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31/01/11	Bower Mount Road/Scrubbs Lane - fence vandalised	Councillors Daley/Robertson	
31/01/11	Giddyhorn Lane Playground - Anti-Social Behaviour	Richard Wingett-MBC	All has gone quiet - no calls from residents, no reported crimes. Local police officers and PCSOs report no problems evident but area continues to be patrolled regularly in light of earlier concerns. Community Safety Unit continues to monitor
31/01/11	Buckland Hill - double yellow line parking	Jeff Kitson - MBC	The parking restrictions placed in Buckland Hill continue to be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers where vehicles are observed as being parked in contravention of the parking places orders. The area forms part of a regular beat in an effort to increase levels of driver compliance. Officers have also responded to calls from the public where vehicles have been cause for concern, particularly outside the snooker club where drivers risk penalty charge notice issue. In our experience, drivers move the vehicle as soon as officers are in attendance and although this improves the situation the problem may persist when officers are no longer present. I have ensured that the area remains a priority and enforced daily to help reduce problems in the long term.

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31/01/11	Queens Avenue - large debris from trees	KCC	
31/01/11	Bus Stop outside Somerfield Hospital - overcrowding	KCC	The London Road Somerfield Hospital bus stop was reviewed in the past and the possibility of re-locating it was considered. It was found there was no nearby available alternative site and this was rejected as a practical solution. Moving the retaining wall back and widening the footway was also considered. This was, at that time, rejected on disproportionate costs grounds. In the current financial climate it is clear that this will not now be proceeded with.
31/01/11	Why are local councillors not more available to hear issues of an individual/household nature?	MBC	All Councillors are available for this purpose and their email addresses and home telephone numbers are published on the website. Some Councillors hold local surgeries for residents to come along and talk to them about any problems they have. We have now also added time at the end of these Forum meetings to allow residents to discuss any individual issues with their local Councillor.
31/01/11	Blocked drains - information on how often and the sequence of clearing drains to be made available from the new contactor when appointed	Councillors Daley/Robertson	

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14/04/11	Bus Services: -  Possibility of diverting route 101 via Ringlestone  Check service monitors for route 79 for breaches of the route and lateness of the bus and take appropriate action  Check whether route 79 should be at Boots, King Street and inform Councillor Paterson	Arriva - Mr Robert Paterson  Arriva - Mr Robert Paterson  Councillor Chittenden  Arriva - Mr Robert Paterson	At present, and we have looked into this, we don't have any plans to divert the 101 service via Ringlestone. Jenni Paterson, Ian Chittenden and Dan Daley have met with Arriva and a Maidstone Borough Council Bus liaison officer. Arriva have taken action with regard to the early morning service and this has improved. There are still problems with regard to later services, particularly in the middle of the day and Arriva are continuing to review the problem to see what further action can be taken.  We have addressed this point with Councillor Paterson.
14/04/11	Kids playing football and kicking ball into gardens and windows. Have been asked politely by several residents to go to the Park, but they just shout back abuse.	Councillor Chittenden	We are continuing to monitor with residents.
14/04/11	Gibraltar House – the railings alongside the tow path were vandalised and removed 2 years ago and have never been repaired/replaced. There is a very steep drop that goes down to the river and it is dangerous.	Councillor Robertson	
14/04/11	Steel fence under bridge has been vandalised and a piece has been smashed off (near the football pitch)	Councillor Robertson	

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14/04/11	Area at the bottom of Pepper Alley where the marsh is – thought this was going to have a preservation order and made into a nature reserve but nothing has been done. When Millennium Park was made, an underground drain was apparently blocked and now the water floods/pours down the bottom of the alley.	Councillor Paterson	We have been working with KCC and an agreement has been reached with Whatmans, the owners of the adjacent wet land area with regard to managing the overflow into the river and raising the level of the bottom of Pepper Alley. This has been agreed with Natural England and the Environment Agency. Whatmans will carry out the work and Ian Chittenden will support with money from his KCC devolved budget.
14/04/11	Parking on Pavements/Dangerous parking (Councillor Chittenden went to see the problem after the meeting closed and took photographic evidence).	Councillor Chittenden	Liaison with the police is continuing.

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28/10/10	Rat Runs/HGVs	KCC - Cllr Mrs Whittle	KCC/Police/Trading Standards are looking into a pilot community lorry watch scheme
20/01/11	Junction 8 - views expressed to be forwarded and considered by Cabinet	MBC - Michael Thornton	Cabinet did not agree employment figures on 9/2/11 and asked officers to find alternative employment sites to exclude the area around Junction 8. There will be a further report to Cabinet on 27 July 2011.
20/01/11	Pavement/Dangerous Parking	Police - PCSO Andy Hawthorn	PCSO has knocked for Mr Locke on 2 occasions and left note that he called. No pavement parking witnessed so far by PCSO but polite notices have been left on some cars.
20/01/11	Church Lane, Bearsted - damage to highway by construction vehicles	KCC	Bearsted Parish Council wrote to the developers and, although no reply was received, the damage has been fixed.

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11/04/11	Leaflet on Noise to be put on website when completed and available	Martin Jeynes, MBC	Since the forum the leaflet has been taken to other members of the Safer Maidstone Partnership for their opinion. It has been well received and to ensure we get best use of the document the decision was taken to amend the last page of the original document to give a broader feel for how various members of the SMP are able to assist with noise. This would then allow all agencies to disseminate the document freely. The document is now in its final draft and has been passed to the SMP board for their approval before the document is released and published on the various agencies websites.
11/04/11	Fly-tipping - Why is there not a balancing point - why not reduce the cost of disposing of the commercial waste - would that help reduce the amount of fly tipping? Response to be given	Steve Goulette	This is an interesting question but there is no evidence that reducing charges would reduce flytipping as the majority of those committing offences are not willing to pay any money to dispose of their waste. That said this question should really be redirected to government as they are responsible for strategic waste matters. Maidstone is of course interested in catching those that do commit offences and has undertaken surveillance of known "dumping " spots in order to catch those involved. I will write to government and pose the question.

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21/10/10	20mph limit - request received for this at Hunton Village School	KCC - Steve Charman	Information to be sent from KCC to Parish Council regarding the next steps
26/01/11	Community Safety - closer work with Parishes and other issues raised	MBC - John Littlemore	The views expressed at the Neighbourhood Forum have been fed back into the re-organisation of the Community Safety team and the Safer Maidstone Partnership. One of the priority themes for the SMP going forward is Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and a working group is being set up to pull together an action plan that will include tackling ASB in rural areas with the assistance of the Parish Council.
26/01/11	Rural Youth Project - Chairman to write to KCC Cabinet Member	MBC - Janet Barnes	Letter sent to Cabinet Member on 4 March 2011. Response received on 22 March (sent on 15 March). Draft response prepared on 24/3/11 requesting that this Forum is included as a Consultee. 24/3/11 - further letter sent to KCC Cabinet Member to highlight the issues raised at the meeting and a copy of the minutes included.
26/01/11	Access for youth to the community sports facilities at Cornwallis to be investigated.	KCC - Steve Charman	Spoken to Victor, he is happy for the young people to go down and talk to him anytime, and they are welcome to attend when the centre is open, three nights a week, Tues, Wed & thursdays. 7 to 9 p.m. Victor can be contacted on 01622 754095
24/03/11	Market Street - ASB problem. Chase power to lamp post for CCTV camera	Police/MBC	We had quite a few issues there at the beginning of the month which have now settled down. Golding Homes who are the housing providers in the road, visited their tenants and we put the camera up at the beginning of April.

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11/11/10	Rat Runs - submit local hotspots to be mapped	KCC	No local hotspots have been submitted
10/02/11	Grove Road Church - Youth Club - progress on installation of shed and re-opening of the youth club	KCC	Jonathan Janowski (minister of Grace church) is going to liase with Be Free project (working at Mangravet at present 11-16 yrs) to keep the project going once Be Free workers leave Mangravet in Oct 11.
10/02/11	Monday Madness - why was it stopped? Will it come back?	KCC	Monday Madness: YMCA PROJECT: closed due to very young children attending, and church not happy with what was going on! No plans to re-start this group at present, as funding has been reduced.
10/02/11	Charlton Football Club - numbers not as high as claimed and why not running at Mangravet any more - they do have a flood lit pitch?	Jim Boot - MBC	Since attending the neighbourhood forum I've met with the coach Dan Morrin as part of my work at the Park Wood Charlton sessions. He has shown me his registrations (each young person is required to register with their name, date of birth and an emergency phone number) for the Shepway sessions which evidence that the numbers attending are consistent with his reports. I will be dropping in on his Wednesday night session at Shepway this week (unannounced) to verify his numbers - we are holding a site visit that evening at NLL on the boxing project with the KCC and ABA Boxing Development Officer – and will report back after that. As far as I understand it, the choice to move to the Manor Youth Club on Cumberland/Shepway Green was because of the bad weather as the Manor provides the option to go inside if its too cold/wet/snowy to stay on the MUGA which seems fair enough. This has been done quite successfully at Park Wood as well. I'll ask Dan to supply me with his stats for the last quarter as well which I'll pass on to you.
10/02/11	CCTV - concerns raised at the meeting to be considered by the Cabinet Member before making his decision	MBC	Decision was made by the Cabinet Member for Community Services on 25 March 2011 to go out to tender for the procurement of CCTV services and not take up the offer from Medway Council. 30/06/11 - CCTV tender process is now underway and the award of the tender is due to take place in