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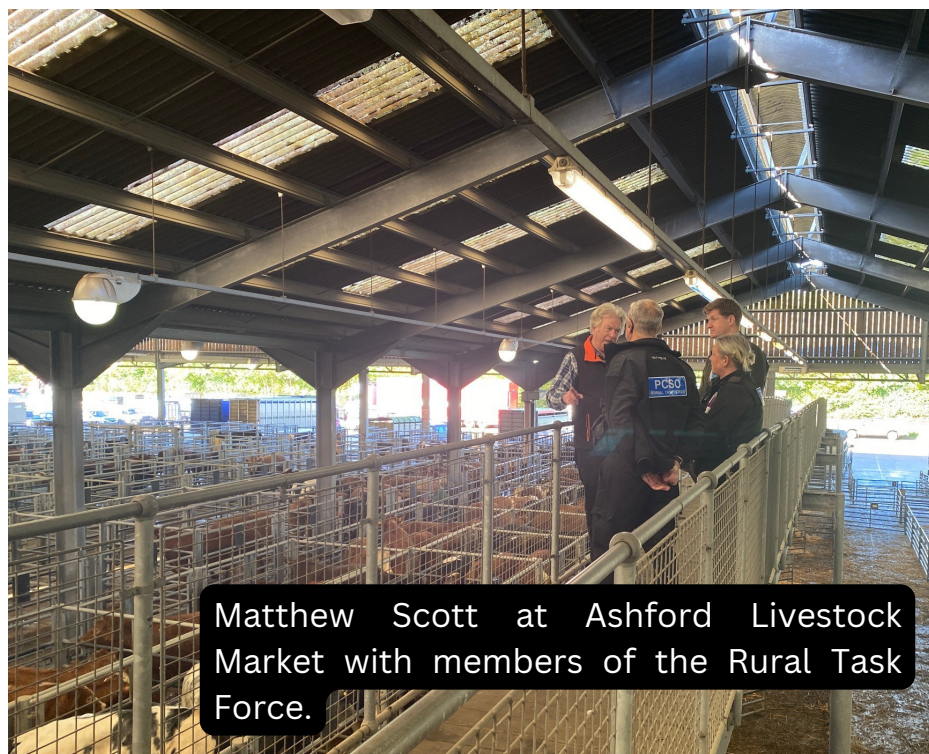
The annual Remembrance Service took place on Armistice Day at the Kent Police Memorial in Maidstone.

A roll call of officers who have been killed in the line of duty was read out alongside those who have died in wars.

Matthew Scott has launched a **Rural Crime Board** to look more closely at issues affecting farmers, landowners and those who live in our countryside.

On the agenda are issues like: equipment and vehicle theft, poaching, nuisance off-road bikes, trespassers and flytipping.

Mr. Scott says rural crime will be a key priority in his new Police and Crime Plan (due to be published in 2025).



Matthew Scott at Ashford Livestock Market with members of the Rural Task Force.



The PCC has continued to visit the designated **“hotspot”** areas where there have been increased levels of violence and/or antisocial behaviour. There are 27 designated hotspots across Kent and Medway which are all seeing more beat officer patrols. We’ve been talking to businesses and residents, to find out if the increased patrols are making a difference. On the whole, you tell us they are.



Is antisocial behaviour a problem in your area? Don’t forget to fill in our anonymous survey.

Go to: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk



Hotspot patrols in Ashford, Gillingham and Chatham.



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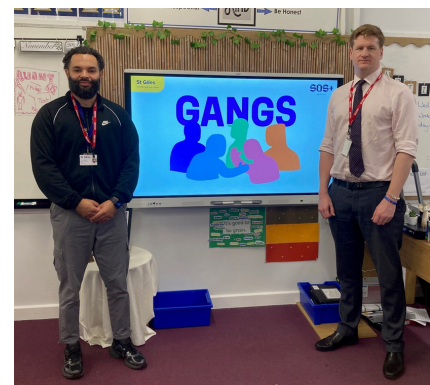
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Matthew Scott has also launched a series of surveys for children and their parents about online harms, the internet and smartphone use. Last year nearly a third of schoolchildren told us they'd been bullied on line and 11% admitted they'd bullied someone else! We're currently distributing these surveys in schools, to find out more about the apps youngsters are using and whether they report online harms to their parents or guardians. We're also asking them whether they think smartphones should be banned in schools. Watch this space, the results will be out early next year.



We've also been visiting our **Child Centred Policing Team** and those who work with them, to encourage youngsters to make the right choice in life. Similarly we were thrilled to visit a session run by one of our commissioned charities, the St. Giles Trust, who teach children about the dangers of gangs.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

by , the road safety charity

Matthew Scott funds the charity Brake which helps families after a fatal or serious injury crash. November 17th to the 23rd is Road Safety Week, when Brake and Kent Police raise awareness of the devastating toll of road crashes. Did you know that every year in Britain 17,000 are killed on the roads and another 30,000 suffer serious life-changing injuries?

Brake holds lots of events this month to highlight road dangers. If you'd like to get involved, please go to:

<https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>



Another of our commissioned services is the domestic abuse charity DAVSS. They've just launched their Toys for Christmas campaign. It's an Amazon Wishlist set up in their name, from where you can purchase a toy for someone less fortunate. Scan the code here if you'd like to take part.



Have you signed up to **My Community Voice** yet?

Go to www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk



My Community Voice allows you to find out what's going on in your local area and gives you more contact with your local beat officer!

And don't forget to sign up to **news from the PCC** too! 



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