



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:

- Arrests and convictions of youths throughout the year for burglaries/ shed breaks and car thefts in and out of the area.
- Joint agency work involving various partners including local housing providers and MBC.
- Several operations in the area around rural crime.
- Follow ups on the victims of burglaries/breaks to give crime prevention advice and information booklets.
- Visits/talks and meetings with the staff at Woodlands House to discuss and advise on issues relating to the facility. .
- Speed enforcement checks and speed monitoring checks throughout the village.
- Talks throughout the year to various local groups. Beavers/Playgroups/school etc...
- The parish CCTV cameras have continued to be an excellent tool in detection and prevention of crime. These cameras 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
- Working closely with British Transport Police around the thefts/crime around the train station area.

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 Anti-Social Behaviour..

My monthly Police surgeries at the Library on Saturday mornings are continuing and dates/times can be found on the Parish and Police websites.

Recent shortages in PCSO numbers have now been boosted by several recruitment intakes. I am now in place as the PCSO for Boughton Monchelsea – Staplehurst – Chart Sutton .

I also have some responsibility in assisting when required the PCSO's that cover Coxheath / Yalding / Laddingford / Hunton / Linton / Marden / Collier St / Nettlestead/ East and West Farleigh. They also have responsibility in assisting me

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.