

# DETLING

We have been in contact with the Police with regards to door to door traders recently operating in Detling and the Police have responded with the following information and advice:

This operation is normally run by an agent who buys very cheap household goods, recruits a group of young people and then they target an area to sell their goods at highly inflated prices.



For them to legally do this they would each need a locally issued Pedlars Certificate containing their photograph which they probably do not have. Without one they can have their goods and proceeds of sale confiscated and reported for prosecution

They do often have an ID card that usually says that they are an unemployed student etc trying to earn a living. Whatever the story this is bogus and the ID card is not worth the paper it is printed on.

They sometimes leave behind them incidents of opportunist crime. Without suggesting all of them are criminals, they have a perfect excuse to be knocking on doors and seeing if anyone is at home.

If one calls at your house please:

1. Do not buy from these people. (they keep a book on good areas to return to)
2. Immediately inform the police on 01622 690055 that these people are in the area.
3. There will probably be a mini bus somewhere in the area; if possible give the police its registration number.

If you have any information on this or any other crime please call Maidstone Police on 01622 690055.

The Detling Neighbourhood Watch Group members can be contacted on the numbers and/or email address shown below:

Viv Hammond, Harple Lane - 07889 351296

Daren Seal, Hockers Lane - 01622 739359

Colin Woodcock, The Street - 07836 796254

Mavis and Gordon Richards, Princes Way - 01622 735167

Mike Denny, Pilgrims Way West - 01622 631807

Email: [DetlingWatch@hotmail.com](mailto:DetlingWatch@hotmail.com)

Additionally, our PCSO Jennifer Baulf can be contacted on 01622 604392 for help and advice.