



## Urban Southeast Ward

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### E-Scooters, Nuisance Bikes, Drug Dealing

**Acting on Community Concerns** The top 3 concerns for the area are: This month we continue to work hard to address your top 3 concerns. We have seized a number of e-scooters from the South East Ashford area all of which have been destroyed. It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres.

If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter/e-motorbike, the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

### Recent Arrests Following Business Burglary in South Ashford:

We're pleased to share some positive news with our community. Earlier this week, officers received a report from a local business in South Ashford after their rear yard was broken into over the weekend and several items were stolen. Local beat officers attended promptly and reviewed the CCTV footage. From this, they were able to identify two suspects straight away and secure key evidence. Both individuals were swiftly located and arrested on suspicion of burglary. They have now been charged, and one of the suspects has since been found guilty and sentenced to 8 months in prison. This was following 72 hours of initial reporting.

**Keeping Your Business Secure** We want to remind all business owners that commercial premises can be targeted by thieves. Taking simple preventative steps can significantly reduce your risk. Consider the following measures:

- Use a monitored alarm system
- Upgrade shutters, locks, and window security
- Invest in high quality CCTV
- Install motion activated lighting around the perimeter
- Secure valuables in safes that are bolted to the floor
- Establish clear opening and closing routines to ensure alarms, locks, and shutters are consistently used.

#### Community Events:

- Drop-in surgery – 16:00 to 17:00 hours – 25/02/2026 - Salvation Army, 115 Cudworth Road, Ashford, TN24 0BE

Your local officer:  
**PC 13811**  
**Tyler**

**Have your say on local issues:** Kent Police are currently running a new priority survey through MCV to understand the three biggest priorities affecting our community. Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us focus on the issues that matter most to you. Please take a moment to complete the short survey so we can better support you and work together to address the local priorities over the next three months.



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