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Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of autumn.

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to spend much of September enjoying some welcome Spanish sunshine whilst on annual leave. During my absence, my colleagues from Dover's Neighbourhood Policing Unit provided cover across the ward and I would like to thank them for their continued support and assistance.

September also saw the retirement of my former supervisor, Detective Sergeant Leigh Woolnough. I have known Leigh for over twenty-five years, having served alongside her when we were both stationed in London. Throughout her career she has been a dedicated and highly respected police officer, and I would like to thank her for her support over the years and wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team is now overseen by Police Sergeant Gavin Rolfe, an experienced supervisor with more than twenty years of policing service. I look forward to continuing our work under his leadership.

With schools, Scouts, Guides and many other youth organisations returning after the summer break, I have numerous visits planned over the coming weeks to speak about my role as a Kent Police officer and hopefully inspire some young people to consider policing as a future career. If you represent a school,



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youth group or community organisation and would like either myself or one of my colleagues to attend and give a talk, please feel free to contact me directly via email.

Community Police Surgery

As always, I have a local drop-in session arranged during October where residents can come along and discuss any policing issues, concerns or local matters.

Aylesham Community Surgery

- **Date:** Friday 16th October 2026
- **Time:** 10:00am to 12:00 midday
- **Location:** Aylesham Community Trust

No appointment is required, so please feel free to attend.

Details of all future community surgeries and local events can also be found on the Kent Police website by entering your home postcode in the "**What's happening in your area**" section.

Local Policing News

1st September 2026 - Motorcycle Theft, Aylesham

A motorcycle was reported stolen overnight from Burgess Road, Aylesham. The incident is being investigated and relates to CAD 01-0229.



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I would encourage owners of motorcycles and scooters to ensure suitable security measures are in place, including the use of locks, chains and secure storage wherever possible.

2nd September 2026 - Illegal Poaching, Nonington

Police received reports of suspected illegal poaching in the rural Nonington area.

If you witness poaching or related rural crime, please report it immediately by calling **999**. Timely reporting gives officers the best opportunity to locate those involved. Please provide:

- Detailed descriptions of persons involved.
- Vehicle registrations and descriptions.
- Direction of travel.
- A **What3Words** location where possible.

The more information provided, the greater the opportunity for officers to identify and apprehend offenders.

Ongoing Issue - Nuisance Motorcycles

Throughout September, multiple reports were received concerning nuisance motorcycles in **Eythorne, Elvington and Shepherdswell**.

Myself and my colleagues will continue to take robust enforcement action whenever these vehicles are located and stopped. This frequently results in vehicles



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being seized and riders being reported for all identified traffic offences.

Additional action is planned over the coming weeks, including the deployment of plain-clothed officers and unmarked vehicles at locations and times where these issues have been identified as causing the greatest concern to residents.

21st September 2026 - Cannabis Cultivation, Shepherdswell

Officers attended an address in Shepherdswell and located a cannabis cultivation within a rear garden and outbuilding.

Two individuals were arrested on suspicion of drug-related offences. Both have since been released on police bail whilst investigations continue.

Reporting Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Your information continues to play a vital role in helping Kent Police tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across our communities. Please continue to report suspicious activity and criminal behaviour whenever you see it.

- **999** for crimes in progress and emergencies.
- **101** for non-emergency matters.
- Online reporting is also available via the Kent Police website.



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Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks, particularly at my community surgery in Aylesham.

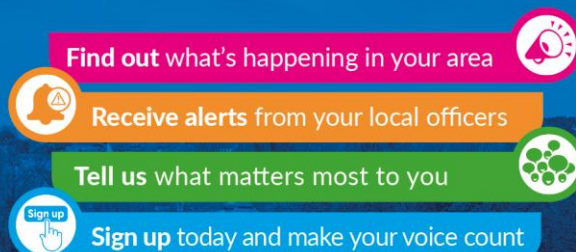
Stay safe.

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