Borden Village newsletter

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March 2026

Upcoming Surgeries / Events

- 27/03/2026 – The Forge 10am – 2pm
- 12/04/2026 – Borden Nature Reserve Walk and Talk 2pm – 4pm
- 26/04/2026 – The Forge 1030am – 230pm

Your local officer is Police Constable Ryan Atherton

Introducing PC Ryan Atherton – Your Local Beat Officer

- My name is **PC Ryan Atherton**, and I'm the **Beat Officer for Borden & Grove Park. I also cover Chalkwell, and Homewood wards**. I'm part of the neighbourhood policing team based in Sittingbourne and my role is centred around keeping our community safe, supported, and well-connected.

  What I Do

  As your Beat Officer, I am responsible for:

  Maintaining a **visible and approachable presence** in the community

  Responding to concerns raised by residents, schools, and local groups

  Tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour and local crime trends

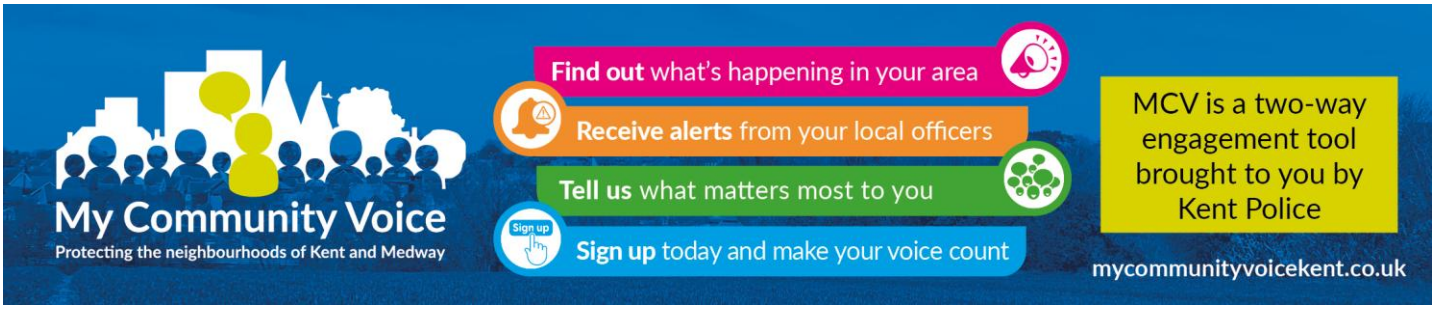
  Working closely with partners and community organisations to improve safety and wellbeing

  Offering practical crime-prevention advice and reassurance

  I'm committed to being accessible, engaging, and proactive—so if you see me out on patrol, please do feel free to stop me for a chat.

  My Policing Background

  Over the course of my policing career, I've worked in a **variety of different roles**, giving me a broad understanding of the challenges communities face. My experience includes:



Community Safety, where I worked directly with residents and partner agencies to identify and reduce local risks

Response Policing, attending emergency incidents and supporting people in fast-paced and often challenging situations

Criminal Investigations, where I led investigations from initial enquiries through to evidence gathering, case development, and supporting victims throughout the investigative process.

This mix of frontline, community-focused, and investigative experience helps me approach neighbourhood policing with a well-rounded perspective and a strong focus on problem-solving.

Here for You

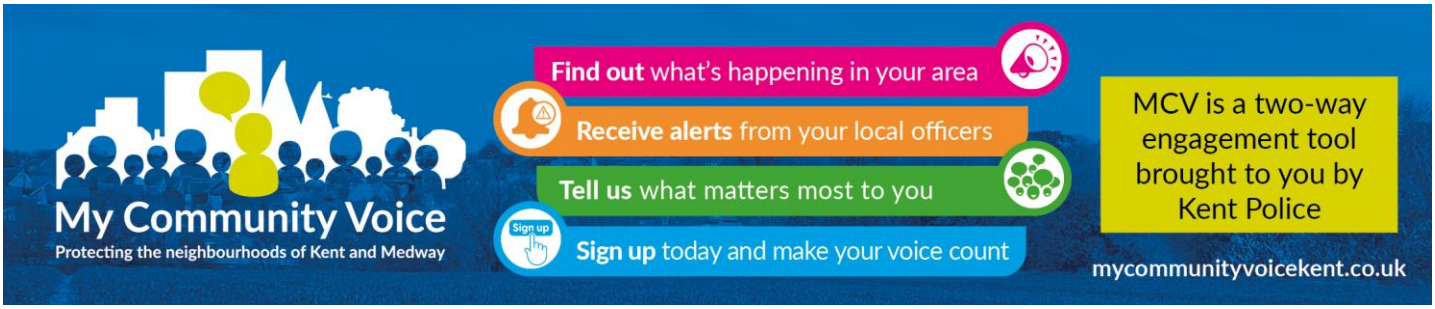
I'm proud to serve Borden, and I genuinely enjoy meeting the people who make these areas such great places to live. Your insights and feedback play a huge role in shaping local policing priorities, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

What's going on in your area

Road Safety

- On 4th February at around 4pm Officers requested for a Grey Vauxhall Zafira to stop on **Chestnut Street**, the vehicle failed to stop, there was a short pursuit whereby the vehicle crashed on **Homewood Avenue**. At the scene a 29-year-old man was arrested for various driving offences and possession of drugs. He has since been bailed whilst the Investigation continues. Two children who were in the vehicle at the time were taken to hospital with serious injuries. Officers from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit are looking for any witnesses that saw the Incident or who saw the vehicle immediately before the collision. They are also looking for any relevant dash cam footage. Witnesses can call SCIU on **01622 798538** quoting reference number **BS/DH/013/26** or email sciu.td@kent.police.uk

- Speed Checks. I have been carrying out speed checks along Borden Lane following the implementation of the new speed limit across the village. On one occasion I stopped and spoke to 17 drivers within a 90-minute period, who were driving in excess of the speed limit. Words of advice were given to the drivers and their details taken down. I will continue to monitor speeding across the village, working in line with Kent polices Standard operating procedure for 20mph areas.



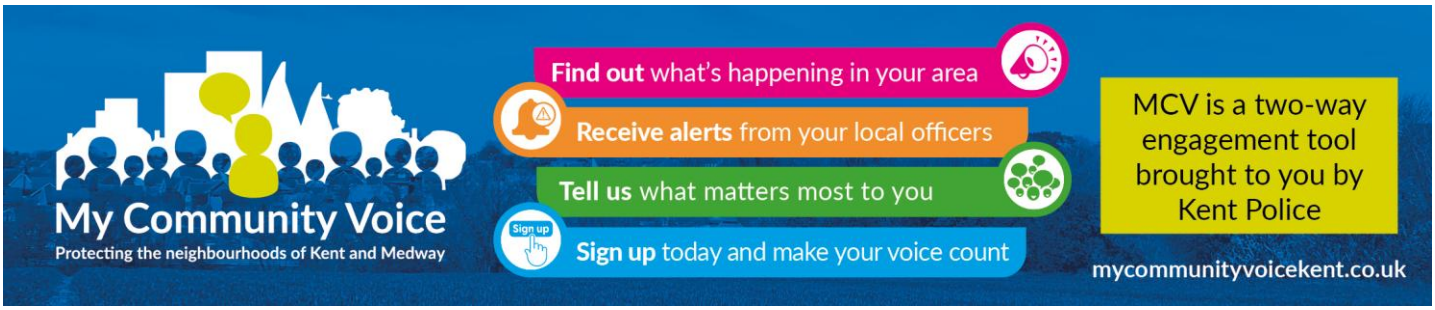
- HGV's and Large vehicles, I am currently liaising with KCC highways regarding issues reported from my others wards around HGV's and larger vehicles utilising residential roads rather than the main access roads around the town. I'm keen to know if this is an issue for the village so that I can include this with my discussions with KCC.

Crime trends

- Currently there are no specific crime trends within the village.

Any other issues of note

- On 8th February a Male was arrested of suspicion of Exposure. He has since been charged for the offence.

My Community Voice

- New Public Surveys are due for release on 01/04/2026, This will give members the chance to put forward what they believe are the top priorities for Borden & Grove Park Ward.