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Westgate 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:

- **Targeted nuisance activity:** Bicycles and scooters within pedestrian zones of the city have been rising recently. Beat officers for the Westgate Ward have been educating and enforcing anyone using bikes and scooters within these areas, this includes those using transport for delivery services. We are pleased that there has been a large reduction in reports of nuisance vehicles within the Westgate Ward and will continue to monitor this.
- **Illegal Activity:** Beat officers have worked closely with our licencing team and Trading Standards through September focusing on business selling vapes and mobile phones. Large amounts of illegal vapes and tobacco products have recently been seized from these types of stores within the city, intelligence around nicotine products being sold to persons under 18 has also been developed. You are all encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour seen at these types of businesses so that our CSU officers can investigate this.
- **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 the Westgate 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:

- Tuesday 28th October 2025 13:00-14:00 – Top Floor, Pret A Manger, 10 Parade, Canterbury, CT1 2SG.
- Wednesday 29th October 2025 10:00-11:00 - Top Floor, Pret A Manger, 10 Parade, Canterbury, CT1 2SG.

Your local officers are;

PC Ashley McMahan
PC Emily Jones
PC Alex James
PC Katie Harris
PC Lee Pitcher
PC Paul Thomas

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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