



**Kent  
Police**



### Message from Dover Chief Inspector Dan Carter

*As your District Commander, I am truly shocked and saddened by the death of PCSO Julia James. Julia was well liked and highly respected by her colleagues and members of the public and we are all devastated by what has happened. She will be fondly remembered and missed by all —my thoughts go out to Julia’s family and friends and to each and every one of you within the community at this difficult time. One of the biggest policing teams I have known, including some of the very best detectives in the land, are working tirelessly, leaving no stone unturned, to bring the offender to justice. Working with our partners, the safety of our communities remains our priority and we urge anyone who has concerns to speak with our officers who are out and about in the local community, or contact us.*



### Investigation Update

- A murder investigation is being led by Assistant Chief Constable Tom Richards from Kent Police and Essex Police Serious Crime Directorate.
- Julia’s body was discovered shortly after 4pm on Tuesday 27 April.
- No arrest has been made; we are not ruling anything out and are open to all possibilities.
- Kent Police appeal for people to report anything suspicious or strange they may have witnessed.

### Appeal/Contact

It is vitally important that anyone who was in the area on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 April who may have seen something suspicious get in touch.

We are particularly keen to speak to those who regularly visit the area who may have seen something out of place and those who drove by who have dashcam footage.

You can give information to Kent Police

By calling **08000 514526**

Online Portal: <https://mipp.police.uk/operation/4601020121F07-PO1>

Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

### Safety Advice

We understand if people are feeling uncertain at the moment about their safety following the death of PCSO Julia James in Snowdown. Although events like these are incredibly rare it remains sensible for people to consider these guidelines whilst still continuing with their daily lives.

Remain cautious, vigilant and aware of your surroundings when you are out and about.

Remember to keep your phone on you and charged, plan your route and tell someone where you are going and how long you will be.

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### Lets Work Together

Officers will remain at the scene carrying out enquiries over the weekend and through next week.

There will be a significant uniformed police presence in the area and surrounding villages - speak to them, help us to understand how the community is feeling and what else we can do to provide more reassurance.

An increase in social media posts - please follow us on Twitter/Facebook for regular posts.

Kent Police, Dover District Council and all Community Safety partners are fully committed to support residents and visitors at this time to ensure Dover District remains a safe place.

**[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) / [www.dover.gov.uk](http://www.dover.gov.uk)**

Find out more about what is happening in your area and useful contact details.

**Neighbourhood Watch — [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)**

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to reduce crime

These are community initiatives owned and run by their members and supported by the police.