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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT –

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2024

I have been undertaking Visible Presence within the village this month on set days as I cover: Greenhill, Sturry, Hersden and Hoath. For one week this month I was on leave.

I have had no concerns raised to me this month, from residents in Hoath, since the last Parish Council Meeting. I can only presume there are currently no community issues?

I did a door-to-door knock along Marley Lane to see if residents were aware of Kent Fire Service's Home Safety Check, quite a few were not aware. I gave out their telephone number 0800 923 7000 to book a home visit or see website

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/hfsv> It is worth booking as a Fire Officer will assess your fire alarms and where to best put them. From the visit they will understand the layout of your home should there be any house fire.

I am continuing to network with organizations for dealing community needs including Positive Well-being issues to reduce isolation and loneliness with a view to connecting residents with community groups across the Canterbury District.

I received a call from a local resident about the Island Road Sturry and the dangers for vulnerable elderly residents crossing the busy road between Island Rd, Sturry Hill and the Railway Station. I signposted the person to the correct organisations and their KCC Councillor.

I am still working with multiple agencies in Canterbury to support a vulnerable male who's tenanted property has water damage, where he is facing eviction and possible rehousing. Predominantly, I will be attending any online safeguarding meetings about him.

I attend an online NHS Canterbury North Hub weekly meeting where possible, to offer Community Warden welfare visits to vulnerable people across Canterbury District.

Due to an enquiry, I received, I contacted Kent County Council's Household Support Fund to find out if money available can be used to partly go towards purchasing two School Bus Passes for a family who cannot afford them. I was informed the fund can only be used for food and energy. I informed the person who enquired. If anyone wishes to claim (provided they meet the criteria for claiming for food and energy) and needs help with filling out the application form please contact me.

I am contactable by mobile or email, willing to meet with residents to discuss any community issues or assist with any personal advice, either by booking at an appointment to meet up at the Herne Community Centre, School Lane, Herne or a more suitable place. Roger Lithgow - KCC Community Warden. Mobile: 07813 713083. Email: roger.lithgow@kent.gov.uk