Ashford C.S.U NewsletterUrban Southeast Ward



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

E-Scooters, Nuisance Bikes, Drug Dealing

Tackling Your Concerns

This month I have been working hard to address one of your top 3 concerns which is drugs and drug dealing. I have been patrolling hotspot areas and as such have conducted a number of stop and searches and recovered drugs and dealt with the individuals appropriately.

In addition to this I have been collating information regarding a suspected cannabis grow in South Ashford. After a few weeks of hard work and intelligence gathering I was able to gain access to the property and a cannabis grow was discovered with over 100 plants inside. This success highlights the importance of community vigilance. Even small suspicions can make a big difference. If you have any concerns about drugs in your area, please contact police on 101, report online, or reach out anonymously via CrimeStoppers. I will continue to listen to your concerns and act upon them accordingly.



An e-scooter was recently seized after zipping away from the direction of a retail premises — no doubt squeezing in some last-minute festive shopping. Unfortunately for the rider, e-scooters are **illegal to use in public places**, and his Christmas present ended up being... the scooter getting seized. A quick reminder for everyone: the legal requirements for an e-scooter are the same as a motor vehicle when it comes to insurance in a public place. No insurance means no ride.

Whilst I was patrolling an area in South Ashford, I came across a person acting suspiciously and going through a skip on a driveway. After talking to the person, I detained them under S1 PACE and discovered a stolen item. The individual was dealt with appropriately and I wanted to share some safety tips for the festive period.

- Consider a lockable skip if you are disposing of metal or valuable materials
- Consider a motion detection light and CCTV Camera
- Keep tools inside your property and avoid leaving packaging for valuable items in the skip
- Avoid throwing out anything that could be reused to gain entry (old locks, keys, etc.)

As we head into the festive season we see an increase in drink and drug driving. This can be committed in a car, bike or an e-scooter. Be mindful that alcohol can stay in your system until the next day and you could be prosecuted for drink driving. Don't take any risks and get a taxi or a lift with somebody else if you are unsure.

Community Events: Thank you to all that attended our last event at Starbucks, Ashford Designer Outlet. I look forward to seeing some of you at the below events.

Community Events:

- Coffee with a cop 09:30 to 10:30 hours 20/01/2026 Starbucks, Ashford Designer Outlet, Ashford, TN24 0SD
- Drop-in surgery 16:00 to 17:00 hours 25/02/2026 Salvation Army, 115 Cudworth Road, Ashford, TN24 0BE

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