



The past twelve months have seen a period of stability for the Parish with crime levels being maintained at the same level as for the previous year. This is extremely encouraging considering the current economic climate and it is through the support of the community that we have been able to sustain such low levels of crime. We have dealt with a number of issues throughout the year, which have included the following:

- Launch of Cold Calling Control Zone.
- Mobile Police Station deployed twice a month at The Parade.
- Work with Sobell Lodge to tackle inconsiderate parking.
- Speed enforcement carried out. Forty-five people have received warnings and twenty people have been prosecuted.
- Bike security marking at Staplehurst School.

Our main priority for last year was the issue of young people drinking alcohol and causing a nuisance at The Parade. The techniques we have used to tackle this include, the deployment of the Mobile Police Station, the use of the Neighbourhood Task Team and alcohol test purchases carried out by Trading Standards. We are currently working closely with Trading Standards to manage the sale of alcohol to underage people and to effectively deal with those found breaking the law.

Over the coming months we will be knocking on your doors to find out what your priorities are and to update you on what we have been doing in the Parish. This is your opportunity to raise your concerns with us and for us to build better relationships with you.

We will continue to attend the multi-agency surgeries on the last Saturday of each month at the library and you are welcome to attend and raise your concerns with ourselves, your Borough Councillor and Parish Councillors. The Mobile Police Station will be at The Parade on the following dates:

20th May 19:00 – 21:00
3rd June 19:00 – 21:00
24th June 19:00 – 21:00
17th July 19:00 – 21:00
29th July 19:00 – 21:00
14th August 19:00 – 21:00
2nd September 19:00 – 21:00

Thank you for your continued support in making Staplehurst safe.

PC Marc Pennicott
PCSO Pete Gardner