

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Victoria Ward



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December 2025

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

E-Scooters, Drug Dealing, Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) - General.

Tackling Your Concerns...

The holidays are full of fun, food and the occasional “just one drink”... but even a small amount of alcohol or drugs can leave you unfit to drive. That includes the *morning after* — and yes, before you ask, that also includes **e-scooters**. If it moves and you’re in control of it, the rules apply. A zero-tolerance approach is the safest way to protect yourself and everyone around you. Police can and do arrest and charge people for unfit driving, even after what feels like a light night out. So plan ahead: book a taxi, not an E-Scooter! nominate a sober driver, hop on public transport, or stay over. Let’s look out for each other and keep Ashford’s roads — and pavements — safe this Christmas. Because nothing ruins festive cheer faster than swapping your Christmas jumper for a custody suite.

Following concerns about a man acting inappropriately by leering and shouting towards women on the High Street, officers have issued him with a Community Protection Notice. Any further breach of this notice may lead to arrest, a fine, or a summons to court. We take these reports seriously. Everyone deserves to feel safe in Ashford, and we are working closely with local residents, businesses, and partners to protect women and girls and keep our town centre a place where people can feel confident and supported. If you see behaviour that makes women or girls feel uncomfortable, please report it. Looking out for one another helps keep our community safe, and your information could make a real difference.

Ashford’s CCTV team and local police have once again shown what solid teamwork can achieve. Two weeks after an assault on two security guards during a night out on the High Street, our CCTV operators spotted someone matching the suspect’s description. They alerted officers straight away, who headed out, located him, and made the arrest. His New Year’s “gift”? A nice set of charges and court bail — and not in Ashford. This is exactly why our community partnerships matter. When CCTV, police, businesses and residents all look out for one another, we keep our town centre safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone. As we head into the holiday season, enjoy the celebrations — but enjoy them responsibly. The only place you should be spending your festive nights is with friends and family, not in a cell.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from Ashford’s Community Safety Unit!

Community Engagements:

- Coffee with a cop – 10:00 - 11:00 – 23/01/2026 - Cafe Nero, New Rents
- Coffee with a cop – 10:00 – 11:00 – 17/02/2026 - Muffin Break, County Square, TN23 1Y

Your local officer:
PC 14019 Larsen

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