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## Editor's Note 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

As we move into warmer months, our officers and partners are once again seeing an increase in anti-social behaviour and the use of nuisance bikes and vehicles across parts of the district. Longer evenings and better weather bring people out into our communities – and while that's positive, it can also create new pressures that affect residents, businesses, and visitors.

Over recent weeks, Community Safety and Neighbourhood teams have been carrying out high-visibility patrols, targeted operations, and problem-solving activity to address these issues. This includes proactive engagement, vehicle seizures, enforcement action where necessary, and close working with local authorities and partner agencies to prevent problems escalating. We've also seen some great examples of officers responding quickly to community concerns and delivering tangible results as a direct consequence of information provided by the public.

We know that tackling anti-social behaviour and nuisance vehicles is not something the police can do alone. Timely reporting from the community plays a crucial role in helping us understand where and when issues are occurring, identify repeat locations or individuals, and deploy the right resources effectively.

One of the most effective ways residents can help shape local policing is by signing up to [My Community Voice \(MCV\)](#). MCV allows you to set your local priorities, receive updates about policing activity in your area, and hear directly from your local officers about what's being done in response to community concerns. It ensures your voice is heard and helps us focus on the issues that matter most to you.

### HAVE YOUR SAY – MY COMMUNITY VOICE

Help shape local policing priorities in your area

**My Community Voice** allows residents and businesses to:

- ✓ Receive ward-specific police updates
- ✓ Tell us what matters most locally
- ✓ Hear about operations, events and crime prevention advice

 Sign up here:

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Your voice helps us focus our activity where it matters most.

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## CANTERBURY CITY BEAT – UPDATES

### This week's focus:

- Local officers have been responding to a wide range of issues across the city and surrounding areas, balancing neighbourhood patrols, safeguarding work and emergency response. Below is a snapshot of the activity taking place to keep communities safe and to address the concerns we hear most often from residents.
- Regular high-visibility foot and mobile patrols conducted across the city centre, High Street, Westgate Ward, Northgate and Orange Street Car Park with use of the Marked police van deployed in St Georges street (please say hello if we are there).
- Conducted plain clothes work to tackling shoplifting issues in St Dunstons and Sturry Road.
- A number of reports have involved young people behaving anti-socially, including incidents where elderly residents have felt harassed or intimidated. Local officers have carried out targeted visits and follow-up engagement to challenge behaviour early, safeguard those affected, and involve parents and partner agencies where needed. Joint working with the Canterbury District Council, Whitefriars and the BID helps quickly identify those individuals causing the most harm.
- Stop searches completed which were linked to drug-focused patrols around Orange Street Car Park.
- One electric scooter seized in St George's Street.
- A male arrested for breaching his Sexual Harm prevention order conditions in Dane John Gardens. The individual was charged and remanded to court.
- Raising awareness around Littlebourne with door knocks in relation to Rogue Traders. Persons attended an address and advised they needed their roof doing. Despite being told no they went onto the roof and claimed to have completed the work and wanted money. *Please be vigilante and look out for each other. Report anything you do not feel is right.*

Contact your local beat officer. Through [My Community Voice](#) or [Canterbury | Kent Police](#) (choose your ward and then the contact us tab)

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## COASTAL BEAT – UPDATES

This week the local Beat officers have been busy tackling road safety issues:

- Multiple referrals have been submitted regarding the suspected misuse of vehicles registered to the Motability scheme. This will be reviewed by Motability and the loan of that vehicle being rescinded.
- Speed checks have been carried out in locations highlighted by residents through local priority surveys. This work helps identify problem areas and informs future enforcement and traffic safety activity.
- Operation Avenge has now been implemented to address nuisance racing vehicles using commercial car parks along the Thanet Way corridor. This targeted operation focuses on disruption, enforcement and long-term prevention to reduce noise, danger and disruption to nearby communities and

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businesses. S.59 warnings have been issued to individuals identified as driving anti socially. These are linked to the individual and the car for 12 months. Further ASB and the cars are seized and crushed. The S.59 will also have an impact on insurance costs and can even invalidate the insurance if not disclosed.

Keep us updated with what is going on. Any Vehicle indexes, photos or videos. Contact your local beat officer. Through [My Community Voice](#) or [Canterbury | Kent Police](#) (choose your ward and then the contact us tab)

On top of the Roads safety the Beat officers continue to work on Anti-Social Behaviour issues:

- The local beat officer has compiled evidence for a property closure order and has scheduled court proceedings. This measure is designed to protect residents by restricting access to premises that are causing sustained harm to the community
- Alongside this, enforcement activity has also taken place at two addresses linked to drugs-related concerns, following information received from the public and partner agencies.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD TASK FORCE – UPDATES

This week they have:

- arrested a repeat shoplifter for 1 x shoplifting and 1 x retail robbery.
- Welfare checks conducted at locations known to operate as brothels - resulted in 4 arrests for immigration offences.
- Arrested a male seen to deal drugs within Barton Ward who ran off from the officers, was quickly caught and found in possession of a quantity of drugs.
- Served Community protection warnings to a resident and their guests in relation to their behaviour which is affecting the local community. Further breaches will result in a community protection notice and fines.

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## CHILD-CENTRED POLICING – UPDATES

**This week they have:**

- Supported a new Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme delivered by Kent County Council's Senior Family Hub Practitioner.
- Worked with the children causing some of the most ASB in the city centre and the coast looking at ways of addressing their behaviour through working with partner agencies.

Keep us updated with what is going on. Are you or your neighbours suffering ASB then let us know Who, when and where. Through [My Community Voice](#) or [Canterbury | Kent Police](#) (choose your ward and then the contact us tab)

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