

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

Tackling Your Concerns:

A noisy entrance... and an even louder lesson.

While out on patrol this month, Beat Officers were quick to spot a motorcycle making itself *very* well-known — thanks to a loud exhaust and a bit too much speed. After stopping the rider, checks showed the bike had **no insurance**, and the rider only held a **provisional licence**.

The result? The bike was recovered by officers, and the rider has been reported for both offences. Not exactly the kind of ride-out anyone hopes for. A friendly reminder to our community: keep it legal, keep it safe, and keep our roads a place everyone can enjoy.

Two villages, two stops... and two very unwanted Christmas surprises.

Kent Police have been keeping the roads of Biddenden and Great Chart safe this festive season, stopping two separate individuals for drug driving. Not exactly the kind of “pick-up” anyone hopes for on a December evening.

It's a timely reminder that drink and drug driving isn't just a bad idea — it's illegal, dangerous, and comes with real consequences. You can still be prosecuted **the morning after**, and even if you're technically under the limit, you can be arrested if you're deemed impaired. So as the celebrations continue, know your limits, plan your journeys, and keep the roads safe for everyone. The only thing you should be lighting up this Christmas is your tree — not the blue lights behind you.

Stay safe, stay sensible, and enjoy the season responsibly. 

Icy back roads are here — let's keep the “Dancing on Ice” routines on TV, not on our streets.

As temperatures drop, those quiet country lanes can turn into surprise skating rinks. Add in a frosted windscreen and suddenly you're driving blindfolded into a winter obstacle course.

Before you set off, take a few extra minutes to fully clear your windows — front, back and sides. Peeking through a letterbox-sized gap might feel quick, but it's a fast track to a road traffic collision.

Slow down on bends, watch for black ice, and give yourself plenty of time to brake. Let's keep the festive spins and slides for the professionals on the ice, not our cars on the roads.



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It could not only be dangerous – it could be criminal.

Protecting Your Property.

Unfortunately, opportunistic thefts can rise during the festive period. Keep valuables out of sight in your car and avoid leaving gifts or shopping bags visible. Secure sheds, garages, and outbuildings, as these can be easy targets for thieves. Simple steps like installing motion-sensor lights, locking doors and windows, and not advertising your absence on social media can make a big difference.

Enjoying the Season Safely.

By taking these precautions, you can focus on what really matters — enjoying time with family, friends, and your community. A little foresight helps ensure that celebrations remain joyful and free from avoidable risks.

Community Engagements:

- New Year, New Beat Officer – 09/01/2026 - 09:30 to 10:15 hours – Bloomsbury's, Biddenden, TN27 8DQ
- Drop-In Surgery – 25/02/2026 - 13:00 to 13:45 hours – Starbucks, Holiday Inn, A20, Hothfield, TN26 1AR

Your local officer:

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