

# 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**

#### **An Update from PS 14317 Edge:**

I am pleased to announce an important change within your local neighbourhood and some significant developments in our local neighbourhood policing delivery.

We have now been able to expand (double) our rural beat officers to balance with those based in the urban wards and town centre.

What this means for your area is that the rural beat officers can focus more closely on the specific needs within a smaller cluster of wards. By working in smaller rural areas, this means they will be able to address more bespoke concerns locally and ensure a higher visible presence within those areas.

#### **Acting On community Concerns:**

PC Laker has been actively engaging with local businesses on Tenterden High Street as part of **Safer Business Week**, focusing on crime prevention and listening to community concerns. In line with these efforts, a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) was recently issued to an individual prohibiting entry into any Holland & Barrett store in Tenterden. This follows theft-related convictions within the store. Breaches of such an order can result up to 5 years imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine. This enforcement action demonstrates our commitment to supporting local businesses and tackling repeat offending – not just the theft offence on the day.

Kent Police have worked closely with Ashford Borough Council in a joint working operation this month in joint sharing of intelligence and proactively targeting illegal waste carriers to prevent illegal waste dumping. Compliance checks have been conducted on waste carrier vehicles. One individual was subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice for non-compliance of operating without a valid waste licence in the Rolveden area. If you notice Fly tipping, report it Ashford Borough Council via their website.

There was joint working from multiple departments from Ashford CSU, Folkestone CSU, Special Constabulary, Rural Task Force and Sussex Police in a week of action tackling cross district rural crime, with focusing on key travel routes and visiting repeatedly targeted venues. Numerous vehicle checks were conducted with 10 vehicles searches and 16 person searches and 6 vehicle seizures for various offences, including two arrested on suspicion of supply of a controlled drug, namely cocaine and another for possession of an offensive weapon.

Police continue to respond to catapult related incidents within the local community. A reminder if this any of the below is in progress call 999:

**Property Damage:** Launching projectiles at buildings, vehicles, or infrastructure in progress.

- **Wildlife Harm:** Targeting animals, this could be towards birds or other wildlife and can be associated to illegal poaching
- **Public Safety Threats:** Firing objects at people, in public spaces, creating hazards for pedestrians or traffic.

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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>

#### Community Engagements:

- Coffee with a cop – 11/12/2025 - 10:00 to 11:00 hours – Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden, TN30 6HP

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

Your local officer:  
**PC 11307 Laker**

### 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.

#### Report Suspicious Activity

- If you see behaviour that is suspicious or out of character, please report it to Kent Police:
- **Call 999** in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.
- **Call 101** for non-emergency reports.
- Or report online at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk).
- **Contact Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111** or via an online form if you do not wish to contact the Police Directly

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