

# Watch and Ward

A History of  
Margate  
Borough  
Police  
1858 to 1943



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Cruttenden



*Everything you ever wanted to know about  
Margate's "Boys in Blue" and never dared ask...*

This new book provides a comprehensive account of every single policeman who ever served in Margate Borough Police Force, along with their 'clients' (ranging from murderers through wife-beaters and swindlers to dangerous drivers, enemy aliens and juvenile pick-pockets). It also contains insights into their 'masters' – the Watch Committee, Margate Town Council, Kent County Constabulary, HM Inspectors of Constabulary, and the Home Office. And alongside those honourably killed in the line of duty, it doesn't shy away from the 'rotten eggs': those dismissed for drunkenness or dishonesty.

Never before has the history of a municipal police force been recorded in such detail in a single volume. Indeed, seldom has this crucial side of any town's development been made available in such an accessible format. There are nearly 100 illustrations, and 50 pages of indices for names and locations, so anyone interested in researching the history of their ancestors, or their local area, will find it an invaluable resource.

The author, Nigel Cruttenden, worked for Kent Police for over forty years, thirty of those as a warranted police officer, and many as a major crime scene supervisor or manager. This experience helped ensure that his historical research too has been quite forensic!

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