

Borden Parish newsletter



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Upcoming Surgeries / Events

- 11/10/2026 @The Forge, The Street, Borden 1030-1230

Your local officer is Police Constable Ryan Atherton

BORDEN & GROVE PARK WARD PRIORITIES

Following the release of the public survey on My community voice, the top 3 Priorities for the ward have been updated.

- 1 – Road Safety
- 2- Nuisance Bikes
- 3- Wildlife Crime

CRIMES OF NOTE

BURGARY

- Attempt Burglary reported on The Street Borden, **Under Investigation.**
- Burglary reported on School Lane, **Under Investigation.**

FRAUD

- Reports of persons calling telephones posing as police officers, to try and get "Bail Money" for someone known to the person receiving the call.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- There has been a recent increase in thefts from vehicles near to Borden.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



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FLYTIPPING

- Fly tipping along Pond Farm Road reported. Passed onto Swale Borough Council for Investigation.

CATAPULTS

- Further report of Youths with Catapults around the Maylam Gardens area. I have received some Images of youths in the area. I am in the process of trying to Identify the youths in the images.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

- **Lock all doors and windows** whenever you leave your property, even if only for a short time.
- **Keep keys out of sight and away from doors, windows, and letterboxes.**
- **Use good quality locks** and consider additional security such as door chains, sash jammers, or window locks.
- **Install security lighting and CCTV** to deter offenders and increase the likelihood of identification.
- **Make your home look occupied** when away by using timer switches on lights and asking a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on the property.
- **Secure valuables** out of sight and mark property with a forensic marking product or property register.
- **Do not advertise absences or expensive purchases on social media.**
- **Keep fences, gates, sheds, and garages secure** and ensure tools are locked away, as they can be used to gain entry.

Key message: Burglars often look for easy opportunities. Taking simple measures to improve security and reduce visible signs of vulnerability can significantly decrease the risk of becoming a victim.

Theft from Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advice

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- **Always lock your vehicle** and ensure all windows, sunroofs, and doors are fully secured, even when parked at home.
- **Remove all valuables from sight**, including bags, wallets, mobile phones, tools, and sat navs.
- **Do not leave items on display**, as even low-value property can attract offenders.
- **Park in well-lit, busy locations** where possible, or in secured car parks.
- **Use additional security measures** such as steering wheel locks, alarms, immobilisers, or tracking devices.
- **Secure tools and equipment** in vehicles using lockable storage boxes and remove them overnight where possible.
- **Take vehicle documents with you** and avoid leaving spare keys inside the vehicle.
- **Report suspicious activity** around parked vehicles to the police promptly.

Key message: Most thefts from vehicles are opportunistic. Removing valuables, securing the vehicle, and using visible security measures can significantly reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Telephone Fraud (Operation Weir) Crime Prevention Advice

- **Be suspicious of unexpected calls** from anyone claiming to be from the police, your bank, HMRC, or another trusted organisation.
- **Never give out PINs, passwords, bank details, or personal information** over the phone.
- **The police or your bank will never ask you to withdraw cash, transfer money, purchase gift cards, or hand over valuables to a courier.**
- **Do not trust caller ID**, as fraudsters can spoof genuine telephone numbers to make calls appear legitimate.
- If you receive a suspicious call, **hang up immediately** and wait several minutes before making another call, or use a different phone if possible.
- **Verify requests independently** by using a trusted number from their official website.
- **Take your time and seek advice** from a trusted friend or family member before making any financial decisions. Fraudsters often create a sense of urgency.



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- **Report suspicious calls** and contact your bank immediately if you think you may have been targeted.

Key message: Fraudsters often impersonate police officers, bank staff, or government agencies to gain trust and pressure victims into handing over money or valuables. **Stop, hang up, verify independently, and never provide financial information or property to a caller.**



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