

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Urban Northeast Ward



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

E-Scooters , Catapults , Antisocial Behaviour - Nuisance

Tackling Your Concerns...

There has been reports of ASB and catapults being used in the area in the past month, but we have been unable to identify a suspect with evidence. We investigate reports and try and identify CCTV sources in the area to aid us but you can help us. **Do you have a doorbell camera or CCTV? If so, join the CCTV Registry to help keep your community safe.** The secure platform allows officers to contact camera owners to ask for CCTV footage. This means officers don't have to go in person to collect video evidence, leading to faster investigations for victims and witnesses.

By registering your cameras and their locations, you will be helping to identify potential video evidence after an incident, and in turn, helping to keep your area safe.

How it works:- (1) register your cameras and their locations, (2) if an incident happens in your area, a Kent Police officer will contact you, (3) you will then be sent an email or text with a link for you to upload the footage.

Help Keep Kent Safe - Register your CCTV and doorbell cameras using our quick and secure online portal - <https://cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk/>

Community Events:

- Drop-in surgery 1:30PM – 2:00PM, Mon 5th January 2026 Julie Rose Stadium, Willesborough Road, TN24 9QX
- Drop-in surgery 10:00AM – 10:30AM, Fri 6th February 2026 Julie Rose Stadium


Your local officer:
**PC 13268
Staughton**

We are aware of at least one incident a report of persons gaining entry to insecure parked vehicles overnight. Also we have received a few reports of suspicious activity which could be person(s), with key cloning equipment. This has been captured on external home installed CCTV, which follows on from the above suggestion of registering your available CCTV and doorbell cameras on **CCTV Registry**.

Do you have keyless entry/start or central locking? If so, have you considered securing the signal your vehicle keys give out by using a faraday pouch or box? These handy little things block the signals to and from your keys (and contactless cards!) preventing your car from opening if you're not the one trying to get in it! It's surprising how far these signals travel, and thieves are now using signal boosters to increase the range and use it to get into vehicles.

These faraday bags can be inexpensive if you shop around, maybe use up the rest of that Christmas money you may have got. I have seen them available at Halfords, Screwfix, Argos, and I am sure other retailers stock them too. They also come in the form of Storage boxes also but remember not to leave them within easy reach from your front door.





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Vehicle Security (Focus on Theft from and of Vehicles)

Vehicle crime, some crime prevention tips...

Never Leave the Engine Running: On cold mornings, never leave your car unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. Thieves specifically target cars left running with keys in the ignition.

Protect Key Fobs: Keep keyless entry fobs in a metal tin or pouch (a Faraday cage) well away from the front door/windows to block the signal that thieves use to relay the car's lock code.

Keep Valuables Hidden: Do not leave any valuables on display, including coats, loose change, satellite navigation systems, or shopping bags. Secure items in the boot.

Wipe Away Suction Marks: Clean any sat-nav suction marks from the windscreen, as these signal to thieves that the device may be hidden inside the vehicle.

Double-Check Locking: Always physically check that your car doors are locked after using the key fob, as criminals sometimes use devices to block the locking signal.



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

Ashford Borough Council is seeking your views on the proposed changes to the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the Ashford Urban area (see the map on the following page). PSPOs are legal tools introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to help councils tackle persistent anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues that negatively impact the quality of life in public spaces. They are designed to ensure that everyone can enjoy these areas safely and responsibly.

The proposed PSPO aims to address behaviours that have been identified as causing nuisance or harm to the community, such as street drinking, anti-social use of vehicles, and other activities that undermine public safety and wellbeing. These measures are part of our ongoing commitment to reduce ASB, improve community safety, and maintain a welcoming environment for residents, local businesses, and visitors.

Your feedback is essential.

Please copy & paste this link into your web browser > <https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/proposal-for-pspo-in-ashford>

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