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Introduction

April 2026 Newsletter

PC Jon Bowler – Beat Officer

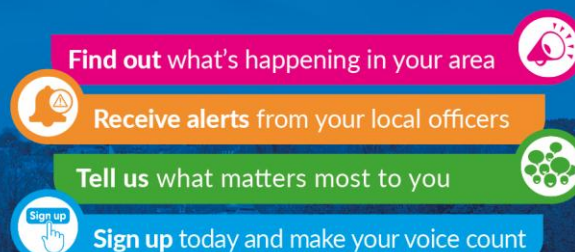
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As we move through spring and into longer, brighter days, I'm pleased to share an update on policing activity across our communities during April.

Throughout the month, I have continued to patrol all three villages regularly, both on foot and via mobile patrols. The improving weather has certainly helped, and it's been a pleasure to see more of you out and about. As always, I've appreciated the many friendly conversations along the way and the opportunity to hear about the issues that matter most to you.

With the arrival of the school and summer fete season, I would like to remind residents, schools, and organisers that I am more than happy to attend local events where a police presence is requested. These occasions are a fantastic opportunity to engage with the community in a relaxed setting. From experience, children—and often adults too—really enjoy the chance to sit in a police vehicle and try on some uniform! If you would like me to attend an upcoming event, please do not hesitate to contact me directly to discuss arrangements.

My **drop-in sessions at Aylesham Community HQ** remain well attended and continue to provide a valuable opportunity for residents to raise concerns, seek advice, or



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simply have a chat. No appointment is necessary, and everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Drop-in Sessions (May 2026)

- **Wednesday 6th May** – 18:00 to 19:30
Aylesham Community HQ, Aylesham Community Project, Ackholt Road, CT3 3AJ
- **Wednesday 20th May** – 10:00 to Midday
Aylesham Community HQ, CT3 3AJ

You can also find details of future sessions on the Kent Police website by entering your home postcode.

Finally, I would once again encourage everyone to sign up for **Kent Police – My Community Voice**. This is a fantastic and efficient way for myself and colleagues to keep you informed about crime trends, local incidents, and policing activity in your area. Registration takes just a few minutes and can be completed at:

👉 www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing many of you out in the community over the coming weeks.

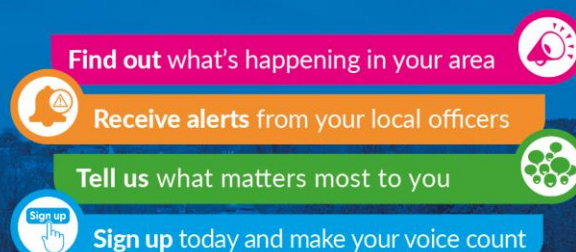
Stay safe,

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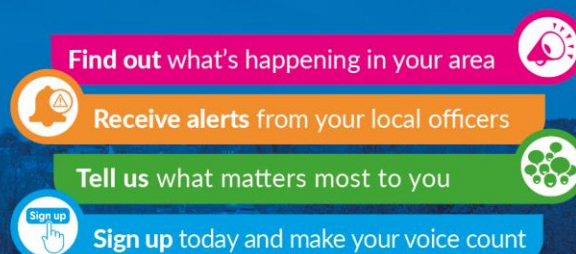
Incidents of Note:

Shopliftings: In the Month of April, Kent Police received five reports of Theft / Shoplifting from Co-Op, Aylesham. Please contact Kent Police on 101 or Crimestoppers confidentially if you have any information in relation to those responsible. Investigations are ongoing. There will be an increased police presence around this location and positive action will be taken against those identified for such offences.

Off Road Motorcycles: Several reports of nuisance off road motorcycles were received over the month of April. These were from Eythorne and also the vicinity of the old colliery at Snowdown. Please ensure such activity is reported to Kent Police direct (via 101 or Kent Police Website) and not solely reported on social media. When located, every effort is made to stop these vehicles, and the rider will be prosecuted for identified driving offences.

Criminal Damage: Terrace Road, Elvington: On 14th April 2026, a report of criminal damage was made to Kent Police. A window of a residential dwelling was damaged by person(s) unknown. The damage appeared to have been caused by a projectile, either from an air weapon or a catapult. Crime reference 46/59475/26 refers.

Fraud: On 27th April 2026, a report of fraud was made to Kent Police. An item was sold on a social media selling platform. The buyer has collected this expensive item from Aylesham and paid for this with fake £20 banknotes. Sadly, this was only realised by the seller after the exchange had taken place. Cad 27:1141 refers and police enquiries are still ongoing. If selling an item, I would suggest a bank transfer is the safest option. With internet banking, this can be seen in real time in your account prior to handing over the goods. If cash is preferred, take time to check these and use the Bank Of England website for details of how to easily identify forged bank notes – website: bankofengland.co.uk



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