

Kent PCC News

Spring 2026



Annual Policing Survey Results

The results show that most respondents continue to feel safe where they live, with 80.54% rating their personal safety at 6 out of 10 or higher, giving an overall average score of 7.26, an improvement on the previous year.

Feelings of safety in town centres also increased slightly, with 59.58% of respondents rating their safety at 6 or higher, resulting in an average of 5.93, up from 2024.

Levels of trust in Kent Police remain stable and show a modest rise, with respondents providing an average trust rating of 6.46 out of 10.

Thank you to the 5,401 people who shared their views on policing across Kent and Medway this year. Your feedback helps to inform future planning and ensure policing activity continues to reflect community priorities.

Click here to read the full report - [Public Consultations](#)

Matthew Scott says "I am encouraged to see positive results, with feelings of trust, safety and police performance all rising. However, there is always more to be done. We want everyone to report crime when it happens so the police can respond and act. We will keep working to strengthen the services available to victims to ensure they receive the support they need throughout their journey. I will continue to work with the Chief Constable to ensure that further progress is made and that the residents of Kent receive the police service they expect and deserve."

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Survey engagement at one of our many street stalls last year.

Funding Opportunity

Police Property Act Fund



Community groups and charities across Kent are now being invited to apply for grants as the latest round of the Police Property Act Fund is open.

The fund is generated from the sale, at auction, of items seized in police operations that cannot be reclaimed. The funds generated are then used to support Registered Charities, Social Enterprise, Constituted Groups or Community Interest Companies (CICs).

Organisations who have a clear connection to Kent and undertake work that benefits the local community and promote safety and wellbeing are invited to apply for funding to support their projects.

In the previous Autumn round, £88,031.86 was awarded to 49 organisations. Projects supported included:
Boxing and personal safety sessions for women and young girls, helping build confidence and resilience.

Counselling services for survivors of domestic abuse across West Kent, providing vital emotional and therapeutic support.

Training opportunities for disadvantaged or at-risk young people, enabling them to gain their Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Green Labourer Card to access employment.

Delivery of “I Didn’t Know That!” workshops, educating school-aged young people on gangs, knife crime, and personal safety.

**To apply or learn more about the fund
visit: [Police Property Act Fund](#)
Applications will close on April 30th
2026.**

Matthew Scott says:

“Autumn’s round of funding allowed us to support nearly 50 organisations to deliver a wide range of projects across Kent, from supporting survivors of domestic abuse to providing safety sessions for young people and improving local security measures.

The Police Property Act Fund allows us to give something back to the community by supporting organisations that help cut crime, support victims and keep people safe.

I’m pleased to be opening a new round of funding and look forward to seeing the positive impact these grants will have across Kent.”

Independent Custody Visitors

The ICV Scheme is a statutory, volunteer-led programme that helps ensure people held in police custody are treated fairly, with dignity, and informed of their rights. Volunteers make unannounced visits to custody suites and play a vital role in safeguarding some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.



Each visit to a custody suite is undertaken by two volunteers who then submit a report to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The information is monitored regularly by the PCC's staff and Kent Police to ensure any important issues are dealt with swiftly.

ICVs are expected to visit custody suites, unannounced, to check on detainees' welfare and report back to the PCC. This can be as often as once a month. In addition, ICVs attend training sessions, between two and four panel meetings a year, and an Annual General Meeting. The time commitment required is around three to five hours a month and all ICVs are asked to carry out at least one night-time visit a year (between 10pm and 6am).

For more information about the role of Independent Custody Visitors and how to apply, you can visit our website. We welcome interest from people of all backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences. If you want to give back, support your community, and help promote transparency in policing, the ICV role may be a good fit for you. Please note that volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, please visit kent-pcc.gov.uk/icv



Visits around Kent and Medway



Congratulations to the 66 new officers for their Passing Out Parade!



Visting Tenterden with local Sergeant Dan Edge

Visit to Cheriton Community Network as part of the Police Property Act Fund



Speaking at the NFU meeting for Ashford, Tenterden and Whitfield



Attending the February Police and Crime Panel



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