

St Stephen's Ward newsletter



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ASB, violence and VAWG remains our main focus throughout August. With the summer in it's prime and warmer weather attracting people to our City, we are committed to ensuring the city is a safe place to work, live and visit.

With that in mind, throughout August, we have:

- **Increased Patrols:** PC Proctor has continued foot patrols within the ward in hotspot areas and locations reported by you as places of interest. PC Proctor has recently been utilising a police bicycle to more agile and cover more ground on patrols. With recent reports of nuisance/dangerous motorbike riders riding with no helmet, PC Proctor is trying every avenue to tackle this issue and so far, a nuisance, uninsured quadbike that was seen multiple times in Hales Place, has been seized.
- **Targeted activity:** PC Proctor has reviewed recent intelligence regarding drug dealing/using within the St Stephen's ward. Whilst on a bicycle patrol, PC Proctor sighted a male in the Beverley Meadow park on a bicycle, fitting a recent intel report regarding drug dealing. PC Proctor detained the male for a stop search and uncovered a large quantity of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Engaging and understanding our community is key to deliver structured problem solving and gathering intel to target activity where it is required.
- **Tackling persistent problems:** Catapults remains on the list this month as it continues to be highly reported. We are continuing to patrol our river side and rural areas around the city to deter this crime and encourage everyone to call 999 if they see a person using a catapult to harm wildlife, other people or to cause criminal damage. If someone is carrying a catapult but not actively using it, please call our non-emergency line on 101.



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Community Engagement: We are committed to engaging with the Northgate 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:

- Monday 15th of September 2025 11:00-13:00 – St Stephen's Community Centre, Hales Place, Canterbury.

Your local officers are;
PC Simon Proctor
PCSO Nicholas Hazell

Good work story:

Kent Police received two reports of an accosting in the City Centre of Canterbury during the hours of 22:00-23:00 on the 22nd August, where a male was intoxicated, following females and trying to grab them to take them away with him. He was reported to have been making controlling demands towards the females and was causing a great deal of distress. CSU officers flooded the area and located distressed females seeking refuge with security at a local club. Officers soon located the male suspect where he was swiftly arrested. All the women were spoken to and some were given assistance to get home safely.

We will not tolerate those who pose a risk to women and girls and treat members of our community this way. The Community Safety Unit strive to ensure our city is safe and that our community can enjoy it's vibrant night life safely. We strongly encourage you all to call 999 if you see any accosting or inappropriate behaviour.



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