

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Rural North Ward



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Acting on Community Concerns

The top 3 concerns for the area are:

Anti-Social Behaviour , **Nuisance Bikes** , **Road Safety Issues**

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 Hopkins conducted speed compliance checks with SC Groom from the Special Constabulary along the A252 that goes between Challock, Molash and Chilham. Two drivers were issued with Traffic Offence Reports relating to Speeding. Speed contributes to more than half of all fatal collisions in Britain; there is a speed limit for a reason.

Following concerns raised locally in Wye of a vehicle being driven without a valid insurance and licence, the vehicle was located by the beat officers patrolling the village and stopped and the driver reported for driving otherwise in accordance with a licence and without third party insurance. The vehicle was also seized.

Following car keys being stolen at a residential burglary in Wye, the stolen vehicle was located in the Kennington area following concerns raised by a local resident of the vehicle looking out of place. If you see something suspicious, report it. Consider joining local Neighbourhood Watch for crime prevention and what to look out for in the local community.

PC Hopkins worked closely with Ashford Borough Council to tackle an address in Charing involved in significant personal anti-social behaviour to residents. That individual has now been evicted making the community now a safe place to live and visit. We continue to work closely with our partners to tackle individuals who cause anti-social behaviour and use a wide range of policing powers to stop detrimental behaviour within the local community.

Community Engagements:

- Coffee with a cop - 09:00 to 10:00 - The Hub, Riverside House, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5BX
- Drop in Surgery – 09:00 to 10:00 – The Pavillion, Charing Playing Fields, The Moat, Charing, TN27 0JJ

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

Your local officer:
PC 30538 Hopkins

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>



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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.
- **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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