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Acting on Community Concerns

The top 3 concerns for the area are:

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

Tackling Your Concerns:



Local Beat Officers have seized a number of untaxed vehicles this month across the ward, including in High Halden and Biddenden. We have also stopped and dealt with multiple vehicles linked to drivers with incorrect licenses and that have been uninsured resulting in Traffic Offence Reports being issued.

This month has seen the forensic return of a blood sample that related to a male arrested back in September for Drug Driving and No Insurance. The results showed he was over the specified limit for Cannabis and he has now been charged to Court in the coming weeks.



And finally, another notable result includes recovering a modified pedal cycle that was powered by a battery back and throttle, capable of reaching speeds up to 36mph. This was seized from a group of youths and will now be sent for destruction due to its illegal nature.

Community Engagements:

- Drop-In Surgery – 25/02/2026 - 13:00 to 13:45 hours – Starbucks, Holiday Inn, A20, Hothfield, TN26 1AR

Your local officer:

PC 14208 Hobday

Home Security and General Advice:

Rural communities around Ashford may feel a world away from the recent burglaries affecting urban neighbourhoods, but staying vigilant is just as important in quieter areas. Homes surrounded by fields or set back from the road can appear more isolated, making simple precautions especially valuable.

Keeping doors and windows locked, using exterior lighting, and making sure tools or ladders aren't left outside can all reduce opportunity. It also helps to stay connected with neighbours, share information about unfamiliar vehicles or visitors, and consider basic security measures like timers for lights or visible deterrents. A little extra awareness goes a long way in protecting rural properties without disrupting the peace that makes them so appealing.