Aylesham Parish Council

NewsLetter

June 2026

In this edition:

Find out about our free children's skateboarding sessions, recent grant awards supporting local organisations, community updates and opportunities to get involved across Aylesham and Snowdown.

Ready, Set, Skate!

Back by popular demand, our **FREE** children's skate lessons are returning with a limited number of spaces available across 10 small-group sessions at Aylesham Skate Park.

These fun, beginner-friendly sessions are designed to help children build confidence, learn new skills, stay active, and enjoy skating in a safe and supportive environment. With only 16 spaces available per session, early booking is recommended.

These sessions are being delivered by Aylesham Parish Council in conjunction with Dover Active CIC with Skate GB qualified coaches leading the sessions, and will be **FREE** to all attendees, with all equipment provided.

For more information and to book a place, please get in touch: contact@ayleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

or visit: www.ayleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you require this newsletter in an alternative format please contact the Parish Council Office.

AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DELIVERING GRANTS FOR AYLESHAM & SNOWDOWN

Investing in our community, supporting local people

Aylesham Parish Council is pleased to announce the latest organisations to receive funding through the 'General Grants' scheme- supporting projects that make a real difference to residents across the parish.

THIS LATEST ROUND OF FUNDING HAS BACKED A FANTASTIC RANGE OF LOCAL INITIATIVES:

Bringing the Community Together

Funding has been awarded to **Aylesham 4 Aylesham** towards equipment and associated costs to support local community events, including summer and Christmas activities and preparations linked to Aylesham's Centenary.

The grant will help provide items such as event equipment, stewarding tabards, a loud hailer, insurance, storage and venue hire for event preparation.

Inspiring Young Readers at Aylesham Primary School

A grant has been awarded to Bookshop Crawl UK CIC to support the Canterbury Children's Literature Festival visiting Aylesham Primary School in July. Seven authors will attend one morning of activities, giving Key Stage 2 children the opportunity to take part in author sessions designed to inspire reading, creativity and confidence.

Supporting Families Through St Peter's Calm Club

Funding has been awarded to St Peter's Church Calm Club to support a volunteer-led SEN group for children and families.

The grant will help fund specialist coaching sessions for parents and carers, alongside staffing support to help the group continue offering a welcoming, supportive and accessible space for local families.

INVESTING IN THE VILLAGE

These grants are another example of how Aylesham Parish Council is investing directly back into the community – supporting local organisations, empowering volunteers and helping projects thrive for the benefit of residents.

The Council would like to thank all the volunteers, organisers and community groups whose hard work continues to make Aylesham such a vibrant and supportive place to live.

NEXT GRANT ROUND

Open Now!

Applications for the 'General Grants' scheme need to be received by

6th July 2026

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

A vacancy currently exists on **Aylesham Parish Council**, and we are inviting applications from people interested in serving the community and supporting local decision-making.

This is a great opportunity to help shape local services, represent residents and support projects across Aylesham and Snowdown.

Applications for co-option must be received by:
THURSDAY 2 JULY 2026

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend upcoming committee meetings and the June Full Council meeting to gain a better understanding of the role.

For further information, please contact:
deputyofficer@ayleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

YOUR COMMUNITY.
YOUR VOICE.
YOUR COUNCIL.

Following the
May 2026
Annual Council Meeting:

Cllr Bott is the *Chair*

&

Cllr Fleck is the *Vice Chair*

We also welcome Cllr Patel to the Parish Council following his recent co-option.

Working together for our community

COUNCILLOR *DROP-IN* SESSIONS

THURSDAY 18th JUNE
1 - 2PM

Do you have a question or concern that you would like to speak to the Parish Council about?

We are holding drop-in sessions where you can meet with councillors.

Every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Aylesham House meeting room, Dorman Av. South, CT33AD

GRANTS – OPEN FOR 2026/27

Aylesham Parish Council offers three grant programmes to support our community.

GENERAL GRANTS

- For local organisations and community initiatives that benefit residents of the parish.
- Applications are considered quarterly by council.

UP TO **£2,000**

CENTENARY GRANTS – AYLESHAM 100

AYLESHAM 2027 CENTENARY

- For Projects and events linked to Aylesham's 100th anniversary in 2027.
- Applicants must first liaise with and attend a meeting of the independent Aylesham Centenary Forum before submitting an application. aylesham100@gmail.com
- Applications are considered quarterly by council.

UP TO **£1,500**

AYLESHAM ASPIRATION FUND

- For young residents (aged 18–21) progressing into higher education, apprenticeships or recognised vocational training for the first time.
- Applications are considered monthly by Full Council.

UP TO **£150**

QUARTERLY DEADLINES

- 6th July 2026
- 5th October 2026
- 4th January 2027

GOT AN IDEA? Applicants are encouraged to contact the Deputy Officer in the first instance for guidance before submitting an application.

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GOOD NEWS! GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY DATE EXTENDED TO 15TH JUNE 2026!

Aylesham & Snowdown GARDEN COMPETITION 2026

REGISTER TO ENTER BY 15TH JUNE 2026!

CATEGORIES:

- Best Front Garden
- Best Rear Garden
- Best Patio Garden

TALLEST SUNFLOWER

(UNDER 16 YEAR OLDS)

SEND PHOTOS OF THESE TO ENTER BY 15TH JUNE 2026!

Judging Week Commencing 29th June 2026!

Contact Demi: 07897593030
contact@ayleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Aylesham 100 - How to Get Involved

In 2027, Aylesham will celebrate its 100th anniversary, a significant milestone in our village's history.

Planning for this special occasion is already beginning. There is an **Aylesham Centenary Forum,** which operates separately from the Parish Council, and we encourage residents, community groups and local organisations to engage with and support its work as preparations develop.

For more information, please email the Aylesham Centenary Forum:

aylesham100@gmail.com

AYLESHAM 2027 CENTENARY

Let's work together, through both the Centenary Forum and local initiatives, to make Aylesham 100 a celebration we'll all remember.

AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our offices are open

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Drop in any time between **10am - 12pm**

Or any other time by appointment only.

Aylesham House
Dorman Avenue South,
Aylesham Kent CT3 3AD

Next Meetings

All meetings start at **7:00pm** unless otherwise stated.

JUNE 2026	
TUES 9TH	Full Council
MON 15TH	Recreational & Facilities Committee
MON 22ND	Planning, Environment & Transport Committee

JULY 2026	
TUES 14TH	Full Council
MON 20TH	Recreational & Facilities Committee
MON 27TH	Planning, Environment & Transport Committee
THURS 30TH	Finance, Audit & Personnel Committee

AUGUST 2026

No meetings scheduled to take place in August.

An Extraordinary meeting can be called if required.

Please note: Extraordinary meetings can be called as needed.

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