

Kent PCC News

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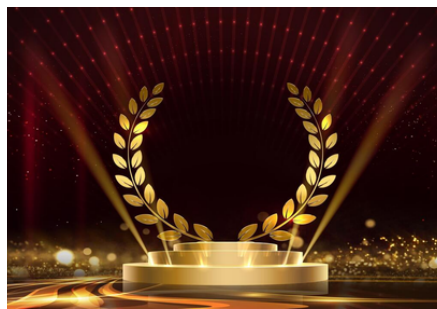
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TAKE OUR SURVEY →

It takes around five minutes and responses are anonymous



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How safe do you feel in your area? Take our survey

My office and I have been touring the county this month asking you a very important question. How safe do you feel where you live? We've also been gauging how much trust you place in Kent Police and what can be done to improve their services.



We're coming to you

You may have seen me in your local supermarket, in your town centre, or even at some of the freshers' fairs hosted by our universities and colleges. My presence across these areas is to ensure I get a widespread view from all ages.



Come and say hello

So, if you do see me in your local area in the coming weeks, please do come over and say hello. The survey is anonymous and can also be completed online. To do so, press here.



Why your views matter

Why am I doing this, you might be asking. I launch this survey every year to gather important feedback which is then given to the Chief Constable, Tim Smith, at my quarterly Performance and Delivery Board. Without you taking just five minutes out of your day to fill it out – I simply wouldn't have the input to give him and Kent Police cannot build on what it has already achieved.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Tell us how safe you feel, how much trust you have in Kent Police and what you think needs to improve.

Take the survey here



Police Property Act Fund now open

The Police Property Act Fund has officially opened and is now accepting new applications for autumn 2026. Items seized by Kent Police, which are then auctioned off, generate the fund and allows my commissioning team the chance to inject this money where it is needed most.

We've had two successful rounds with up to £88,000 invested into successful applicants who provide vital services last autumn.

Who can apply?

- ✓ Micro and small registered charities
- ✓ Social enterprises
- ✓ Constituted groups
- ✓ Community interest Companies
- ✓ With income of £100,000 or less

This round's focus



Children and young people
impacted by crime, anti-social
behaviour, vulnerability or
victimisation

Key information

- Up to £2,000 per application
- The focus will change for every round to ensure an even and fair spread across the county

Apply now →

For full details and to visit the application page please [click here](#)



Compass House volunteer handed much-deserved award

I will be writing to congratulate one of our esteemed Compass House volunteers who has scooped a Quality Service Champion Award.

Our volunteer has served as a welcoming and reassuring face for all victims of crime who turn to us for help.

Her compassion, warmth and kindness has not gone unnoticed with some people even asking for her directly. We are so honoured to have you and wholeheartedly appreciate all the work you have and continue to do.



Compass House is based in Ashford and serves as a hub for victim support. The service is one of the PCC's commitments to helping victims of crime.

Early release of prisoners and what we're doing to help victims

It's important to share with you all the support that has been created to help victims who will be impacted by the early release of prisoners.

The Ministry of Justice has pledged £195,000 to every Police and Crime Commissioner in the country to help victims who will be struggling with the fact some prisoners are being released early.

In Kent, some of this money is being spent on the creation of an Early Offender Release Victims' Champion Scheme. This individual will provide visible support to victims and will help untangle what criminal justice updates they are being faced with.

The initial £150,000 has been secured, with the additional £45,000 expected to be issued over the 2028-2029 financial year.

Of course, I'd rather offenders remained in jail for the full term, but at least we can continue our vital commissioning of services which directly support people who so desperately need it.



Need support or more information?

Please [press here](#) to read more about the help and support which launched on October 1, including details of the Early Offender Release Victims' Champion Scheme and the support available in Kent.

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