

# Shepherdswell, Eythorne, Elvington & Aylesham



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## Introduction

Please find below your monthly newsletter from Kent Police covering October 2024.

Following the recent clock change, we have found our days becoming shorter once again and therefore more hours of darkness. I would encourage residents to ensure they double check their cars are locked upon leaving them and also as always, to consider CCTV systems for their property. These are readily available now and easily connect to home internet giving peace of mind and also acting as a visible deterrent to would be criminals. Most of these cameras have very good night vision capability built in.

Safer Business Week took place during October 2024. I visited many rural businesses across the area and provided safety advice and handouts with tips to avoid crimes such as shoplifting and other retail offences. It was nice that this advice was so well received by all.

Please also be aware of rogue traders during this time of year. These will often visit properties of those more vulnerable offering to carry out jobs such as leaf clearing, jet washing or general maintenance work. This work is often overpriced and unnecessary. What I am seeing is once a small job is instructed, these rogue traders will then find extra 'essential' work which will then snowball in price leaving the victims sometimes thousands of pounds out of pocket. Please only use reputable companies for any maintenance work and



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ideally those recommended by friends or neighbours who can vouch for the reliability and quality of work. Please also speak to elderly or vulnerable friends, family or neighbours and ensure they are aware of this and not to fall into this trap. My advice is always if someone knocks on your door offering to do work on your address, say no thank you and close the door.

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Your local beat officer:  
PC 11454 Bowler

### Items of Note:

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 – Reports of guttering being stolen from a residential address in Church Road, Coldred. Vehicle description of suspects provided to police and crime report 46/167433/24 refers.

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – In the early hours, a vehicle was abandoned and set on fire in a field next to Kelk Hill, Elvington. This vehicle was a black BMW 6 series. Any information, please contact Kent Police quoting reference KP-20241007-0002.

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Reports of nuisance motorcycles on Nightingale Lane, Nonington. My colleagues at Dover Community Safety Unit and one motorcycle located and seized by officers.

21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Two reports of Theft / Shoplifting from Co-Op Shepherdswell. On the first occasion meat was stolen and on the second, sandwiches by two males. Crime reports 46/178939/24 and 46/181093/24 refer. Enquiries are still ongoing.



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23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 – Whilst on patrol in Elvington, I located and seized another off road motorcycle being ridden on a public road on Sweetbriar Lane. Rider reported for driving offences and motorcycle has been seized. Myself and other members of the CSU team are regularly in problem areas across the district looking for these off road motorcycles and will look to remove these from our roads whenever possible.

Poaching – Over the past month, Kent Police received five reports of illegal poaching across the area. On each occasion, police patrols are tasked with attendance to the vicinity and Kent Police Rural Task Force Officers are made aware of these reports. Please continue to report such matters to Kent Police at the time they are happening via 999.



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