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**Maidstone Community Safety Unit,
Maidstone Police Station,
Palace Avenue,
Maidstone,
Kent,
ME15 6NF**

Re: September 2024 report to Detling Parish Council

Date: 29/08/2024

Dear residents of Detling and the surrounding area,

I am the local Beat Officer covering the parish of Detling, having been in post since the beginning of July.

The main concern that has been raised to me in your area since the start of my new role has been vehicles travelling at excess speed through the village, particularly on Hockers Lane. I have conducted regular patrols of this area to provide a visible deterrent to speeding vehicles. To further support speed reduction efforts, I would be grateful for any support available from local residents via the Community Speedwatch initiatives. I note we only have 11 residents registered to the scheme in Detling with three sessions conducted this year (all within the last 8 days). Much of the support available to me from other departments comes by supporting these schemes, and so the more active and willing the community are, the more support I can access to assist.

I have also been made aware of nuisance off-road bikes and quadbikes using public footpaths and byways across the Downs, particularly from Bredhurst through into Detling. I am working to identify these vehicles and will be using all available options to enforce the rules surrounding these once identified – whether that be the issuing of tickets, or seizure and destruction.

My colleague and I recently attended the Military Odyssey event at Detling Showground, given the scale of the event and the impact this has on the local community. Our presence at the event was noted by many members of the public and helped to provide a visible deterrent to those seeking to cause issues. Licensing activities were also undertaken with vendors at the event.

I have received several reports of incidents involving damage being caused to vehicles travelling on the A249 by individuals on and around Jade's Crossing. Can I please ask all residents to remain vigilant, and report any suspicious behaviour as soon as possible.

Residents may or may not be aware that Kent Police utilise My Community Voice (MCV), to give local people a say in how we approach our neighbourhood policing priorities and work with our local partners. MCV is a two-way engagement tool that allows you to tell us about issues in your area and will allow us to create a personalised policing response. If you haven't signed up already, this can be done at <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>. If you have a specific issue or concern you wish to raise, you can also send the details through to the Clerk for dissemination to myself. As always, if there are any crimes requiring immediate Police attendance, phone 999.

Yours Sincerely,

**PC 14512 Ben Cox
Beat Officer - Maidstone Community Safety Unit
Boxley Downs, Grove Green & Vinters Park, Harrietsham, Lenham & North Downs**

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