



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:

- Numerous youths dealt with throughout the year for causing ASB and nuisance around the village. Working with newly appointed School Police officers.
- Regular patrols by a dedicated vehicle for ASB hotspots in the area. Action plan formulated to tackle the issue of youths in the village.
- 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.
- The parish CCTV cameras continue 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
- Kent police rural task force monitor and patrol the area on a regular basis

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 community voice is a new app for connecting members of the public to police for updates and advice and can be downloaded via the web. Residents are urged to join. Search – **mycommunityvoicekent** in a search engine for access.

I would also like to reiterate that residents call 101/999 for any incidents that occur and not just post on the Staplehurst Facebook page. We need to know!

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.