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Barton Ward newsletter

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September 2025

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:

- **Community action:** Multiple reports over a period of time were submitted about an individual living in the Barton Ward who was aggressive, intimidating and known for dealing and consuming drugs. Following extensive work by CSU and relying on reports made by the community, this male was arrested and charged for numerous offences and put before the courts. During this period, his dog was also seized following breaches of a court order, which was known for being dangerous towards others.
- **Targeted offending:** Officers in CSU held a day of action with our Roads Policing unit with an aim of targeting those using motorbikes erratically and unlawfully. Our PCSOs and beat officers briefed the team on known bikes and known addresses and the deployment focused around anti-social bikes within the Old Park next to the Old Howe Barracks site. This is still a prevalent issue and we will continue to do what we can in apprehending suspects and mitigating this behaviour. Please continue to report those using bikes in an anti-social manner.
- **Night time economy:** Our city is still a popular place to visit during the night, with plenty of clubs and pubs to enjoy. We are still out providing a visible presence and working with businesses to keep you safe. Two operations during September were carried out with a police dog unit, several persons were stopped and searched, multiple 'out of court' disposals were given out and 1 person was arrested. Most were happy to engage with our officers and say hello to our little helper and understood our aim to make the public feel safer.



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- **Community Engagement:** We are committed to engaging with our community. This includes holding regular community meetings, which are advertised via [My Community Voice](#). PC Gardham is a new officer to our team and will be holding engagement meetings to speak with you. 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:

- Tuesday 14th October 2025 09:00-10:30 – Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre, Sussex Ave, Canterbury, CT1 1RT

Your local officer is;
PC Jack Gardham

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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