

# Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

## Rural East Ward



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### **Acting on Community Concerns** The top 3 area concerns:

**Road Safety Issues, Rural Crime, Fly Tipping**

### **Tackling Your Concerns**

The results of our recent community survey have now been collated and analysed. Thank you to all residents who contributed. Your feedback directly informs our local policing priorities and helps ensure our activity remains aligned with the issues that matter most to you. The survey has identified the following top three concerns within the area: Road safety, rural crime and fly tipping.

These themes will now form the focus of our local policing activity. Officers will incorporate these priorities into their patrol plans, engagement work, and problem-solving activity. We will continue to work alongside partners to address these concerns and reduce their impact on the community

### **Hamstreet A2070 Incident**

On the evening of 19th February, the road closure reported on the A2070 in the news was the result of proactive policing activity. Local CSU officers were working to stop and intercept two vehicles of interest linked to drug supply from another county. Both vehicles failed to stop, leading to a pursuit through the Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst areas. One of the suspect vehicles subsequently lost control and crashed. The occupants fled the scene and were not immediately located. The second vehicle was later found abandoned.

A joint investigation is now under way with the relevant police force, with the aim of taking robust action against all individuals involved. Dangerous driving places the public at significant risk and will not be tolerated. Illegal drugs have no place on our streets, and we remain committed to targeting, disrupting, and ultimately dismantling drug supply networks, which often drive other forms of criminality.

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### Ashford CSU and Council Enforcement Joint Operation – 27 February

Ashford CSU officers worked alongside Ashford Borough Council Enforcement on 27 February to target illegal waste carriers and fly-tippers. Several vehicles were stopped throughout the operation, with officers carrying out full documentation checks and inspecting loads to ensure compliance.

All drivers stopped on the day were able to provide legitimate paperwork, and no offences were identified. While no seizures or fines were issued, these proactive operations send a clear message. Word spreads quickly, and those involved in illegal waste carrying or dumping can expect to be caught.

We encourage the community to continue reporting any suspicious vehicles transporting waste or locations where fly-tipping is taking place. Your information helps us direct patrols and take action against those harming our environment.

- Community Engagements:
- 05/03/2026 1000-1100 – The Woodchurch Hub, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PA
- 18/03/2026 1400-1500 – Hamilton Airfiled Tearoom, Bilsington, Ashford TN25 7JJ
- 23/03/2026 1400 – 1500 – Kingsnorth Parish Community Cafe, Sports Pavilion, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN23 3EF

Your local officer:  
**PC 13322 Picton**

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