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Introduction

Aylesham Ward Police Newsletter

Beat Officer: PC Jon Bowler

26 March 2026

Hello everyone,

As we move further into spring and the weather continues to improve, being out on foot patrol across Aylesham and the surrounding villages has been a real pleasure. The lighter days and clearer skies have allowed me to spend more time engaging directly with residents, visiting key community areas, and being visible where it matters most.

Speed Checks & Vehicle Enforcement

Over recent weeks, I have been conducting vehicle checks and speed enforcement throughout the village and neighbouring areas. This work will remain a priority, and I will continue to carry out targeted speed checks to help keep our roads safe.

If there are particular locations you feel would benefit from monitoring, please do not hesitate to let me know. Community feedback plays an important role in helping us focus our efforts where concerns are highest.

New CCTV Installed in Aylesham

I recently had the pleasure of viewing the newly installed CCTV cameras in Aylesham. These cameras—positioned near the skate park and the train station—are an excellent addition to our local infrastructure. They serve as both a valuable policing tool and an effective deterrent against antisocial



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behaviour. Their presence is already helping us support community safety.

Community Drop-In Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent drop-in session at Aylesham Community HQ. These sessions are a great opportunity for residents to speak with me directly about any concerns, ask questions, or simply say hello.

Next Drop-In Session

 **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**

 **10:00–12:00 (midday)**

 **Aylesham Community HQ**

Aylesham Community Project, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ

No appointment is required—just come along.

Evening Sessions Coming Soon

From **May 2026**, I will be trialling evening drop-in sessions to make it easier for those who cannot attend during the day. Further details will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Stay in Touch

As always, your feedback, local knowledge, and engagement help shape the work we do. If you have concerns, suggestions, or information you'd like to share, please feel free to get in touch.

Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you out and about in the community.

PC Jon Bowler

Beat Officer – Aylesham Ward
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Incidents of Note:

Poaching: There seems to be an increase in reports of illegal poaching over the last month. Thank you for making these reports to Kent Police. If such incidents are witnessed, please report by calling 999 immediately. Please give as much of a description as possible including those involved and vehicle descriptions including registrations if these can be seen. What is also important is providing an exact location. I would encourage everyone to download the 'What 3 Words' app to their phone, and provide this as a location to ensure the attending Police patrol makes their way to the correct location.

Shoplifting: In March, we received four reports of Theft Shoplifting from the same retail store located in Market Place, Aylesham. One male was identified and subsequently arrested for one of these reports and Police enquiries are ongoing relating to the others. As the local beat officer, I attend the local stores as often as possible and will continue to do so to offer crime prevention advice, and assist with any crime enquiries that need doing.

Quad Bike / Motorcycle: On the 24th March 2026, Kent Police received reports of a nuisance motorcycle and quad bike being ridden in Aylesham. The description given was that of very young individuals. Police attended and these could not be located.



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Burglary – Non-Dwelling: At some point between the 26th and 27th March 2026, a business premises located on Pike Road, Eythorne was entered by persons unknown. Various tools were stolen from within with a total loss value estimated to be between £15,000-£18,000. Crime report 46/48938/26 refers. Please contact Kent Police or Crimestoppers if you have any information which may assist.

E-Scooters: As previously published, these mechanically propelled scooters remain illegal on British roads. This includes footpaths and any public areas. If seen by police, these can be seized and likely destroyed. They can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's consent. My colleagues and I will be working across the district in the next few weeks and will be dealing with those still being ridden. Any rider over the age of ten can also be reported for offences covered by the road traffic act. This can result in large fines and even points on your driving licence. Please ensure these are not purchased for children to use unless, as stated, on private land.



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