

# Parish Council monthly update

## COBHAM – LUDDESDOWN

**8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 to 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

**Information provided by: PC 11085 Joanne HAMMOND – Gravesham Rural Beat PC**

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

**AND**

**PC 14831 Joe DALLARDA who can be contacted on email: 14831@kent.police.uk and Mobile: 07970 983179**

**\*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. 16/03/2025 – Wrotham Road/Huntingfield Close – Motor bike being driven dangerously on a footpath, standing up on the bike swerving purposefully all over the road. Grey/black bike.



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2. 16/03/2025 – Church Road, Cobham – Criminal Damage – Informant reports a digger has been damaged it has all the windows smashed. Owner informed and Police aware as carrying out an operation around cable thefts in area near to network rail.
3. 16/03/2025 – Suspicious events – Watling Street, Cobham – Informant reports that a young male walked down the private driveway, where there are houses and a stable yard, the male asked informants neighbour for a lift to the station, which is strange as not anywhere near a station. The male was hanging around the stable yard, and believed to be looking to steal. He eventually walked back up the driveway where he was observed to get into a vehicle and be driven away this was around 20:55hrs. Index supplied to PC HAMMOND and checks made, intelligence report submitted.

A further suspicious event was reported by informant, whereby a 4 x 4 vehicle was seen at around 1600hrs on the same day, parked up in the nearby byway with the occupants' paying attention to the informants and neighbour's properties. The vehicle left after being told to move on, it was unknown what they were doing.

It was later noted that gates leading off the byway into Jeskyns Country park had been smashed open/rammed, PC HAMMOND attended the park and spoke with the ranger who stated that over 9 gates had been smashed open and believed it to be malicious damage.

On the 18/03/2025 the same informant reported that they and other neighbours had seen a grey in colour Mazda with a female and young male occupants, it had been down the private drive parked outside the stable yard, a neighbour asked the driver what they were doing and she stated just turning



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around, when challenged she became verbally abusive, left but returned and was seen hanging around in the vehicle about 4 times that day and evening.

Please see good work reports for update on this vehicle.

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

Operation Paradiso, an operation to target nuisance vehicles has recommenced and officers have been attending hotspot areas for these nuisance bikes, including Cobham and Luddesdown. This operation will run throughout the summer. Please report any nuisance bikes in order we can identify hot spot areas and target these. Recently officers, seized a motorbike and gave out several tickets including a community resolution for criminal damage to a farmer's field in Shorne – Good work!!

Public engagements will re-commence as soon as we have the availability to conduct these.

## **DAMAGE TO TREES WHITEPOST LANE – COBHAM/MEOPHAM**

I wanted to assure you the planning enforcement team at the council have been made aware of all information Police have and have been involved in site visits and will take any actions open to them regarding the site on White Post Lane. Police will support the council with any actions as necessary.

\*\*\*There are further updates on actions taken by or being taken by the Council Planning Enforcement Team, please use the Gravesham Borough



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Council website, look under planning then planning enforcement, click on in 'this section page 1/4' and then on 'site updates', there is another link for White Post Lane, this will show you all updates from planning.

## **NEW CCTV REGISTRY**

Please see attached a new poster in relation to our cctv registry, please sign up and help to keep our communities safe!

## **GOOD WORK**

In relation to the suspicious events at Watling Street on the 18/03/2025, Neighbourhood Task Force officers, from the Community Safety Unit, stopped the grey Mazda as mentioned by the informant on the 18/03/2025, it had five occupants, the driver and a passenger were arrested, there were stolen index plates in the boot and as the vehicle was not insured it was seized. A good bit of work by the NTF and another vehicle which they won't be able to use in crime anymore.

On the 25/03/2025 PC Jo HAMMOND seized an untaxed vehicle which had been parked illegally on a road in Cobham for some time, causing inconvenience to residents.

Police have been given devolved powers from the DVLA to seize a vehicle which must be untaxed for more than two months and 1 day or declared SORN and on a public highway. There are exemptions to a tax seizure however so I will have to check the criteria before having it towed away. This scheme operates under The Vehicle Excise Duty (Removal Immobilisation and Disposal) Regulations 1997. Having completed the training, I am now able to seize such vehicles, so please inform me should you know of any!



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### **Please note:**

- We do **not** have access to your cameras.
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- We always contact the camera owner to request footage.



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**Not  
sure?**

**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
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