

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Rural South Ward



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Acting on Community Concerns

The top 3 area concerns

Anti-Social Behaviour -General, Road Safety Issues, Fly Tipping

ASB Patrol and Enforcement Activity



7th October 2025 - Plurenden Lane, Ashford -**Traffic Offence** – Driving without a Licence. Whilst on patrol in the area ne, Ashford, officers observed a moped being ridden by two males. Upon stopping the vehicle, the following issues were identified: The rider held only a provisional driving licence. No L plates were displayed on the moped. The rider was carrying a passenger, which is not permitted under the conditions of a provisional licence. The rider was issued with a traffic offence ticket for **driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence**. The moped was **seized**, and the passenger had to be collected by alternative means.

This incident highlights the consequences of failing to comply with licence conditions. What was intended as a casual ride with a friend turned into a costly experience for the rider. In addition to the financial burden of recovering the seized moped, the offence may also have implications for the rider's future driving record once they pass their test.

12th October 2025 Bethersden & Tenterden - As part of ongoing efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Bethersden and surrounding rural areas, a joint patrol was conducted with the Mounted Section. This partnership enabled Beat Officers to access remote locations not easily reachable by vehicle, allowing for effective checks on recent fly-tipping sites and areas known for nuisance behaviour.

During the operation, a vehicle was stopped. Checks revealed the driver had **no insurance, no driving licence** (having failed to reapply following a disqualification), and the vehicle was **untaxed**. The vehicle was seized under relevant legislation.

16th October 2025 -PC Laker conducted a proactive stop on a vehicle linked to nuisance reports in the Rother Drive area of Tenterden, near High Halden. The driver was found to be **disqualified** and **wanted on warrant**. The male was arrested for the outstanding warrant and additionally **charged with driving offences**. He is due to appear in court.

Drop-in surgery

- TBC via My Community Voice

Your local officers:

PC Laker

Ashford Beat Team – Monthly Summary

Assault Investigation – Tenterden Recreation Ground - Assault involving four male suspects against another male during early hours. **Action Taken:** All four arrested, interviewed, made admissions- **Bailed pending final decision.** **Also Tenterden Cyber Crime Walkaround - Joint initiative with Cyber Crime department.** - Assisted local businesses to provide advice on online security and fraud prevention. **Positive reception;** several businesses signed up to the protection program.

Vehicle offenses -Drug Driving Arrest - Male suspected of **driving without a licence**. He Attempted to flee but was detained; positive drug wipe. He Arrested for drug driving, bailed pending blood results; vehicle seized due to no insurance. **Untaxed Vehicle Recovery** - Ingleden Park Road, Vehicle untaxed for several weeks. **Vehicle recovered. Owner liable for recovery and tax costs to reclaim vehicle.**

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