

North Rural Wards newsletter



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ASB, theft offences and VAWG remains our main focus throughout August within our rural wards. With the summer in it's prime and warmer weather attracting people to our City, we are committed to ensuring Canterbury is a safe place to work, live and visit.

With that in mind, throughout August, we have:

- **Increased Presence:** In response to the recent increase in reports of nuisance vehicles trespassing across local fields, we have taken proactive steps to strengthen our presence in the area. By carrying out more frequent visits and maintaining a visible presence around the sites. Both officers will continue to tackle antisocial behaviour while offering reassurance to local landowners and the wider community. This approach not only supports the prevention of further damage but also fosters positive engagement with those effected, ensuring concerns are addressed swiftly and responsibly.
- **Local issues dealt with:** An individual who has been responsible for causing significant problems and distress within the community has now been arrested, and appropriate actions have been taken place to address their behaviour. This intervention has provided reassurance to local residence, many of whom had expressed ongoing concerns about the individual's conduct. It is our duty to ensure our community feels heard and safeguarded and to take all steps to disrupt and take action on those who cause harm to others.
- **Tackling persistent problems:** Catapults remains on our radar this month as it continues to be highly reported. Reports have been made between the Northgate Ward and the St Stephen's Ward, near to the river. We are continuing to patrol our river side and rural areas around the city to deter this crime and encourage everyone to call 999 if they see a person using a catapult to harm wildlife, other people or to cause criminal damage. If someone is carrying a catapult but not actively using it, please call our non-emergency line on 101.



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Community Engagement: We are committed to engaging with the rural 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:

- Engagement Car at Tesco Express, Herne Bay Road, Sturry, 4th September 2025 – 11:00-12:00

Your local officers are;
PC 30838 Parkinson-Wellard
PCSO 62956 Sinclair

Good work story:

Kent Police received two reports of an accosting in the City Centre of Canterbury during the hours of 22:00-23:00 on the 22nd August, where a male was intoxicated, following females and trying to grab them to take them away with him. He was reported to have been making controlling demands towards the females and was causing a great deal of distress. CSU officers flooded the area and located distressed females seeking refuge with security at a local club. Officers soon located the male suspect where he was swiftly arrested. All the women were spoken to and some were given assistance to get home safely.

We will not tolerate those who pose a risk to women and girls and treat members of our community this way. The Community Safety Unit strive to ensure our city is safe and that our community can enjoy it's vibrant night life safely. We strongly encourage you all to call 999 if you see any accosting or inappropriate behaviour.



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