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September 2025

Halloween

Next month is Halloween 🖫 🚱 🕲 🤣 🗞 Not everyone enjoys or wants to take part in Halloween.

Addressing any anti-social behaviour, concerns that come with this, we are giving advice not only to residents in our community but also shops and retailers who can assist us in reducing any behaviour linked to this time of year.

If you'd prefer not have trick or treaters call at your door, you can download and display our <u>'no trick or treat'</u> sign in your front door or window. It's a simple way to let others know you're not taking part.

If you're taking young children out, Halloween can be a fun experience for children, and a few precautions can keep it safe:

- children should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times
- it's best to visit homes of people you know
- if a house doesn't have decorations or a pumpkin outside, it's likely they're not participating, so it's best not to knock

If you have teenagers going out, Older children may want more independence, but it's important they understand how to celebrate respectfully:

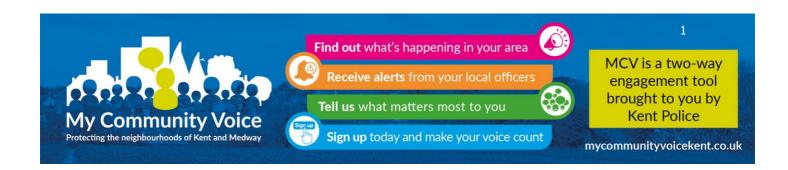
- avoid knocking at homes without decorations or pumpkins outside
- do not use alcohol or play a trick on someone using flour or eggs
- if a 'no trick or treat' sign is displayed, they should move on without knocking
- encourage them to stay in groups and never go into a stranger's home
- remind them that Halloween is meant to be fun, not frightening for others

Let's work together to make Halloween safe, respectful, and enjoyable for everyone, whether they're celebrating or not.

Need help? Please only call <u>999</u> in an emergency. You can <u>report a non-urgent incident or crime online</u>

Alternatively, you can visit our advice pages for information and guidance on a range of issues.

- Trick or treaters welcome poster with advice
- No trick or treaters please poster with advice



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Drop-in surgeries:

- 2:45PM 3:15PM, Thursday 09 October 2025, JV Home Cafe, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8FN
- 3:30PM 4:00PM, Thursday 09 October 2025, Waitrose, Sir Bernard Paget Avenue, Ashford TN23 3RT

Your local officer: PC 14158 Brown

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

Anti-Social Behaviour - Road Safety Issues, and Drugs

A vehicle was seized for no tax at Eureka Leisure Park, Ashford. it's an offence to drive a vehicle in the UK **without** road **tax** Any motorist caught driving **without** it could be fined up to £1000. A vehicle without tax will be seized and the driver will be summonsed to court. You can check if a vehicle is taxed here - <u>Check if a vehicle is taxed - GOV.UK</u>

A youth who is involved in anti-social behaviour were found in breach of his Community Protection Warning. The youth is now subject to a Community Protection Notice. Further breaches may result in arrest, a fine or further court orders.

A driver was stopped by police on Fourges Way, Ashford on suspicion of drug driving and being in possession of a controlled substance. The driver was subsequently arrested and will likely be subject to a driving disqualification and fine. If you have a drug addiction, seek support via this link - Drug addiction: getting help - NHS

