

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Victoria Ward



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Acting on Community Concerns The top 3 concerns for the area are:

E-Scooters, Drug Dealing, Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) - General.

Acting on Community Concerns:

Police acted upon intelligence following concerns of drugs being dealt within a property within an address. Upon searching of the address, a significant amount of suspected heroin, cocaine and cannabis was located and seized despite best efforts of the suspects trying to conceal it. Searching of the address also found evidence of drug supply and a large quantity of money. Despite both suspect's best efforts of playing hide and seek with the drugs and themselves, both the suspects were arrested and have been charged and remanded in custody pending trial for possession with intent to supply a controlled drug, namely, heroin, cocaine and cannabis and acquire / use / possess criminal property. The cash has been seized in the proceeds of crime, and several offensive weapons and knives were located within the property which also have been seized.

An individual linked to persistent anti-social behaviour in the town centre has recently been issued a Community Protection Warning (CPW). This formal step makes clear that their behaviour must change. If the warning is breached, the next stage is a Community Protection Notice (CPN). A CPN is legally enforceable and can include specific requirements such as restrictions, positive actions and penalties. This process ensures that anti-social behaviour is dealt with firmly and to ensure residents and visitors feel safe within the Ashford district.

Two individuals have been arrested following a burglary at a local Laundrettes of money, specifically coins. The Beat officer went to the store and viewed CCTV which showed two individuals loitering outside the Laundrettes. PC Larsen recognised both individuals from dealing with them regularly within Ashford Town Centre. Both were swiftly arrested for the offence. Despite both individuals initially being refused charge due to evidential difficulties, PC Larsen re-attended several venues they could have taken the coins and further identified them on CCTV with the stolen goods on the same day of the burglary. They have since been arrested on new evidence.

Even when investigations face evidential challenges, we remain committed to pursuing every possible line of enquiry. This ensures that we can prove or disprove a person's involvement in an alleged offence and, ultimately, hold offenders accountable for their behaviour as well as showing the strengths of Neighbourhood Policing, reporting suspicious behaviour and intelligence led policing.

Community Engagements:

- Drop in Surgery – 12:00 to 13:00 – 12/12/2025 - Harpers Cafe, Victoria Park, Ashford, TN23 4AD
- Coffee with a cop – 10:00 to 11:00 – 18/12/2025 - EspressBros, Bank Street, Ashford, TN23 1DQ
- Coffee with a cop – 10:00 to 11:00 – 23/01/2026 - Cafe Nero, New Rents, Ashford, TN23 1LE
- Coffee with a cop – 10:00 – 11:00 – 17/02/2026 - Muffin Break, County Square, Ashford, TN23 1YB

Keep an eye out for new upcoming meetings on the Kent Police Website under Your Area.

Your local
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Have your Say – Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in Urban Ashford

Ashford Borough Council are seeking your views on the proposed changes to the current PSPO. The PSPO is proposing new restrictions to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour that is more reflective to the current community concerns and priorities: <https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/proposal-for-pspo-in-ashford>

Keep Your Property Safe this Christmas:

With Christmas approaching, it's important to remember that burglaries often rise during the festive season. Homes are filled with gifts, gadgets, and valuables, while many of us are out at parties, shopping, or visiting family. By taking a few simple steps, you can reduce the risk of becoming a target.

Home Security

Lock all doors and windows – even when you're at home or in the garden.

Keep keys and valuables out of sight and away from doors and windows. criminals often smash glass to reach keys or grab items.

Install security lighting around entrances and dark areas.

Consider CCTV or a video doorbell for added deterrence.

Don't advertise absences on social media. If you're away, use timers for lights and ask a trusted neighbour to check your property.

Secure sheds and garages – criminals often target tools and bikes.

Vehicle Security

Always lock your vehicle and close windows, even if parked on your driveway.

Remove valuables from view – bags, electronics, and tools are common targets.

Never leave keys near doors or windows – thieves may break glass or use tools to reach inside.

Consider a steering wheel lock or other visible deterrents.

Park in well-lit areas or use a garage if possible.

Do you work for a Shop in the Ashford District?

We are working closely with APAC who are a Business Crime Reduction Scheme in Ashford to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in business venues in Ashford. Consider joining APAC and benefit from shared intelligence, community collaboration between stores, Kent Police and other stakeholders and practical support through crime prevention advice and resources. If you are interested in joining, please contact PC Larsen or APAC directly via admin@apac-kent.co.uk. This scheme is available throughout the district. Together we can create a safer shopping environment for staff, customers and the wider community.

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