# Kent Action Against Live Exports (KAALE)

"I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell."

President Harry S Truman

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Policing for the protection of live animal exporters and not Kent citizens? - Ramsgate, Kent; October 2012

On Thursday November 15th 2012, for the first time, you will be able to vote for your local police and crime commissioner (PCC). This is a new role and the job of the PCC will be to oversee the police and ensure they are prioritising what matters to you. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales, excluding London.

On the following website link you should be able to find the candidates standing for election in (your) particular area of the country, and read more information about PCC candidates for any particular region:

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## http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/

Here in Kent, with the resumption of the live animal export trade out of Ramsgate yet again; we are witnessing around 50-60+ police officers <u>at each</u> animal export sailing; normally at least once a week, if not more, as it has been for well over one year now. Some of these officers have been shipped in from other locations around the South East, such as those travelling down from Essex county.

It needs to be made clear to the candidates for this PCC position that the police who attend each and every live animal shipment from Ramsgate port, are there to basically provide protection to the 4, 5, 6 or 7 (primarily) Dutch hauliers who transport animals to Europe.

## They are doing nothing for the people (and taxpayers) of Kent.

These hauliers are using UK roads for free and are <u>basically contributing nothing to</u> <u>the UK economy</u>. And yet, almost every week when they operate their vile trade, they are given protection by the Kent police to the tune of 50 or 60+ officers; <u>who</u> <u>could and should be doing a much better service providing more important policing</u> <u>for the people of Kent</u> – <u>the very people who pay their wages</u> as Kent taxpayers!

In the lead up to the PCC elections on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, why not give 'your' area candidates for the PCC position a phone call or an e mail and ask them directly if they think that your money as a UK (Kent constituent or other?) taxpayer should be being wasted on 60+ police officers regularly providing protection to half a dozen foreign animal export trucks that we / you, the taxpayer, does not even want in your county!

Further, the trade is operated by Johannes Onderwater, a convicted criminal in the UK.

On 5th July 2010 at Folkestone Magistrates Court, Kent, Onderwater Agneaux BV (Onderwaters company) <u>pleaded guilty to no less than six offences</u> under the Animal Health Act 1981 of causing the transport of sheep in contravention of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and EU Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 (Protection of animals during transport).

So what do se see now? – police protection for convicted criminals; whilst good citizens with no convictions literally pay the bill (no pun intended)?

This is especially applicable to Kent county citizens, as we have had this situation for many yearsof police protection for exporters at the Kent taxpayers expense, be it at Ramsgate or Dover. The shipments are not a 'one off' such as policing of a protest march; which should be paid for out of the police budget – this is a weekly, organised business venture operated by convicted criminals.

As an example of what we are being told by candidates, such as one of the Kent PCC candidates who declares on his website that:

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"Most people accept that in these times of austerity we must look for efficiency and value for money. As a Chartered Accountant I am better placed than most to identify the savings we need to make, whilst protecting essential services. And, as a long-serving magistrate on the North Kent bench, I have first-hand experience of how the criminal justice system works, and how it could be improved".



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 we would say not. If the hauliers want regular, weekly police protection, then they should have to pay for it out of their own pockets, not rely on financial handouts from the good people of Kent who as a consequence are deprived police 'essential services' in their area of the county.

If you are going to vote for the PCC on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, <u>please make advance</u> <u>contact</u> with all your specific PCC candidates and ask them their views on <u>YOUR</u> <u>taxes being spent providing foreign live export haulier protection almost each and every week the year at Ramsgate in these 'times of austerity'.</u>

You will no doubt have questions yourself, but here are a few ideas you could use:

- Does crime pay? it appears to in the case of Onderwater; now given police protection whilst being convicted on 5th July 2010 at Folkestone Magistrates Court, Kent, Onderwater Agneaux BV (Onderwaters company) pleaded guilty to no less than six offences under the Animal Health Act.
  - Is paying for 50+ Kent police to provide protection for 5 Dutch animal hauliers every week over the past 15 months 'efficiency and value for money' as well as providing an 'essential service' to Kent citizens in these times of austerity?

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- If the money is being spent on police at Ramsgate protecting Dutch hauliers, then what other 'essential service' cuts are being made to the people / taxpayers of Kent as a result of this?
  - Do they believe in the live export of animals yes or no?
  - Do they consider that all this police protection at Ramsgate is money well spent by Kent constabulary?
- If 'no', then <u>what are they actually doing on a personal (or political party)</u>
  <u>basis to make representations to existing so-called 'government' about the</u>
  <u>policing situation</u> being seen every week at Ramsgate?
- Do their personal opinions relating to animal exports <u>represent the views of</u> <u>their political party</u> – yes or no?
- Do they consider as a PCC candidate that the police of Kent should primarily be used to provide a policing 'essential service' to the people of Kent rather than 15 months of weekly protection to a handful of Dutch hauliers?
- <u>Do they as PCC candidates want your vote</u>? if yes (obviously); then <u>what</u> are they going to do about making the live animal hauliers pay the costs to <u>Kent constabulary for the weekly policing</u> we have witnessed for the last 15 months?



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# For Kent citizens and anti-export campaigners, the following are links to the Kent PCC candidates; plus details of how to contact them:

### **Ann Barnes**

# Independent Candidate http://www.annbarnes.co.uk/contact\_ann.html

"I welcome your comments and questions about the new role of Police Commissioner for Kent"

### <u>Dai Liyanage MBE</u> Independent Candidate

Tel 07721 506603 http://www.dai4change.wordpress.com/

"With our joint experience and personal talents I am confident that we can ensure that Kent Police management and budgeting will be in safe hands and we will do all we can to make Kent a safer place to live".

### Craig Mackinlay

The Conservative Party Candidate http://www.craigmackinlay.com/contact

Telephone: 01622 235000

Email: campaign@craigmackinlay.com

"If you run a local group, such as a Residents' Association, Club, Neighbourhood Watch Group or similar, and would like me to attend a future meeting to answer your questions about crime and policing in Kent, please get in touch with full details".

### **Steve Uncles**

English Democrats - "More Police - Catching Criminals!" Candidate Telephone: - 07931 390 029

> National Telephone Line – 0207 242 1066 E-mail <u>SteveUncles@EngDem.org</u> www.SteveUnclesEnglishDemocrats.org

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"Welfare of Animals – Ensure that all Animals in Kent are kept and maintained in a humane manner in line with English Traditions. Barbaric culture practices such as Animal Slaughter in Kent, that involves torture will be vigorously stamped out by Kent Police".

### Piers Wauchope

UK Independence Party Candidate www.ukip4kent.co.uk

www.facebook.com/ukiptwells

Contact e mail - http://www.ukip4kent.co.uk/#/contact-donations/4569816148

### Harriet Bronwen Yeo

The Labour Party Candidate

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We can use this as the 'initial experience' in future political voting such as the European Elections next Summer (MEP elections) and the next General Election in the UK (MP elections), <u>AND AS VOTERS</u>, we can put the issue of live animal exports and the waste of policing money back at the very people who will be in charge of policing – the PCC's, and in future, the politicians who 'represent' us!

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We don't want the live animal export trade as it is a relic of past history, and we certainly do not want our current taxes spent on protecting convicted animal abusersoperating a business out of our county — Johannes Onderwater — on 5th July 2010 at Folkestone Magistrates Court, Kent, Onderwater Agneaux BV (Onderwaters company) pleaded guilty to no less than six offences under the Animal Health Act 1981 of causing the transport of sheep in contravention of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and EU Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 (Protection of animals during transport).

Onderwater and his Dutch hauliers are now being provided with Kent police protection almost every week at the expense (many thousands of £) of 'essential services' possibly being taken away from Kent citizens as a result in these times of austerity.

Who says crime does not pay?

Please make contact with your PCC candidates well before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November and <u>express your views as a Kent taxpayer about the police money being spent</u> <u>giving protection to convicted criminals, overseas hauliers and overseas livestock</u> dealers operating out of Ramsgate.

If you are going to vote; then use it wisely!

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Regards KAALE.



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