

Introduction

Welcome to your January 2026 newsletter from Kent Police.

After a personal period of absence, I am pleased to be back on duty as your local Kent Police Beat Officer.

I have arranged some local drop-in sessions within the district and will be arranging more throughout the coming year. The times and dates of these can be found on the Kent Police website under the 'What's happening in your area' section. Select this and then enter your postcode and then select the 'About us' section. If you are looking to attend one of my advertised drop-in sessions, then please check this prior to attendance as sometimes these can be cancelled at short notice due to operational demand.

Please keep an eye on the website where more dates will be added.

My next drop-in session is:

Thursday 12th March 2026 – St Nicholas Church, The Street, Ash, CT3 2EN. 11:00-13:00.

(Unfortunately there will not be a February drop-in due to prior commitments – apologies).

Following a recent survey on My Community Voice, residents identified the following as their local policing priorities:

- 1, Road safety issues,
- 2, Highway Obstructions,
- 3, ASB / Nuisance youths.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will be looking at how best to deal with these issues. This will include speed enforcement, proactive road checks and traffic lead



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operations. I will also be undertaking high visibility patrolling in problem areas and engaging with youths and those potentially causing ASB or likely to be encouraged to partake in such activities.

Women's Safety Event - FREE Self-Defence Sessions are being arranged across the district. These are being taking place in Aylesham, Whitfield, Deal and Dover. Tickets to attend these can be booked by using the following QR code. Please select the different dates for different locations.



I hope to see many of you whilst out on my patrols. Please come and say 'hello' when you see me and I'm always happy to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.



Email – 11454@kent.police.uk

Your local beat officer:
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Incidents of Note:

I have received reports of nuisance motor vehicles in and around Collar Makers Green area of Ash. These suggest that some drivers are driving across the grass which is causing damage to the communal areas. I am still looking into this matter to try and identify those involved. Please be aware that such actions may well constitute an offence of criminal damage as well as offences under the Road Traffic Act. Please ensure that vehicles remain on the road and NOT driven across communal areas.

On the 4th January 2026, Kent Police received a report of criminal damage to a residential property on Havelock Place, Ash. It is alleged that youths have kicked at the front door causing damage whilst walking by. If anybody has any information regarding this or persons involved, please call Kent Police on 101 quoting reference 04-0599.



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