

Ashford C.S.U Newsletter

Rural North Ward



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

Anti-Social Behaviour, Nuisance Bikes, Road Safety Issues

An Update from PS 14317 Edge:

I am pleased to announce an important change within your local neighbourhood and some significant developments in our local neighbourhood policing delivery. We have now been able to expand (double) our rural beat officers to balance with those based in the urban wards and town centre.

What this means for your area is that the rural beat officers can focus more closely on the specific needs within a smaller cluster of wards. By working in smaller rural areas, this means they will be able to address more bespoke concerns locally and ensure a higher visible presence within those areas.

I would like to introduce you to your new beat officer, PC Hobday who has extensive experience in policing within the Ashford district already and he looks forward to building strong relationships within the local community and addressing the community concerns.

Acting On Community Concerns:

Kent Police received a report of an abandoned vehicle in the Biddenden area, left in a residential cul-de-sac causing an eyesore, with no registration plates and filled with scrap. After Officers attended and checked the vehicles' identity, it has been reported to Ashford Council and is now being suitably progressed to be recovered with the registered owner having been given their final warning.

Kent Police have worked closely with Ashford Borough Council in a joint working operation this month in joint sharing of intelligence and proactively targeting illegal waste carriers to prevent illegal waste dumping. Compliance checks have been conducted on waste carrier vehicles. One individual was subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice for non-compliance. If you notice Fly tipping, report it Ashford Borough Council via their website.

Whilst on proactive patrol, Kent Police officers arrested a male in Egerton following locating a vehicle initially suspected to be abandoned in suspicious circumstances nearby to residential properties and a building site. The individual was arrested for Going Equipped to Steal and possession of Cannabis. The vehicle the male had returned to, had several tools that were suspected to be intended for use in the commission of theft related offences.

Whilst officers were on proactive patrol in High Halden, a vehicle was observed to be driving in a suspicious manner. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was wanted for arrest for theft related offences in Surrey. Following a search of the vehicle several items were located which were suspected to be used for committing future theft related offences. The individual was swiftly arrested and taken to custody.

If you see something suspicious, report it via 999 if in progress or 101 or the Kent Police Website. Alternatively, you can report CrimeStoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or via an online form if you do not wish to contact the Police Directly.

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Have your Say – Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in Urban Ashford

Ashford Borough Council are seeking your views on the proposed changes to the current PSPO. The PSPO is proposing new restrictions to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour that is more reflective to the current community concerns and priorities: <https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/proposal-for-pspo-in-ashford>

Community Engagements:

- Coffee with a cop -18/12/2025 - 10:00 to 10:45 hours - Ripley's Garden Centre, Bethersden, TN263LF
- New Year, New Beat Officer – 09/01/2026 - 09:30 to 10:15 hours – Bloomsbury's, Biddenden, TN27 8DQ
- Drop-In Surgery – 25/02/2026 - 13:00 to 13:45 hours – Starbucks, Holiday Inn, A20, Hothfield, TN26 1AR

Keep an eye out for new upcoming meetings on the Kent Police Website under Your Area.

Your local
officer:

PC 14208 Hobday

Keep Your Property Safe this Christmas:

With Christmas approaching, it's important to remember that burglaries often rise during the festive season. Homes are filled with gifts, gadgets, and valuables, while many of us are out at parties, shopping, or visiting family. By taking a few simple steps, you can reduce the risk of becoming a target.

Home Security

- **Lock all doors and windows** – even when you're at home or in the garden.
- **Keep keys and valuables out of sight** and away from doors and windows. criminals often smash glass to reach keys or grab items.
- **Install security lighting** around entrances and dark areas.
- **Consider CCTV or a video doorbell** for added deterrence.
- **Don't advertise absences** on social media. If you're away, use timers for lights and ask a trusted neighbour to check your property.
- **Secure sheds and garages** – criminals often target tools and bikes.

Vehicle Security

- **Always lock your vehicle** and close windows, even if parked on your driveway.
- **Remove valuables from view** – bags, electronics, and tools are common targets.
- **Never leave keys near doors or windows** – thieves may break glass or use tools to reach inside.
- **Consider a steering wheel lock** or other visible deterrents.
- **Park in well-lit areas** or use a garage if possible.



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