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## Record number of Migrants cross the channel in one week



By David Wimble  
With the recent fair weather, over 1000 people landed on our coastline in one week, with nearly the same amount of people being stopped by French police.

A further 475 migrants crossed the English Channel in 15 small boats on Thursday, following a record 482 arrivals on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Defence earlier said an exercise on its firing range at Hythe had to be stopped on Wednesday when people landed on the beach there.

The Looker has had more emails on this subject than any other over the past few months and it appears that the initial good will is running out from locals.

One Dungeness resident, who asked us not to print their name said; "When the people started to arrive a few years ago, there was almost a sense of occasion that these people had made this the final part of an epic journey, but now it's apparent that most of the people who make the crossings have given up everything in a last ditch attempt to find a new home. Whilst I sympathise with their plight, we cannot carry on like

this. Something has to be done at the source to stop the gangs from supplying the boats. It staggers me that our government has given the French another £50 million plus and these people are allowed to slip through the net. For that kind of money, they could pay for round the clock policing of the beaches. Physically stopping them from even getting to sea. These boats are not small, and have to be transported. How come no one see's them?" The reality is the boats and numbers are getting bigger by the week and no one seems to be doing anything about it.

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## Local authority take no chances on beach party

Unfortunately, we had already gone to press when a beach party planned by the same company that caused both traffic chaos and a mini riot on the beach front at Greatstone last year was rumoured to be happening again.

The tip off was forwarded to the council, more than a week before the planned event, which started a multi-agency working group including Kent Police, working with Surrey and London police and both Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Rother District Council.

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