



Dover District Council report
for
Aylesham Parish Council meeting
October 2026

Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre update

We continue to work with Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre on the development of phase 2 of the site. All surveyors have now been instructed to undertake the works needed to ensure we have all the relevant documents for planning. The next project board meeting is scheduled in October, where it is hoped that all surveys required will be completed, and the results can then be analysed, to check for any amendments which might be required. The following stage will be applying for full planning, before moving forward to raise the outstanding funds. We will continue to support Aylesham Welfare on this project, as well as other projects with support from CISWO.

Rural Networking Meeting for PC'S

The notes from the previous meeting were sent on 3rd September. There is not currently another meeting booked in, but this will likely be the first week of December. These meetings will continue quarterly as requested by the attendees.

Cost of living support

Dover District Council have a dedicated cost of living support page with information on grants and services available to the community.

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Cost-of-Living-Webpages/Home.aspx>

The Crisis and Resilience fund is due to launch at the end of September, this is to replace the previous household support fund. A new officer has been appointed within the Community Development team to run this project.

Community Grant Scheme

The winter round of the Community Grant Scheme is due to launch on Monday 28th September, and will be open for 4 weeks. As with the previous round, applicants can apply for funding between £100 - £2,500. Details about eligible costs can be found on the DDC website.

Community Roots Van theme timetable

Our van continues to be taken out across the district, and the calendar can be found here - <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Community-Van-Events/Calendar.aspx>

If you would like to book the community roots van to attend your event, please use the form here, and a member of the team will be in touch - [Dover District Council Community Roots Van](#)