

# Parish Council monthly update

## COBHAM – LUDDESDOWN

**25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

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Information provided

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The PC for your area is PC 11085 Joanne HAMMOND and I can be contacted on 07980 923681 or via email 11085@kent.police.uk

**\*Please note:** The Gravesham Electoral Changes Order 2022 has defined new ward boundaries, therefore Cobham, Luddesdown and Istead Rise come under the same ward now Known as Police beat code reference XC38. I will only reference crimes of note for Cobham and Luddesdown.

### **CRIMES OF NOTE: For beat code XC38**

1. 29.09.24 – Nuisance Vehicle – Church Road, Cobham – One motorbike and several push bikes, around 6 youths with cans of petrol on the handlebars there are haystacks in the field informant concerned they will set light to something. KFRS are on standby, police attend and search the area with no trace.
2. 14.10.24 – Vehicle Theft - Lawrence Drive, Cobham, White Ford Transit van stolen from outside informant's address. Tools and equipment were inside the van.



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3. 14.10.24 – Firearms concern/poaching – Cobhambury Road, Cobham – 1 Suzuki black and 1 Hyundai dark blue coming out of the field at the bottom of the road. Informants colleague saw both vehicles had people inside holding guns. Informants colleague saw rifles coming out of the vehicle windows and they pointed the rifles at him, they looked like 22 rifles and not air rifles they stuck their fingers up at him and told him to 'clear off'. Informant believes they are poachers or travellers. They drove over the bank of the field and they should not be there as he owns the field. One of the vehicles may have been a Mercedes. They headed towards Cuxton. Firearms officers attended scene and conducted an area search with no trace of vehicles/persons.
4. 17.10.24 – Criminal damage – Leather Bottle, The Street, Cobham – Males have thrown something through the living room window and driven off in two vehicles, towards the A2. The item nearly hit informant on the head, there were 6 males.
5. 26.10.24 – Robbery – Halfpence Lane, Cobham – delivery driver had to stop along the Lane due to a flat tyre, whilst fixing this, a car has pulled out and two men got out and pushed and punched the driver to the floor whilst grabbing a bag around his neck containing money, then making off. Both males were wearing all black with masks.
6. 27.10.24 – Nuisance – The Street, Cobham – Informant can hear shouting and vehicle doing doughnuts about 2 cars in the car park.
7. 27.10.24 – Burglary – Wrangling Lane, Great Buckland, Luddesdown – Outbuildings and old home broken into. Tools taken, strimmer.



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Informant saw suspects putting the tools into a car. Clear images of suspects from CCTV. Other neighbours have been targeted and numerous items stolen.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITY/ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS: -**

Operation Paradiso, an operation to target nuisance vehicles will be re-commenced as soon as officers become available, this is to tackle nuisance vehicles causing problems for rural residents. Paradiso will resume in the Autumn, dates to follow.

I will be resuming my public engagement events, at The St John Centre, next to St John the Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, On Friday 01/11/24 between 2pm and 3.30pm. All are welcome to come along and discuss any community issues, or just for a chat. I will email with further dates for the coming months as soon as I know my availability.

The Rural Task Force carried out an op around Birling, Luddesdown, Meopham, and Istead Rise for the increase in criminal activity that is going on there. This took place on the 23/10/24 from 1800-0200 along with stakeholders such as game keepers, landowners etc to provide live sightings and reports which we banner as Op Innovate.

Halloween is approaching, this can be a fun time for most residents, but other more vulnerable residents may not wish for trick or treaters to knock at their doors, so I have attached some posters to the email sent to your respective Parish Clerks, which are worth printing out and displaying in your local shops.



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With a section for any of your vulnerable residents should they wish to display at home themselves during this time. I will also attend the local stores and hand out these posters myself.

Lastly, I am very pleased to announce that I am being joined in the Rural by PC 14831 Joe DALLARDA. Joe will cover the rural with me, he works slightly different shifts to myself which will mean you will have cover later in the evenings and every other weekend. I will try to get Joe out to meet the Parish Councillors in each ward as soon as possible. Joe's contact details:

Email: [Joe.Dallarda@kent.police.uk](mailto:Joe.Dallarda@kent.police.uk)

Mobile: 07970 983179.



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**Don't open  
the door!**



**John Quick thinking!**

When traders turned up at John's house offering to fix his roof, he called the police because he knew his roof didn't need fixing. Turns out they were fraudulent traders.

**John kept out the fraudsters, make sure you do too!**



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## Protect **your** mobile phone



### Record your phone's unique IMEI number in case it gets lost or stolen

- Type \*#06# into your phone to find its IMEI number
- Keep the number somewhere safe, or register it online at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Security mark your phone with a UV pen or forensic marking solution
- When out, store valuables securely in a zipped pocket or bag
- Don't leave valuable items unattended or on display



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If deaf or speech impaired text 'police' and your message to **60066**.



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