Police report for Sandgate Parish Council meeting January 2018

Good evening

Please find below the latest crime figures for you area.

April 2017 – November 2017

- **Burglary Residential – 9**
- **Burglary Business and Community – 1**
- **Criminal Damage – 25**
- **Robbery – 1**
- **Sexual Offences – 6**
- **Shoplifting – 0**
- **Theft from Motor Vehicle – 7**
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle – 4**
- **Theft of Pedal Cycle – 5**
- **Theft Offences – 13**
- **Vehicle Interfering – 2**
- **Violence Against the Person – 52**

Some questions and queries that regularly crop up:

A car has appeared outside my house and it looks abandoned, what action should I take?

If you've made enquiries with your neighbours, no one knows who the car belongs to and you think it's been abandoned, you can report it via the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/report-abandoned-vehicle

Some rubbish has been dumped, who do I ring to remove it?

If the rubbish is on private land then it is the landowners' responsibility to remove it. The council can come and remove it but there will be a charge.

If the rubbish is on council land then you should contact your local authority to come and remove the rubbish.

You should not try and remove the rubbish yourself if you do not know what substance has been dumped, as it may be harmful.

See the websites in related information to find your local authority.

Beware of scam emails offering tax refunds

We have received reports of customers receiving scam emails claiming to be from HMRC. The email claims the customer is eligible for a tax refund and asks them to click on a web link to confirm their tax refund.

What happens if I click on the link?

You could be tricked into handing over sensitive information

Clicking on the link may take you to a fake website where you'll be tricked into giving scammers your private information including bank details, logins and passwords.

You could download spyware or a virus to your computer

Clicking on the link may download a virus or spyware to your computer. Viruses can cause deletion and corruption of data whilst spyware can be used to capture private information used for identity theft and fraud.

Please find advice on crime prevention on our website at:

http://www.kent.police.uk/advice/advice.html

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To reiterate in all instances, all crimes are to be reported by using 101 for non-emergencies and 999 in emergencies. Our call handlers will then be able to assess your call to ensure you get the appropriate response. You can now also report crimes on the Kent Police website, in just a few minutes.

You can also report anonymously by phoning **Crimestoppers** which allows you to give information about crime without giving your name or identifying yourself in any way.

How does it work?

If you have information you'd like to pass on, perhaps something you've seen or heard, all you have to do is call **0800 555 111** or give information to Crimestoppers online.

Your call won't be traced or recorded and you don't have to give a statement or even go to court.

Thank you for your on-going support in helping to keep Sandgate safe.

Kindest Regards

PCSO Lauren Riddle