

# Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

## Urban Southwest Ward



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December 2025


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

### **E-Scooters, Nuisance Bikes, Drug Dealing**

As we come together to celebrate Christmas and welcome the New Year, it's important to keep safety at the forefront of our festivities.

 **Drink and Drug Driving Awareness** - Alcohol and drugs can remain in your system for many hours, meaning you may still be over the legal limit the following morning when you wish to drive. Even if you feel fine, your reaction times and judgment may still be impaired. Plan ahead by arranging a designated driver, booking a taxi, or using public transport. If you've been drinking heavily, consider delaying your journey until later in the day to ensure you're safe to drive. Please ensure to report any concerns about others on the road to Police.

 **Protecting Your Property** - Unfortunately, opportunistic thefts can rise during the festive period. Keep valuables out of sight in your car, and avoid leaving gifts or shopping bags visible. Secure sheds, garages, and outbuildings, as these can be easy targets for thieves. Simple steps like installing motion-sensor lights, locking doors and windows, and not advertising your absence on social media can make a big difference.

 **Enjoying the Season Safely** - By taking these precautions, you can focus on what really matters — enjoying time with family, friends, and your community. A little foresight helps ensure that celebrations remain joyful and free from avoidable risks. Knowing your limits keeps you safe, keeps your friends safe, and keeps the night fun. The goal is to end the evening with good memories — not a trip to hospital or a lift to custody. Look out for each other, enjoy the festivities, and start your New Year Resolution Strong!

#### **Community Engagements:**

- Drop-in Surgery - 15:00 to 16:00 hours - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Singleton Environment Centre, Wesley School Road, Ashford, TN23 5LW
- Drop-in Surgery – 10:00 to 11:00 hours – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Kamsons Pharmacy, St Stephens Walk, Ashford, TN23 5AQ

Your local officer:  
**PC 14820 Potticary**



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