

Teynham & Lynsted Ward West Down Ward newsletter



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Drop-in surgery at

- 10am Fri 20th Feb 2026 – Teynham Community Hall
- 10am Sat 21st Feb 2026 – Rodmersham Coffee Shop
- 10am Sun 22nd Feb 2026 – Bredgar Coffee Shop

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND ANY OF MY SURGERIES
REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE**

Your local beat police officer is
PC Richard Divers 30702

Lets start with

What are some of the results and what have we been doing this month?

- Multiple arrests of prolific shoplifters, particularly at the CO-OP in Teynham and Bapchild. Two offenders were arrested last week and were refused bail, remanded and in Court the next day. Other offenders remain under investigation and Police will continue to disrupt their behaviour and continue to gather evidence and pursue these offenders for arrest.
- Joint operation with our Town Task Force whereby High Vis patrol of Sittingbourne including Teynham and West Downs wards was carried out. As well as Police reassurance multiple cars and people were stopped ranging from vehicle defects to Traffic Offence Reports and 3 vehicles being seized, an ebike, an eScooter and a van.
- Speed Operation in Station Road, Teynham resulting in multiple cars being stopped for speeding and words of advice being given. No excessive speeds were recorded.
- I have been on High Vis patrol at schools during pick up times to ensure road safety and community engagement.
- An illegal off road bike was seized at the Springacres Estate, Bapchild and the bike was destroyed and the driver was later arrested for other offences.



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Now lets look at what matters to you and what is being done about it:

Top 3 priorities in your area:

- Kent Police have sent out a survey on My Community Voice to find out your top 3 priorities.

Teynham & Lynsted Ward top 3 priorities:

1. Fly tipping
2. Road Safety Issues
3. Theft / Shoplifting

What am I doing to reduce these problems?

Fly tipping:

- Increase patrol visibility in hotspots.
- Work with council for signage and CCTV.
- Community engagement: encourage reporting via online portals.

Road Safety Issues:

- Speed checks and enforcement.
- Partner with Highways for signage and road markings.
- Education campaigns in schools and social media / MCV

Theft / Shoplifting:

- High-visibility patrols in retail zones.
- Work with store managers for staff awareness and CCTV.
- Targeted offender management / pursue, identify and arrest offenders.



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West Downs Ward top 3 priorities:

1. Road Safety
2. Highway Obstruction (e.g. dangerous parking, parking on pavements)
3. ASB / Nuisance Bikes

What am I doing to reduce these problems?

Road Safety:

- Work with Parish council and local councillors to deploy speed enforcement operations (e.g., Speedwatch).
- Work with council for improved signage and traffic calming measures.
- Community education campaigns.
- Regular patrols and speed gun ops

Highway Obstruction:

- Targeted patrols and enforcement for illegal parking.
- Issues warning letters and words of advice, and if this is not followed then issue Traffic Offence Reports (points and a fine and / or seizure of vehicle).
- Liaise with local authority for removal of abandoned vehicles.

ASB / Nuisance bikes:

- Conduct joint operations with Neighbourhood Task Force to seize bikes and apprehend offenders.
- Engage youth through diversionary programs / youth clubs.
- Use social media / MCV for awareness and reporting channels.



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