

Your Local parish Monthly Update

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Dunton Green & Riverhead. Halstead , Knockholt & Badgers Mount. Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge. Westerham & Crockham Hill

Dear All.

Welcome to this month's newsletter. This month is a bit different as what I want to write about effects the whole area, so I don't feel the need to split this newsletter up into individual areas.

Fraud / Scams ... I am not going to apologise for doing another bit on this horrendous crime, which creates so many victims. 1 in 2 crimes now relate to some sort of fraud / scam, which can cost the victim literally thousands of pounds This has a devastating impact on the victim and their families, which is very seldom seen by other people. The main victims seem to be the more mature members of the community, and this is why I am very keen to get out to as many clubs / groups as possible so I can give out leaflets and advice on how to avoid this sort of crime.

If ANYONE wants any information or advice on this, then please let me know.

Follow guidance from the National Take Five campaign:

- **Stop** – Take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information.
- **Challenge** – Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect** – Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Use the A, B, C of scam awareness:

- **A** – never **Assume** a caller, email or text is genuine.
- **B** – never **Believe** a caller, email or text is genuine.
- **C** – always **Confirm** by contacting a trusted number or team like Action Fraud, a family member, friend or your bank's fraud department to check if it's genuine.

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) are been seen increasingly in our Town centres and have raised concerns about safety and the law So what are they....

E-Scooters come under the category of “powered transporters”. This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. “Powered transporters” fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters. As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

1. driving with a licence
2. driving/riding with insurance
3. driving/riding other than on a road need to be taxed



It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

In areas where a trial rental scheme is running, it is legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane.

Enforcement The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- ◆ a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- ◆ a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points

Rider behaviour

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- ⇒ riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- ⇒ using a mobile phone: £100 and six penalty points
- ⇒ riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- ⇒ drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment
- ⇒ If you are using an e-scooter in public in an anti-social manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

We would always recommend to wear safety protection such as a helmet when riding these vehicles, and to keep to the speed limit.

These are 2 of the main issues we are getting reported at the moment, so I think its important to get the information out there



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Kind Regards

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