

Tonbridge and Malling Parish Partnership Panel Update – November 2018

Last 30 days

- Halloween was Policed by Operation Alchemy put together by the CSU. The highlights were a poster campaign by PCSO's in local shops around sale of eggs and flour together with ensuring the vulnerable on their wards had the 'No' Trick or treat posters for their doors. Youth Engagement Officer contacted all schools Tonbridge and Malling with the message about appropriate Trick or Treat. On the day all of our Ward PCSO's changed their shift to be on duty, Special Constables were requested and together with the Community Policing Team provided 20 staff across the Borough to deal with Halloween ASB. Seven Dispersal orders were put in place at known ASB locations identified by Ward PCSO's. Feedback so far has been positive including support for the Slade Halloween Display and a review will ensure best practice and improvement for 2019
- Fireworks celebrations have spanned from 28/10/18 to 10/11/18 this year. Ward PCSO's attended High Profile events at their discretion and were briefed on the legislation and offences. Retailers were visited to reinforce the legislation and assist compliance. No specific incidents of note or patterns of misuse identified for follow up during this period.
- The Specialist Domestic Abuse PCSO had recent success with safeguarding a vulnerable victim with colleagues CID and local Policing. It was a challenging issue due to the mental health problems of the victim but a team approach ensure that the suspect was arrested twice for breach of a Domestic Violence Protection Notice. The victim was then supported in a temporary move to Spain with family. The situation is ongoing but the cycle of domestic abuse has been broken by the support provided, this is a key aspect of this role within the CSU
- PCSO's McElligott and Stanley have responded to two males attempting suicide in the same area only a week after Yazmina Howards tragic death from the M20 Bridge. This prevented further deaths and is a credit to going above and beyond their Policing role.
- The Community Policing Team carried out a drugs warrant in the Hadlow area recovering over £50000 of drugs in the supply chain to Hadlow College. Full update after the conclusion of the investigation
- A Community Policing Team arrest of a suspected drug dealer in Tonbridge Park resulted in over £13000 of MDMA being recovered and the suspect remanded. Again this is an ongoing investigation but impacts on the supply of drugs to young people in the town.

Next 30 days

- CSU are planning and working towards Christmas and New Year seasonal issues. These include Burglary, licensing checks, retail crime, purse dipping and domestic abuse.
- Pedal cycles on the pavement and dangerous riding is increasing and CSU are looking at opportunities to intervene and use appropriate legislation to prosecute where there is sufficient evidence.
- Op Phoenix continues to focus on drug supply and use in schools and has been broadened to include ASB around the Tonbridge railway station and High St where 1000's of school children pass through each day.
- Op Catcus continues to focus on parking and driving issues around local schools