

# Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

## Rural South Ward



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### Acting on Community Concerns The top 3 area concerns:

**Road Safety Issues, Catapults, Fly Tipping**

#### Tackling Your Concerns

**🚗 Icy back roads are here — let's keep the "Dancing on Ice" routines on TV, not on our streets. -**

As temperatures drop, those quiet country lanes can turn into surprise skating rinks. Add in a frosted windscreen and suddenly you're driving blindfolded into a winter obstacle course. Before you set off, take a few extra minutes to fully clear your windows — front, back and sides. Peeking through a letterbox-sized gap might feel quick, but it's a fast track to a road traffic collision. Slow down on bends, watch for black ice, and give yourself plenty of time to brake. Let's keep the festive spins and slides for the professionals on the ice, not our cars on the roads. It could not only be dangerous — it could be criminal.

**🕒 Keeping Christmas Merry, Bright... and Fly-Tip Free! 🗑️** - PC Picton has been working closely with Kent County Council this month to tackle fly-tipping across the area. Together, joint visits have been carried out at known hotspots to identify items linked to illegal waste carriers and to share intelligence that helps keep our community clean.

As the festive season rolls in, we know unwanted gifts happen — from tiny trinkets to those *mysteriously large appliances* that Santa definitely didn't squeeze down the chimney.

**🌟 A friendly reminder:** Please dispose of unwanted items responsibly by using licensed waste carriers or visiting your local recycling centre. Fly-tipping isn't just unsightly — we can trace items back to you, and it can lead to prosecution.

Let's keep our community looking its best this Christmas. If you spot fly-tipping, report it to Ashford Borough Council and help us keep the holiday spirit sparkling. 🎁 🌟


As your Christmas celebrations come to a close and welcome the New Year, it's important to keep safety at the forefront of our festivities. The holiday season often brings more social gatherings, late nights, and travel, which can increase risks if we're not careful.

**🚗 Drink Driving Awareness** Alcohol can remain in your system for many hours, meaning you may still be over the legal limit the following morning. Even if you feel fine, your reaction times and judgment may still be impaired. Plan ahead by arranging a designated driver, booking a taxi, or using public transport. If you've been drinking heavily, consider delaying your journey until later in the day to ensure you're safe to drive.



**🏠 Protecting Your Property** Unfortunately, opportunistic thefts can rise during the festive period. Keep valuables out of sight in your car and avoid leaving gifts or shopping bags visible. Secure sheds, garages, and outbuildings, as these can be easy targets for thieves. Simple steps like installing motion-sensor lights, locking doors and windows, and not advertising your absence on social media can make a big difference.

**🌟 Enjoying the Season Safely** By taking these precautions, you can focus on what really matters — enjoying time with family, friends, and your community. A little foresight helps ensure that celebrations remain joyful and free from avoidable risks.



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### Community Engagements:

- Drop in Surgery – 12/01/2026 -10:00 to 11:00 – Hamstreet Garden Centre, Marsh Road, Hamstreet TN26 2JZ
- Drop in Surgery – 21/01/2026 - 14:00 to 15:00 – Hamilton Airfield Tearoom, Bilsington, Stone Cross, Ashford, TN25 7JJ

Your local officer:  
**PC 13322 Picton**



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