

Rural Crime – A Better Solution
13th November 2019 at 7.00pm in The Rock

Emma Welch - The Rock/Lockskimmers

- Thank you for coming together as a community
- 3 aspects to cover 1- Prevention, 2- Surveillance/ Reporting, 3- Apprehension.

Richard Streatfeild - Chair Chiddingstone Parish Council

- An introduction to our historically Safe neighborhood.
- The reaction of the community has been excellent and commendable
- Short term vs Long term solutions
 - 1- Reporting on social media must be strictly fact based and without opinion
 - 2- Report to 101 is an absolute must to ensure the correct stats are coming through for our area. Ensuring every incident is recorded.
- Police recourses are low for rural areas – Fact

Proactive community:

- Personal security leaflet
- Prevention police advise to property
- Parish Council contribution benefiting the combined rural communities perhaps with cctv. Lighting etc.- to discuss.
- Warning of citizen activism vs. offences committed punishments
- Recording evidence such as photos, track, and video all must be reported to 101 if incident has occurred and 999 if incident is occurring.

Q & A

Jo Taylor - Dingle Farm Cowden

- Had enough of them & us, them being allowed to break the law and get away with it, us not being able to stop them as would be breaking the law.
- Suggest a mob rule – quickly diffused!
- We must stay within the law.
- Proud of the community and has been waiting for the community to come together for a long time.

Christian Hull – Pootings

- Advising trackers are the best way to keep property safe.
- Unhappy with increase to insurances due to the crime.
- Cost to victim

Charlie Stevens - Blackham

- Lack of police presence
- Lack of police communication when the community is helping e.g.: informing the owner of stolen goods found etc
- Communication channels for community need to be clear and simple.

Richard left.

Peter Kershaw – Blackham

- Explaining the Blackham community meeting
- X 50 attended
- Helping under resourced police
- What's app group not for idle chat
- Community fund raiser to buy 3 CCTV cameras for the 3 roads in to Blackham.

Hands up for anyone who's been affected in the recent weeks by crime-
80% of hands raised!

Bruce Townsend - Fordcombe Parish Council

- Urges all to contact Matthew Scott the Crime Commissioner for Rural Kent Rural Crime.
- Police lack of money, Lack of resources
- Wants to sort the mob out- watch for within the law
- Urges to email on mass to above for the need for a bobby on the beat.
- Combined communities communication is excellent.

Kathryn Moore - Chiddingstone

- Statistics needed- 101 reports must be increased on all crime as to show a true representation of the local issues.
- Importance of a long-term solution.
- Venerability of rural residents
- Protect by combined car surveillance nightly on a rota basis

Rob - Chiddingstone

- Prevention is better than cure. A 999 what's app group would help venerable members of the community and show a coming together in the community to the perpetrators.

Bruce Townsend

- Don't go in a car on your own on surveillance
- People are feeling uncomfortable in their own homes.

General chit chat about goings on, all in good spirit and everyone on the same page.

Emma Welch

Thank you for coming, for those wanting to be a part of a 999 WhatsApp group for emergencies only, please sign up.

Louise Kleinschmidt arranging group and details of meeting on receipt of this.

Thanks Louise.

Emma.