### Newsletter – Frontier Engagement Team

## **Terrorism threat level remains at substantial**

The UK threat level was reduced to substantial on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – meaning an attack is likely. This was before the atrocious events in the London Bridge area on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The threat level at this current time remains at Substantial.

The decision to lower the assessment from severe – meaning an attack is highly likely – was made by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC). This is an independent body of experts who evaluate available intelligence alongside terrorist capability and intentions.

# **`The UK was last at substantial in 2014'**

Head of Counter Terrorism Policing ,Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu says "The reduction to 'Substantial' indicates positive developments in reducing the threat from terrorism but still means an attack is likely.

Counter Terrorism Policing has around 800 live CT investigations nationally and 24 attack plots have been thwarted since the atrocity in Westminster in 2017.

So it is vital that we all maintain a high level of vigilance. If you see something that doesn't appear right in your environment or when out in city and towns "don't ignore it, share it".





#### **Engagement Team**

Colin and Rachel have been out engaging with local communities and are continuing to deliver presentations to businesses, recreational groups and volunteer groups. If you know of a group either maritime or aviation based please let the team know. The presentation will be updated for the New Year so will be of further interest.

#### **Protecting** and **serving** the people of Kent