Borden newsletter

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Drop-in surgery

- 28/08/2025 1800-2000 – Similarly to my last drop-in surgery I will be in and around Borden Lane for residents to pop and see me. I will spend the first part near The Forge and will walk through the village afterwards

Your local officer is Police Officer Phil Clemens

What's going on in your area

- Speed checks were conducted throughout Swale as part of a day of action on 15/08/2025. These checks covered Bobbing, Bredgar, Rodmersham and Borden. I hired the help from officers PC 30702 DIVERS and PC 31306 RADFORD who alongside myself spent 45 minutes on Borden Lane enforcing the 30MPH speed limit. During this time only one driver was identified as breaking this speed limit and was suitably reprimanded which was overall a good result for public safety. We also received some positive public feedback whilst conducting the checks.
- I'd like to acknowledge the residents who reported the motorbike found alight in the church graveyard. Your prompt calls and clear observations enabled us to confirm the vehicle was stolen and recover it before it caused further damage. If anyone has further information or can help identify the riders, please contact me on 101 quoting incident reference or send a personal email to me. I did complete some initial CCTV enquiries which unfortunately came up short.
- Swale has seen a few 4x4 vehicles stolen from driveways across the area in the last week. These incidents have typically occurred under cover of darkness, with offenders exploiting keyless entry systems to drive the vehicles away in minutes. We're increasing patrols and forensic checks, but

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community vigilance remains crucial to preventing further losses.

Here are some practical steps to help safeguard your vehicle:

- ✓ Always ensure doors, windows, and sunroofs are fully closed and locked.
- ✓ Use a visible steering-wheel lock or install an aftermarket alarm system.
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas or fit motion-sensor floodlights above your driveway.
- ✓ Store keys in a secure, opaque container away from external doors and windows.
- ✓ Consider fitting a tracking device or engine immobiliser, and mark your vehicle's VIN on major parts.
- ✓ Report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 101 and quoting your local beat team.

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