

St Stephen's Ward newsletter



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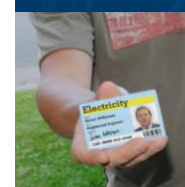
With September coming to an end, we are now officially entering Autumn. CSU are already putting plans together to keep you safe throughout Autumn and Winter.

With that in mind, throughout September, we have:

- **Targeted activity:** PC Proctor is aware of the current issues around illegally ridden motorbikes, electric conveyances and anti-social use of such vehicles. All officers within the Community Safety Team have been patrolling around hotspot areas for this behaviour and will continue to do so. Some persons have been educated and given words of advice where appropriate. One particular offender has been identified, and work is going into dealing with this person. Another has had their expensive quad bike seized from them. Please continue to report all ASB to ensure our officers are aware.
- **Collaborative working:** A recent spike of graffiti has been seen across Canterbury, one particular target being the tunnel on St Stephen's Walkway named the Hackington Place tunnel. PC Proctor liaised with the council to have abusive and offensive graffiti removed. This then begun the council to look at funding the tunnel being 'redecorated'. They are now appealing to the public for artists with ideas on how to develop and decorate the tunnel to brighten the area and send a message to those trying to ruin it.
- **Rogue Trading:** We have recently seen an increase in rogue traders who turn up at properties unannounced and try to carry out unnecessary repairs to your home for inflated prices. Typically, these people prey on the elderly and vulnerable persons of our community. PC Proctor liaised with other departments and took part in an ongoing incident where 4 persons were arrested for fraud offences who were in the middle of carrying out very poor quality repairs, that were not needed in the first place and were extortionately overpriced. Please be vigilant, pass this message along and check in with your elderly friends and relatives to share advice about rogue traders.



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Community Engagement: We are committed to engaging with the St Stephen's Ward 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:

- Wednesday 15th of October 2025 11:30-13:30 – St Stephen's Community Centre, Tenterden Drive, Canterbury, CT27BN.

Your local officers are;
PC Simon Proctor
PCSO Nicholas Hazell

Good work story:

Kent Police received reports of persons attempting to steal a motorbike on the 7th of September 2025 in the early hours of the morning near Canterbury East Railway Station. Officers attended immediately after the call came in and located a male wearing a balaclava in the vicinity. A search revealed that the male was in possession of a balaclava, a screwdriver and bolt cutters. He was subsequently arrested and a case is being built to be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Theft of motor vehicles and theft of items inside motor vehicles is still a prevalent crime within the Canterbury District. Officers within the Community Safety Unit are responding to incidents and prosecuting those involved. Please keep vigilant, remember to keep your vehicles locked and secured and to remove valuables from inside your vehicles. We are still seeing reports where suspects have found unlocked vehicles and have stolen items from within.



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