefts. This has been backed up with pre-arranged Policing Operations County wide involving numerous authorities and scrap yard inspections

Can all residents please pass on any information that they deem suspicious. Including where possible descriptions of persons and vehicle registration numbers. This really helps on building information around activity within the rural areas

We do encourage residents to call in any incidents of 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.