

Whitstable/Chestfield Wards newsletter



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With September coming to an end, we are now officially entering Autumn. CSU are already putting plans together to keep you safe throughout Autumn and Winter.

With that in mind, throughout September, we have:

- **Targeted activity:** Patrol teams have committed to listening to public concerns and conducting proactive patrols—both on foot and via mobile units—across Whitstable's newest estate, Whitstable Heights. This initiative was launched to help deter and reduce crime in the area through visible presence and targeted enforcement. As a result of these patrols, officers recently identified and seized an uninsured vehicle being driven within the estate. The driver received a substantial fine, reinforcing our commitment to tackling unlawful activity and discouraging reoffending.

We are also working in joint partnership with Hyde Housing, who manage the Heights estate, to ensure residents feel safe and protected in their homes. This collaboration will continue as we work together to address any anti-social behaviour (ASB) on the estate.

- **Hotspot Patrolling:** Beyond Whitstable Heights, patrols have been actively engaging with the community, managing **Problem Solving Plans (PSPs)** and individuals linked to them. We've also been focusing on **shoplifting incidents** in the town centre, supported by **high-visibility foot patrols** across all Whitstable wards.

One particularly active day saw officers covering over **33,000 steps**, ensuring coverage across all areas of Whitstable. Additionally, officers visited a local **infant school**, where children were learning about **Keyworkers**—a great opportunity to build positive relationships and educate young residents about the role of police in their community.



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- **Community Engagement:** We are committed to engaging with the Whitstable Wards community. This includes holding regular community meetings, which are advertised via [My Community Voice](#). We want to hear your concerns and work together to find solutions.

We are committed to keeping you informed. We publish this monthly newsletter and provide updates on local crime trends and the work we are doing to address these issues on [My Community Voice](#).



Next month's engagements:

- Tuesday 7th of October 2025 10:30-11:45 – Swalecliffe Library, 78 Herne Bay Road, CT52LX.
- Wednesday 8th of October 2025 13:30-14:45 - Whitstable Umbrella Community Support centre, Oxford Street, CT51DD
- Saturday 11th of October 2025 11:00-13:00 – HatHats coffee South Quay Shed, Whitstable Harbour, CT51AB.
- Monday 15th of October 2025 13:30-14:45 - Whitstable Umbrella Community Support centre, Oxford Street, CT51DD

Your local officers are;
PC 15145 Powell
PC 9711 Camp

Good work story:

Kent Police received reports of persons attempting to steal a motorbike on the 7th of September 2025 in the early hours of the morning near Canterbury East Railway Station. Officers attended immediately after the call came in and located a male wearing a balaclava in the vicinity. A search revealed that the male was in possession of a balaclava, a screwdriver and bolt cutters. He was subsequently arrested and a case is being built to be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Theft of motor vehicles and theft of items inside motor vehicles is still a prevalent crime within the Canterbury District, including Whitstable. Officers within the Community Safety Unit are responding to incidents and prosecuting those involved. Please keep vigilant, remember to



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keep your vehicles locked and secured and to remove valuables from inside your vehicles. We are still seeing reports where suspects have found unlocked vehicles and have stolen items from within.



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