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Can I help?

- Are you holding an event I can attend? Let me know!
13263@kent.police.uk

Your local officer is
PC 13263 David Ansley

Hello everyone,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to share some updates and advice from your local policing team.

I've had the pleasure of being out and about on foot a lot this year, and I want to thank everyone who has stopped to chat. Every conversation has been positive, and it's great to see the strong sense of community we have here in Dover. Your willingness to engage and share concerns has made a real difference.

Thanks to members of the public reporting issues directly to the Police, we've been able to tackle several problems in the area, including some anti-social behaviour (ASB), dealing with nuisance bikes, and addressing shoplifting incidents. Your reports help us respond quickly and effectively, and they play a vital role in keeping Dover safe for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Dover safe. If you have any concerns or want to speak to me, please don't hesitate to stop me when I'm out on patrol or contact the local policing team.

Stay safe and have a wonderful festive season!

PC David Ansley
Dover Beat Officer



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Community Engagement – A Visit to the Local Primary School

One of the highlights this year was visiting the local primary school to provide an insight into policing. We showed the children our **police vehicle, equipment, and uniform**, and answered lots of great questions about what it's like to be a police officer.

Apologies for the extra noise on that particular day – the children had a lot of fun with the siren! It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and curiosity about policing.

Crime Prevention Advice – Winter Burglaries

During the winter months, we often see a rise in burglaries. This is partly because homes contain expensive items, especially after Christmas. Here are some tips to help keep your property safe:

- **Avoid leaving packaging outside** – Boxes from TVs, gaming consoles, or other high-value items can signal to criminals that you have new goods inside.
- **Secure doors and windows** – Even when you're at home, make sure everything is locked.
- **Use timers for lights** – A well-lit home can deter opportunistic thieves.

If you see **any suspicious activity**, please report it to the Police immediately. Your information could help prevent a crime.

E-Bikes and E-Scooters – Know the Law

E-bikes and e-scooters are popular gifts at Christmas, but please check the rules before using them:

- **E-scooters:** Currently, privately owned e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. They can only be used on private land with permission.
- **E-bikes:** To be road legal, they must meet specific requirements (such as having pedals and a motor limited to 250 watts with a maximum speed of 15.5 mph). If they don't meet these standards, they could be seized by Police.

Before gifting or riding, make sure you know the law to avoid fines or confiscation.

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Join Our Local Drop-In Sessions

In the new year, I'd love to see more of you at our **local drop-in sessions**. These are a great opportunity to chat with me, your local officer, about any issues or concerns you may have—or just to have a general conversation about the community.

Details of the next meeting:

 **Location:** Kearsney Tea Rooms, Kearsney Abbey, Alkham Road, Temple Ewell, Dover CT16 3EG

 **Date:** Wednesday 21st January 2026

 **Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 hours

Your input matters, and these sessions help us work together to keep Dover safe.



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