

Death of Her Majesty The Queen



Chief Constable Alan Pughsley QPM said "I am deeply saddened by the news from Buckingham Palace of the death this afternoon (8 September 2022) of Her Majesty The Queen and I would like to pass on the condolences of all officers and staff at Kent Police to the Royal Family at this time.

The Queen has been a steadfast servant of this and many other countries as head of state for decades; the stability she has provided and her extraordinary strength of character will be sorely missed.

The police service has a very special affection for The Sovereign, as office holders under The Crown, and this sad news unites the policing family in grief.

Over the next two weeks the Union Flag will fly in accordance with Royal protocol to mark her Majesty's death."



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New head of CT Border Policing

D/Supt Tony Pledger has now retired from Kent Police. Our new Head of CT Policing – Borders is Supt Rachel McNeil. Rachel has 23 years service with Kent Police and took up the post with effect from Monday 5th September.

National Threat Level

The National Threat level remains at SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely. We will always tell our maritime and aviation communities to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicious or that appears out of the ordinary.

EU Exit

The last couple of months have seen some very busy times at the channel ports. As you have probably seen, there has been much media coverage of delays caused by additional checks being carried out at the juxtaposed controls which when combined with the early summer holiday getaway traffic unfortunately saw many travellers held up for many hours. Although the United Kingdom left the EU on 31st January 2020 (with the transition period ending on 31st December 2020) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic effectively delayed the true impact of the changes on cross channel travel to this year. Much has therefore been learnt by all agencies concerned on both sides of the English Channel to avoid any repetitions of the extensive delays that were seen. As a precaution Operation Brock will be remaining in place on the M20 between Maidstone and Ashford for the foreseeable future, although the contraflow was removed over the first weekend in September but the 50mph speed limit will remain.



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Manston and Migrants

As has been widely reported in the media, the number of migrants coming to the UK in small vessels has risen this year. Colleagues in Border Force and Immigration Enforcement continue to work with CT Policing – Borders to identify people who may be of interest to us. All migrants are debriefed upon arrival and have all their personal details taken and confirmed to enable full checks to take place. Several new systems and processes have been introduced over recent months to ensure we are keeping the UK safe.

The processing centre at the former Manston Fire Training School continues to evolve and our officers attend there regularly to carry out screening of migrants and exercise our powers under the Terrorism Act where necessary. These powers have recently been enhanced to allow inland examinations whereby previously they could only be used at a port.

Manston Airport

On the other side of the Manston site, RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd have gained approval on the Development Consent Order to reopen the airport – predominantly as a freight hub but with the potential for some passenger flights as well. Construction and redevelopment work will commence later next year with the first flights likely to take place in early 2025. Kent Police will be fully engaging with RiverOak to ensure all national security matters are incorporated into their planning.

Engagement Team

We have been busy as usual visiting both maritime and aviation locations and reporting any concerns/suspicious activity. We also recently had a familiarisation visit to CT border policing colleagues at Gatwick airport where we were able to share ideas and best working practices.

Colleagues from other forces will also be visiting us in the coming months so may be accompanying us on our visits.

Please contact us if you would like us to attend an event or meeting you are organising as we are still delivering our CT presentation which can be adapted to suit the audience, be it business, volunteer or recreation group. Stay safe and don't ignore, share it!

Rachel and Colin

International Rail

Eurostar have recently announced that they may not now be opening up the Kent stations at Ashford International and Ebbsfleet International until 2024. We had been expecting them to perhaps start stopping at those stations by the end of this year but that is now not looking likely. Therefore Kent residents wishing to use Eurostar services to the continent will need to travel up to St Pancras.

Don't ignore it, share it

Reporting unusual or suspicious activity could help to combat crime and terrorism



Working together to get results...




Remember any small amount of information could lead to a big result:

 Do not take direct action yourself



 Do not confront suspects

 Do share information as soon as possible



Thank you for helping to keep Kent safe.

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