

# Whitstable/Chestfield Wards newsletter



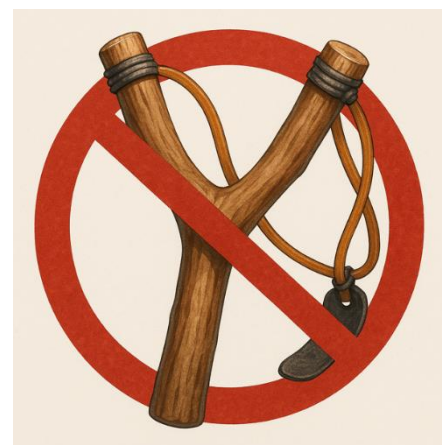
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ASB, shoplifting and VAWG remains our main focus throughout August. With the summer in it's prime and warmer weather attracting people to our City, we are committed to ensuring the city and coast is a safe place to work, live and visit. With that in mind, throughout August, we have:

- **Increased Patrols:** We are grateful that the weather has remained bright and warm throughout August to prolong the summer feeling. Our coasts are still busy which means we are keeping our increased patrols over August and September to ensure a faster and more efficient response to those who need us and a positive, hi-visibility presence to deter crime and provide reassurance to the public. Plain clothed officers are also continuing to parade from the Herne Bay Police Station for proactive activity and faster responses to calls in Herne Bay and Whitstable.
- **Engagement days:** Canterbury neighbourhood task force and CSU officers attended the Whitstable Harbour this month to show our support for an Emergency Services day. This was a positive day of engagement with hundreds of people spoken to and a great opportunity for families to come and see what a day as an emergency service worker is like. Officers also provided an opportunity for bike marking where at least 30 bikes were marked, this meaning if their bike was stolen it could be traced with an original, unique mark on the frame. Thank you to all of you who attended and showed your support for us!
- **Tackling persistent problems:** Catapults remains on the list this month as it continues to be highly reported. We are continuing to patrol our parks and rural areas around the city to deter this crime and encourage everyone to call 999 if they see a person using a catapult to harm wildlife, other people or to cause criminal damage. If someone is carrying a catapult but not actively using it, please call our non-emergency line on 101.



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- **Community Engagement:** We are committed to engaging with the Whitstable Wards community. This includes holding regular community meetings, which are advertised via [My Community Voice](#). We want to hear your concerns and work together to find solutions.

We are committed to keeping you informed. We publish this monthly newsletter and provide updates on local crime trends and the work we are doing to address these issues on [My Community Voice](#).



### Next month's engagements:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2025 10:30-11:45 – Swalecliffe Library, 78 Herne Bay Road, CT52LX.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025 13:30-15:00 - Whitstable Umbrella Community Support centre, Oxford Street, CT51DD
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 12:00-14:00 – HatHats coffee South Quay Shed, Whitstable Harbour, CT51AB.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 13:30-14:45 - Whitstable Umbrella Community Support centre, Oxford Street, CT51DD

Your local officers are;  
PC 15145 Powell  
PC 9711 Camp

## Good work story:

Kent Police received two reports of an accosting in the City Centre of Canterbury during the hours of 22:00-23:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, where a male was intoxicated, following females and trying to grab them to take them away with him. He was reported to have been making controlling demands towards the females and was causing a great deal of distress. CSU officers flooded the area and located distressed females seeking refuge with security at a local club. Officers soon located the male suspect where he was swiftly arrested. All the women were spoken to and some were given assistance to get home safely.

We will not tolerate those who pose a risk to women and girls and treat members of our community this way. The Community Safety Unit strive to ensure our city is safe and that our community can enjoy it's vibrant night life safely. We strongly encourage you all to call 999 if you see any accosting or inappropriate behaviour.



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