

Police Performance – Ashford, Spelthorne

- The crime rate is down - 9% decrease in recorded crime from this time last year - 2478 to 2254
- We are solving more crime reported to us – 15.4% of all reported crime in Ashford is detected.
- We have doubled our detection rate of Shoplifting in Ashford, 31.7% of Shoplifters are referred to Court or OOC.
- Reports of Burglary are down by -32.7% and Vehicle Crime -34.3%.
- Violent crime down 0.4 % with a 14% detection rate - % - Robbery up 3% – Drugs offences up 22% with a 60% detection rate.

Current Crime Trends

- Retail crime has for the first time in over a year seen a decrease in reporting whilst the detection rate remains strong at 28% for the borough.
- Overall crime is down and our detection rates which is 16% remain a lot higher than the national average.
- Ashford has still been targeted for burglary offences particularly those where family gold is stolen with entry gained via the rear, normally ground floor.
- The increase in drugs offences does link to more being found by officers due to proactive operations.

Overall crime is down – detections remain at a good level.

Please use the following web pages for up-to-date information, named officers for each area, and ways to contact our safer neighbourhood team directly - www.surrey.police.uk/area/your-area/surrey/spelthorne/ or www.facebook.com/SpelthornePolice/

Current and Planned Activity

- PC Annalise Ware is responsible for Shoplifting problem solving across the borough. As a team we have completed a number of proactive operations targeting shoplifting/drugs/ASB in Ashford over the past year. Ashford is roughly third in terms of overall reported offences behind Staines and Stanwell/Sunbury although does come up to second alongside Sunbury for shoplifting.
- PCSO Ashford and Brett are deployed to Ashford as part of our Safer Ashford project. They are our most experienced PCSO's and are already developing community contacts and plans including for our key areas.

- PC Dan Watts and PC Tom Roughley focused on serious acquisitive crime / PC Ollie Jackson focused on ASB / PC Seb Rutowski focused on VAWG. With two new PC's joining the team in February.

Operation Chariot

- Since the 9th July 2025 the new hotspot patrol area which cover Ashford town centre has been implemented. Since it has started 198 days ago, we have recorded 137-foot patrols (160 hours) of this area. We have recorded 982 engagements with the public including stop searches and arrests. This hotspot area will be the focus of our Safer Ashford.
- In last 90 days we have also recorded an additional 366 engagements with the public, at events, location visits and community meetings in Ashford.
- We attend regular community meetings in Ashford in particular the residents meeting which also incorporates Neighbourhood watch.
- 10 warrants have been conducted at addresses in Ashford in the last year mainly targeting drug supply.

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3 months of targeted enforcement activity in Ashford, a Multi – agency approach with specialist teams with the goal of reducing crime and enhancing community safety through proactive, intelligence-led with a focus on theft, violence, drugs and anti-social behaviour.

Planned Joint Operations with:

- Neighbourhood Enforcement Team
- Vanguard
- Casualty Reduction Officers
- British Transport Police
- South West Rail, Revenue Protection,
- Council and Police Licensing Officers
- Surrey County Council Parking Enforcement Team
- Immigration
- Trading Standards