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# Westcotes Newsletter #yousaidwedid

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## Your Local Team



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## What matters to you

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following:

### Priority 1: Drug use and Dealing.

**You Said:** You are concerned and frustrated by individuals involved in drug use and dealing in public spaces across our beat.

**What We Are Going To Do:** We have a number of days of action planned where you will see officers out in force, targeting those involved in drug-related offences. Our focus will be on enforcement, disruption, and working with partners to tackle the root causes and reduce harm in the community.

### Priority: Retail Crime in the Westcotes Area

**You Said:** We have had an increase of reports relating to retail crime covering both theft and ASB impacting our local businesses.

**What We Are Going To Do:** We are implementing a dedicated patrol plan to increase police presence in key locations, focusing on deterring those who are causing the biggest issues. We have already identified the repeat offenders and have a plan of action to specifically engage with those offenders and put the spotlight on their specific situations that feed this sort of crime and ASB.

### Priority: Alcohol-Related ASB in Public Spaces

**You Said:** We've received reports that groups drinking alcohol in public are causing disruption and concern in your community.

**What We Are Going To Do:** We are setting out to target those who continue to cause harm through disruptive and alcohol-fuelled behaviour. While tackling this isn't always straightforward, we're putting every possible measure in place to prevent further incidents. Alongside the support and intervention options we always promote, we're acting on clear patterns of behaviour and gathering the evidence needed to take enforcement action. Public drinking that leads to anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and has a lasting impact on those affected. Rest assured, we are working tirelessly to address this and restore peace to your community.

## What we have done #yousaidwedid

Over the last quarter, our team has continued to focus on the issues that matter most to the Westcotes community. One of our key areas of work has been tackling cannabis cultivations operating within residential properties. Several setups have been located and dismantled thanks to intelligence passed directly to us. Had these not been intercepted, the drugs produced would have been sold on our streets, with the profits feeding into wider criminal networks. By taking these grows down early, we've disrupted organised activity, safeguarded vulnerable individuals, and caused significant setbacks for those intent on bringing harm into our neighbourhoods.

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Alongside this, our officers have been carrying out proactive stop searches, targeting individuals believed to be supplying illegal drugs in the area. These efforts have already resulted in a number of arrests for possession with intent to supply, and further investigations are ongoing. This is challenging work, but it's a clear example of how prevention and visible policing make a difference in stopping drugs from reaching our communities.

However, the successes we are seeing are not down to policing alone — they are a direct result of the partnership we have with you. Your information, your observations, and your willingness to report concerns continue to put us in the right places at the right times. Every call, every message, and every conversation helps us build a clearer picture of what is happening on our streets. Please keep talking to us. We are listening, and we act on what you tell us.

You may have seen the team out recently on Bede Park, supported by the drugs dog. This has been an important part of addressing the issues you've raised about behaviour and drug use on the park. The presence of the dog has helped identify individuals in possession of illegal substances and has also sent a clear message that this is not a place to come if you intend to engage in criminal activity. We know Bede Park is valued by many, and we want it to remain a safe and welcoming space. You will see an increased uniformed presence there going forward, so please stop and speak with us when you do — your experiences help shape our patrols.

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### Business crime prevention

Business robbery is where items are stolen from commercial premises such as a shop or a factory using violence or threats. Learn how to help prevent it.



#### [Securing your shop from shoplifters](#)

Six tips on how to outsmart shoplifters



#### [Keep burglars out of your business](#)

Advice to deter burglars from entering your business premises

#### [Advice for business owners on preventing crime](#)

From shoplifting or non-paying diners to staff theft and burglary

## Community engagements

Don't miss out on our events:

16/01/2026 1200-1400—Barclay Street Mosque—Engagement with Faith Group

17/01/2026—1000-1200—Bede Park—ASB awareness with Park Users/ Bike Register