Ashford C.S.U Newsletter Urban Southeast Ward



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

E-Scooters, Nuisance Bikes, Drug Dealing

Acting on Community Concerns:

You never know what can happen when you stop by to meet your local officers. At our recent outlet engagement, a report of shoplifting was swiftly passed to the beat officer. Quick enquiries led to the suspect's arrest and the theft being detected. Being present in the community isn't just about conversations—it's about keeping you safe. Join us at the next engagement!

Officers have successfully located a stolen vehicle in the area, which has now been recovered for forensic identification. If you see anything suspicious, please report it directly to police or anonymously via **Crimestoppers (0800 555 111)** or via their online reporting if you do not wish to call the police. Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and engaging with fellow residents. Working together helps share crime prevention advice and ensures we all look out for concerns in our community.

Local officers recently stopped a male acting suspiciously in a known local drug dealing hotspot. Following enquiries, he was charged with possession of nine bags of cocaine and driving while twenty times over the drug drive limit. He has been bailed to attend court on New Year's Eve, where he can expect a lengthy driving ban. Kent Police remain committed to targeting road users who choose to drive under the influence of drink or drugs. Such behaviour puts lives at risk, and officers will continue to take firm action to protect the community.

Have your Say - Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in Urban Ashford

Ashford Borough Council are seeking your views on the proposed changes to the current PSPO. The PSPO is proposing new restrictions to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour that is more reflective to the current community concerns and priorities:

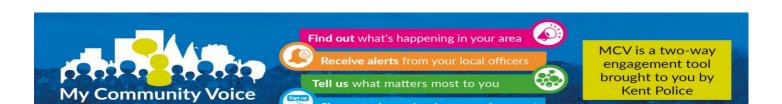
https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/proposal-for-pspo-in-ashford

Keep Your Property Safe this Christmas:

With Christmas approaching, it's important to remember that burglaries often rise during the festive season. Homes are filled with gifts, gadgets, and valuables, while many of us are out at parties, shopping, or visiting family. By taking a few simple steps, you can reduce the risk of becoming a target.

Home Security

- Lock all doors and windows even when you're at home or in the garden.
- **Keep keys and valuables out of sight** away from doors and windows. criminals often smash glass to reach keys or grab items.
- **Install security lighting** around entrances and dark areas.
- Consider CCTV or a video doorbell for added deterrence.
- Don't advertise absences on social media. If you're away, use timers for lights and ask a trusted neighbour to check your property.
- Secure sheds and garages criminals often target tools and bikes.



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Community Events:

- Coffee with a cop 10:00 to 11:00 hours 18/12/2025 Starbucks, Ashford Designer Outlet, Ashford, TN24 0SD
- 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

Keep an eye out for new upcoming meetings on the Kent Police Website under Your Area.

Your local officer: PC 13811
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Vehicle Security

- Always lock your vehicle and close windows, even if parked on your driveway.
- Remove valuables from view bags, electronics, and tools are common targets.
- Never leave keys near doors or windows thieves may break glass or use tools to reach inside.
- Consider a steering wheel lock or other visible deterrents.
- Park in well-lit areas or use a garage if possible.

Report Suspicious Activity

If you see behaviour that is suspicious or out of character, please report it to Kent Police:

- Call 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.
- Call 101 for non-emergency reports.
- Or report online at <u>www.kent.police.uk.</u>
- Contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111 or** via an online form if you do not wish to contact the Police Directly

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