

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Victoria Ward



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September 2025

Halloween:

Next month is Halloween 🎃👻🎃👻🎃👻 Not everyone enjoys or wants to take part in Halloween.

Addressing any anti-social behaviour, concerns that come with this, we are giving advice not only to residents in our community but also shops and retailers who can assist us in reducing any behaviour linked to this time of year. If you'd prefer not have trick or treaters call at your door, you can download and display our '[no trick or treat' sign](#) in your front door or window. It's a simple way to let others know you're not taking part.

If you're taking young children out, Halloween can be a fun experience for children, and a few precautions can keep it safe:

- children should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times
- it's best to visit homes of people you know
- if a house doesn't have decorations or a pumpkin outside, it's likely they're not participating, so it's best not to knock
- If you have teenagers going out, older children may want more independence, but it's important they understand how to celebrate respectfully:
- avoid knocking at homes without decorations or pumpkins outside
- do not use alcohol or play a trick on someone using flour or eggs
- if a 'no trick or treat' sign is displayed, they should move on without knocking
- encourage them to stay in groups and never go into a stranger's home
- remind them that Halloween is meant to be fun, not frightening for others

Let's work together to make Halloween safe, respectful, and enjoyable for everyone, whether they're celebrating or not.

Need help? Please only call [999](#) in an emergency. You can [report a non-urgent incident or crime online](#)

Alternatively, you can visit our advice pages for information and guidance on a range of issues.

- [Trick or treaters welcome poster - with advice](#)
- [No trick or treaters please poster - with advice](#)

Drop-in surgeries:

- 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Wed 22 October 2025. Muffin Break, County Square, Ashford, TN23 1YB.
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Thu 20 November 2025 Harpers Cafe, Victoria Park, Ashford, TN23 4AD.

Your local officers:
PC 14019 Larsen
PC 14208 Hobday

Acting on Community Concerns The top 3 concerns for the area are:

Anti-Social Behaviour -General, E-Scooters and Nuisance Motorcycles, Theft-Shoplifting

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This month a total of 6 E-Scooters were seized from within the Town Centre. As a motor vehicle they must be insured in compliance with Road Traffic Legislation. Failure of compliance will result in the e-scooter being seized and destroyed 14 days from date of seizure if proof of ownership and insurance cannot be provided. Where appropriate individuals will be reported for road traffic related offences.

A prolific shoplifter has promptly been located and arrested twice in the Town Centre following thefts from Boots and other stores. Beat officers will continue to work with Ashford Partnership Against Crime (APAC) and ShopSafe schemes to promptly attend shoplifting in progress as well as to quickly identify, apprehend and prosecute the offenders. Shops can register to APAC which is a Business Crime Reduction Scheme working in Ashford. - [Disc - Ashford Partnership Against Crime Ltd](#)

High Visibility patrolling continues to be a priority in the Town Centre area to prevent and disrupt anti-social behaviour. Ashford Community Safety Unit continues to utilise wide ranging powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. An individual linked to professional and organised criminal begging was issued a Community Protection Notice (CPN) following being observed by beat officers patrolling the High Street. She has been banned from begging and from returning to Ashford, Kent. Breaches of a CPN can result in being arrested issued a fine or further court-imposed orders.

Organised begging involves making a 'career' from begging and will travel throughout the country to target money from persons from the local community. It can have linked to modern slavery and referrals, and safeguarding referrals are also completed where appropriate to do so.

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