

Dear residents of Birchington,

Road safety is consistently raised as a priority concern in Birchington, and I and Kent Police have recognised this community feedback. On Wednesday 10th December 2025 a Community Speed Watch Event was hosted at the library to explore re-establishing the group of volunteers. I was very pleased to see such strong attendance by residents, and numerous people have now signed up to complete the training. Hopefully we will see the group established and running early next year, undertaking speed checks on our roads around Birchington. If this is something that you would be keen to participate in, please contact Birchington Parish Council and they will advise how to register and participate in training.

Another concern often raised is the topic of e-scooters. As we approach the Christmas period, it is a prudent opportunity to remind people that these are not lawful for use on the road or public places. If you are considering buying one as a gift, or receive one, and use it on the road, pavement or a public place, there is the possibility that it will be seized for destruction. Furthermore, you can also be prosecuted for using a vehicle without insurance, which could incur points on your driving licence and a fine. We have sadly seen serious injury and fatal collisions across the country involving e-scooters, and there is an undeniable risk when using them. They have no personal safety features in the event of a collision and often are not equipped with adequate lights. Our message from Kent Police is simple and direct, do not use them. Patrols are actively deploying to tackle this issue and have seized numerous scooters which have been destroyed."

With kind regards
Steve

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