



Dover District Council report  
for  
Aylesham Parish Council meeting  
June 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 taking place at the event of May, with discussions to take place regarding ecology and BNG. The next steps after this will be to look to seek planning permission for this project. We will continue to support Aylesham Welfare to raise the remaining funds for the project.

### **Rural Networking Meeting for PC'S**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> August at the DDC offices (hybrid option available). An actions log will be sent out after the meeting, for those who could not attend.

### **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 household support fund has now changed to the crisis resilience fund. DDC are still waiting for their allocation for this. We have been given an allocation of the heating oil support fund, to support those households on oil. More details on this can be found here - <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Heating-Oil-Support.aspx>

### **Community Grant Scheme**

DDC's Summer round of the Community Grant Scheme is now closed to applications. The panel are due to judge applications in mid-July. Our Winter round for the Community Grant Scheme will launch later in the year.

### **Bike Safety Event**

Aylesham Community Trust are planning a bike safety event in line with Bike Week 2026, with support from DDC's Community Safety Team along with the Community Roots Van. For more details on the event, please contact ACT directly.

## **Community Roots Van theme timetable**

We finally have our community roots van back on the road after some lengthy repairs, and the team are now busy taking it back out into the district. You can find our calendar on the DDC website.

The van's next visit to Aylesham will be 07/05/2026. You can find more details 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](#)