Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdswell

Parish Council update –
November / December 2023
PC 11454 Bowler

Welcome to this months update. Below you will find details of recent activity in your area and campaigns that are currently being run by Kent Police alongside our partner agencies.

Contacting Kent Police.

Please remember in an emergency, always dial 999

For any non-emergency enquiries, please use The Kent Police website where we have the following facilities:-



Speak to one of our team online who will be able to assist you.



Report a crime, anti-social behaviour, Road Traffic incident etc.



Events or updates to a case or report.

For more information, visit our website – www.kent.police.uk





My Community Voice is a 2-way messaging service that helps Kent residents, businesses & community groups to keep in touch with their local Policing teams.

Sign up to My Community Voice at www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk



MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police

Find out what's happening in your area





Receive alerts from your local officers

Tell us what matters most to you





Sign up today and make your voice count



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Community focus: Please allow me to introduce myself as your ward Constable. My name is PC Jon Bowler. I have been a Constable for over 23 years working in both the Metropolitan and Kent Police. Up until October 2023, my entire Police Service was spent on front line response policing responding to emergency 999 calls as well as proactively policing my area and looking for offenders. I am now part of Dover Community Safety Unit Neighbourhood Team where I have been allocated Beat Areas to patrol and engage with the communities directly.

In the past few weeks I have been out walking around the parish wards. I have been allocated the Aylesham, Eastry & Little Stour wards including all the surrounding villages. This is obviously a vast area, but I have already been out to the majority of villages speaking to locals and on the whole, it has been very positive.

I will endeavour to serve you all to the best of my ability and with the help of our hard working PCSO colleagues we will be as visible in the community as we can be.

I would urge any readers to sign up to My Community Voice. This is an excellent two-way communication platform that also has the capacity to link users to our partner agencies. This broadens our combined reach and the information available to you.

I will try to arrange a surgery in the parish in the coming weeks and attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible. I will send details of any such appointments in due course. In the meantime, if you require any assistance Kent Police can be contacted online to report crime, incidents or issues at

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note.

Nuisance vehicles on the A256. Vehicles/persons meeting on the Tilmanstone roundabout. Driving in a manner falling well below what is expected of a careful, competent driver. Vehicles speeding, wheel spinning, making excessive noise. We are very aware of this issue and are looking to add increased police presence to the area and robustly deal with any identified offences.

Also, reports of nuisance motorbikes riding through the villages. Often with no registration and riding in a dangerous manner i.e. wheelies, wrong way etc. If anyone has any information regarding the bikes or riders please get in contact with myself directly. I have been in the villages on several weekends to try and deter such activities and look to identify those involved.

Several reports of Lamping and Illegal Poaching in and around the district. Rural Task Force also aware of this and all reports attended by patrols.

Crimes of note:

November 2023 -

02-0260 / 02-0669 – Theft From Motor Vehicle x 2 – Church Hill, Shepherdswell – Reports of theft from within parked vehicles overnight. Windows smashed to gain entry.

04-0232 – Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle - Palm Tree Lane, Aylesham. Unknown male cyclist has punched drivers wing mirror in suspected road rage incident. Damage caused.

December 2023 -

11-0422 – Theft Of Motor Vehicle. Theft of Motor Cycle overnight from Aylesham.

13-1311 – Fraud – Shepherdswell. Female victim called by persons pretending to be from her bank. Female transferred money believing this was genuine. Action Fraud aware.

12-1231 / 13-1125 / 14-0877 – Shoplifting Reports – Co-Op Aylesham. Several reported thefts from retail store.

27-0256 – Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – Aylesham. Overnight crime, victim woke to discover her cars rear window smashed and paint thrown into car.

Crime prevention and education.

Crime prevention and any other useful guidance.

We have had a recent influx of fraudulent telephone calls whereby the callers are impersonating police officers. They are suggesting that they may have someone held in custody for using the victims bank card and request money to be sent to confirm this.

Please be aware that if one of our officers do make contact with you via phone they will clearly identify themselves often with their name and or force number. To confirm an officers identity you can call 101 and give the force number of the officer for confirmation from the force control room.

Officers will never;

Ask you for your bank details or PIN

Ask you to transfer any funds to another account

Ask you to hand over cash or bank cards to a courier

Ask you to pay a fine or a fee to them or a third party over the phone or online

Ask you for access to your computer, passwords or log on details over the phone or online

Ask you to register personal details in an attachment or website online

Ask you to assist in an investigation by doing any of the above

State that you are committing a crime by not complying

Communicate in an abusive, threatening or coercive manner

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk

Reporting crime, including fraud, is important.

Remember if you're unsure about whether the person you're dealing with is a genuine police officer – stop