

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Urban Northwest Ward



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Stay safe and enjoy the fireworks this November

Everyone should be able to enjoy fireworks safely, whether at an organised display or in their back garden. Here you'll find out the law around using fireworks as well as how to stay safe, and report those using fireworks in a dangerous or threatening way.

The law

It's an offence to:

- 1 sell fireworks to anyone under 18
- 2 have fireworks in a public place if you are under 18
- 3 set off or throw fireworks or sparklers in the street or other public places
- 4 use professional display fireworks without a licence
- 5 set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for
 - Bonfire Night when the cut-off is midnight
 - New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut-off is 1am

Penalties

Breaking the law can result in:

- an unlimited fine
- up to six months in prison
- an on-the-spot fine of £90

What is the impact of firework misuse? - Used irresponsibly, fireworks can cause damage to property and do significant harm to people and animals. Not only is there a danger from fireworks exploding, they can also pose a serious fire risk as well. This is why members of the public may only use fireworks on private property, such as their back gardens, and only licensed professionals can use them in public places.

What you can do - If a local retailer is selling adult fireworks to people under 18, please report it to your local [Trading Standards](#). If children are setting off fireworks in your area, our first advice is to ask them politely to stop. It's possible they're unaware that they are breaking the law. If you know their parents, perhaps ask them to intervene.

If you're having an ongoing problem with people setting off fireworks, please [report antisocial behaviour to us](#).

Safety tips

- 1 always follow the [firework code](#) - it's there to protect you and others
- supervise children at all times around fireworks
never give sparklers to a child under five - they burn at extremely high temperature

Buying fireworks

You can only buy fireworks and sparklers from registered sellers for private use on these dates:

- 15 October to 10 November
- 26 to 31 December
- three days before Diwali and Chinese New Year

At other times you can only buy fireworks from licensed shops.

Some news updates...

Following some foot patrol around the area of The Ridge, the Community Safety Unit (CSU) and Child Centred Policing teams engaged with a number of young persons and whilst in the area seized an e-scooter being used. This will not be returned to them and will be disposed.

A shoplifter has been charged with 4 incidents of theft from local Retail premises. They were remanded to be presented at Court the next day and pleaded Guilty to all matters. The case has now been adjourned till January for sentencing.

A nuisance motorcyclist using footpaths in areas of Eureka Park and Willesborough has been stopped by the local CSU team. A team effort by officers including other Beat officers from neighbouring wards detained the rider and his passenger on a footpath between the Outlet and Willesborough putting pedestrians at risk. The rider was arrested for being in possession of cannabis, drug driving, having no insurance and driving otherwise in accordance with a licence, vehicle registration mark not conforming to regs and careless driving. His moped has been seized. The rider is now on bail

Drop-in surgery

- **Coffee with a cop - 1:00PM - 1:30PM**, Wed 05/11/25 - Waitrose, Sir Bernard Paget Ave, TN23 3RT
- **1:45PM - 2:15PM**, Wed 05/11/25 - JV Home Cafe, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, TN24 8FN

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