

Aylesham Monthly Update.

PCSO Emma Carmichael.



My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you.

We are committed to engaging with communities to increase trust and confidence and to help protect people from harm. Police, partners and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area.

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This is something we are trying to get the hang of so please be patient with me, Tech is not my strongest point.

For the month of Oct Kent Police received 69 calls in total for Aylesham.

Incidents of notes.

02/10/22 – Queens Rd, Nuisance bikes, informant reported 2 off road bikes in the area of Queens Rd and the Station Field, this was reported 2 hours after they had left. No descriptions given.

3/10/22 – Cooting Rd , Theft of pedal cycle from the cycle shelter at Sharpack, a Satan Blue specialised Bike.

7/10/22 – Co-op Market square, Theft from shop £60-£70 worth of spirits taken. Staffed have named an offender. Crime report is under investigation.

8/10/22 – Report of a male at an unknown address in Aylesham selling Vapes to underage children. Intel report submitted.

11/10/22 – Cherry Blossom Way a male was caught on ring doorbell trying the door handle of a vehicle parked on the drive in the early hours of the morning. Image was circulated for I.D purposes. Police attended area search no trace.

12/10/22 – Dorman Ave North, Criminal damage of shrubs. This was a dispute, we managed to get the neighbours to mediate and resolve their issues.

14/10/22 – Adisham Rd Report of a Stag in the road. He is quite famous in the area now and has been seen in various locations.

A big deer just walked straight across the road in front of the car at Lydden lights, please be careful



14/10/22 – Queens Rd, Nuisance bikes in the area. Limited info again.

Dover Community Safety Unit	
Nuisance Motorbikes: Reporting	
Description Key Features Vehicle Reg  Clothing/ Helmet Colour/ Make/ Model	Location Road Seen On Direction of Travel Groups Congregating 
Behaviour  Loud Revving  Illegal Manoeuvres Speeding/ Racing Careless Driving Dangerous Driving  Kent Police	Ring 101 or 999 To Report Respect the community and those who do bike sensibly. Protecting and serving the people of Kent

17/10/22 -999 abandoned call, child on the line. Mistaken call.

17/10/22 - Aylesham Railway Station, Suicide risk.

17/10/22 - 999 abandoned call, child on the line again. Different address.

17/10/22 -Central Boulevard Informant had bought a vehicle from FB, they felt it was a scam as the vehicle broke down the next day. Advised this was a civil matter.

17/10/22 -Sellers of the above vehicle call in reporting a dispute on the doorstep over the sale of the vehicle. FB selling sites are sold as seen, all civil. If the money is given in agreement, it can only be disputed in court.

20/10/22- Corminster Ave, Nuisance Youths. They were repeatedly kicking the informants door then running away. This was worrying the young children indoors. Police attended, this happened while they were present. Images of the youths have been given to the officers. No more calls. No Damaged caused.

20/10/22 – Cooting Rd, Abandoned Vehicle. Burnt out van. KFRS attended.

23/10/22 – Snowdown Colliery 6x off road bikes, all adult males being abusive to the on site security, spraying mud at their vehicle.

25/10/22 - School SQ, 3 youths trying to gain access to the empty new houses. Police attended area search no trace. Building checked. No damage found.

26/10/22 – Adisham Rd, RTC Minor injury to hand.

27/10/22 – Dorman Ave North- Local homeless male jumped infront of a vehicle. He tried the passenger door when the vehicle stopped. This was locked. No damage but the driver was shaken.

28/10/22 – Cornwallis Ave, Drunk homeless male outside the Londis, sitting in a private doorway, shouting and swearing. Reports the Phone box is being used as a toilet. Will liaise with BT and try to get this removed.

29/10/22 – Snowdown Court, youths attended the central garden area. They left after a resident knocked on the window to let them know she was watching. This was past midnight, the boys looked very young aged 10-12.

30/10/22 – Old Court Farm, Poaching. Dogs and vehicle seen on the fields containing crops. No vehicle details.

Kent Police Emergencies 999 <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A serious offence is in progress● Someone is in immediate danger or risk of harm● Property is in danger of being damaged● A serious disruption to the public is likely	Kent Police 101 Report online: Report a crime Kent Police www.kent.police.uk <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened and there is no risk of immediate harm REPORT HERE● Anti social behaviour (ASB) that is occurring now but is low level and no one is at risk of harm REPORT HERE	Dover District Council www.dover.gov.uk/report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● For ASB issues relating to DDC Council tenants or DDC properties REPORT HERE● For Noise complaints within a property REPORT HERE● For general anti-social behaviour that don't relate to noise from a property or a DDC tenant that is a repeated nuisance activity that doesn't require a police or immediate authority response. REPORT HERE
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**Reporting Crime or
Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)**

Other News

Snowdown Court have been having issues with a couple of youths entering the premises, they set off the fire alarm on one occasion. I had a meeting with the residents and Housing manager to discuss deterrents etc. The main issue was residents leaving the communal doors open. We requested these be always closed as its very inviting to the younger generation. I have been regularly patrolling this and have had to close the doors!!

A man driving along the Adisham Road unfortunately lost his car due to a fire, he pulled over on Doorman Ave North after seeing smoke in the boot, this immediately burst into flames. It is believed to be the battery that caught alight somehow. The whole car was engulfed in minutes. No body was Hurt.

Good News

On Tuesday 25th October Kent Police held a dedicated Ceremony, in recognition of the outstanding work from members of the local community and Kent Police officers with regards to the investigation into the murder of Julia James.

Without the overwhelming help and support from the community and the relentless work carried out by officers, an extremely dangerous individual may never have been brought to justice.

Julia's family joined us all at the Ceremony, she will never be forgotten as a colleague or as devoted Aylesham resident.



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Finally a good News Story – Rogue Trader Sentenced to Prison

A prolific rogue trader has been jailed after repeatedly targeting elderly residents living in areas including Swale and Medway.

Tony Saunders tricked and coerced several pensioners into paying for unnecessary work to their properties, amid demands for cash payments totalling thousands of pounds.

Between February and April 2021, Saunders and an accomplice cold called the homes of victims and warned vital repairs were needed to roofs and chimneys. They wore clothing and used a van emblazoned with logos for 'ATS Paving and Building Ltd'. The business appeared to victims to be legitimate, with quality assurances provided on a leaflet handed to them, including claims of Check-a-trade accreditations.

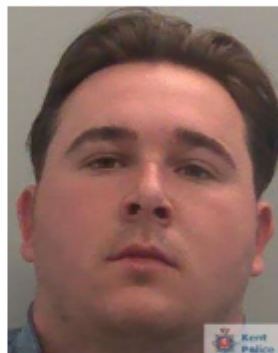
Demands

The reality was very different. Victims were given quotes which rapidly escalated and any work carried out was substandard and often unfinished. In March 2021, a 76-year-old man initially agreed to pay Saunders and his accomplice £7,000 for roof repairs to his Faversham home. After work commenced, he was met with demands for £25,000. The victim became suspicious and challenged the men, following which Saunders threatened to empty a skip onto his driveway and remove all materials if he wasn't paid. In the following month, Kent Police was called to reports Saunders was operating fraudulently in Istead Rise, Gravesend, where two elderly neighbours, both aged in their 80s, had been scammed. Saunders, aged 23, of Spade Lane, Hartlip was arrested at one of their addresses on 7 April, which also led to a Citroen Berlingo van being seized.

Further offences -

An investigation established he had also been operating in areas of Chatham, Sittingbourne and New Romney. Saunders was also investigated for a separate case in 2019, when an unknown suspect knocked at the door of an elderly woman in Chatham and claimed to be from Trading Standards. The person had knowledge the woman was a previous victim to rogue trading and informed her the perpetrators had been arrested and that she was now entitled to compensation. The victim, aged in her 80s, was later contacted by telephone and told before she received the compensation, she would first need to pay for court fees and staff.

Between 4 and 16 April 2019, she made nine withdrawals from her bank account, totalling almost £30,000. Saunders stopped her on multiple occasions whilst she was driving home from the bank, in order to take the cash from her. Saunders pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court to six counts of fraud by false representation with a further two counts taken into consideration, and four counts linked to money



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laundering. He also admitted a further, unrelated, charge of affray. This was linked to his involvement in a fight in Herne Bay, in July 2020. On Friday 25 February 2022, Saunders was sentenced to four years and ten months' imprisonment.

Preyed upon vulnerable

Detective Sergeant Adam Stallard, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: 'Saunders preyed upon the elderly and vulnerable under the guise of operating a legitimate business. He invented or exaggerated fears related to the integrity and safety of victims' roofs and chimneys, often demanding instant cash payments for so called urgent repairs.' Site surveys were later completed by a genuine chartered surveyor at the home addresses of victims. All of these surveys found that the works were mostly unnecessary, were to an extremely poor standard and were substantially overpriced. 'It is pleasing to see that justice has caught up with Saunders and he is rightly behind bars. We will now use legislation contained under the Proceeds of Crime Act to ensure he doesn't continue to benefit from his crimes when he is released from prison.'

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