

Sandwich & Woodnesborough newsletter



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Welcome to the Sandwich & Woodnesborough Newsletter for January 2026.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the new year and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Dover District Community Safety Partnership have arranged several free Women's Safety Events over the coming months at various locations across the Dover District.

The sessions include self-defence sessions, and inputs on health and wellbeing to assist in building confidence, learning practical skills and helping women and girls to feel empowered. To find your local Women's Safety Event, please scan the QR code to book onto an event.



This month's community engagements:

The Pantry, Jubilee Centre, Sandwich
Monday 9th February 2026, Monday 23rd February 2026
1300-1400

Eastry Coffee Morning, Eastry Village Hall
Friday 27th February 2026
1000-1100

Your local beat officer:
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Statistics for Sandwich & Woodnesborough

121 calls to Sandwich and Woodnesborough from 1st January to the 31st January 2026.

Incidents of note:

07/01/2026 & 19/01/2026 – Co-op, Moat Sole, Sandwich.

Report of a Theft, Shoplifting. Suspect has entered the store and stolen alcohol on two separate occasions. The suspect was identified through the vehicle they were driving. The suspect was also committing various driving offences including driving without an insurance policy in place, or valid MOT certificate and was therefore issued a Traffic Offence Report. The suspect was issued a community resolution for theft shoplifting.

08/01/2026 – SPAR, Market Street, Sandwich.

Report of a Theft, Shoplifting. Suspect entered the store, and stolen alcohol and food items. Enquires are still ongoing.

18/01/2026 – White Mill Farm Shop, Ash Road, Sandwich.

Report of Theft. The suspect attempted to distract the cashier within the store whilst the second suspect loaded their vehicle with goods for sale outside the store. The suspect's left without paying for the items. Enquires are still ongoing.

23/01/2026 – Discovery Park, Sandwich

Officers attended a protest at Discovery Park in Sandwich, where it is reported that fireworks were thrown shortly before 2.30pm. A man was arrested and taken into custody. Officers remained at the scene until those protesting left the area. No further arrests were made and no injuries were reported.



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Anti-Social Behaviour in Sandwich

I am aware there has been incidents of anti-social behaviour in Sandwich. This includes, kicking doors and ringing doorbells before running away.

This behaviour can be extremely distressing for people, particularly those who live alone or who are being repeatedly targeted. Our houses should be a sanctuary that we feel safe in, and we should not be taunted for other people's amusement.

Since the reports, I have taken part in foot patrol in Sandwich in the affected areas at the relevant times, liaised with the local schools, completed a letter drop with advice for residents experiencing anti-social behaviour, conducted CCTV enquires and spoken to witnesses. Through these enquires I have identified those involved in the anti-social behaviour and spoken to them with their parents, Acceptable Behaviour Agreements have been issued, and they have been made aware of the negative impact they are having on the community. I will continue to monitor the situation and continue to patrol the ward to deter criminal and anti-social behaviour.

Road Safety Operation in Sandwich

On 14th January 2026, officers from Dover Neighbourhood Team were joined by officers from the Road Safety Unit (RSU) and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) on a joint traffic operation along the A256 around Sandwich. The purpose of the operation was to proactively target motorists who are not adhering to the road traffic act. The day resulted in:

- 21 x Traffic Offence Report's for multiple offences including, No Insurance, driving otherwise in accordance, no MOT, Bald tyres, No seat belt and mobile phone
- 7 x vehicle seizures for no insurance and no tax
- 5 x overweight prohibitions and £900 of fixed penalties
- 1 x no operator's licence
- 1 x tachograph not fitted
- 2 x Immediate load security encounters with £100 fixed penalties issued
- 3 x Immediate dangerous condition prohibition issued
- 1 x Delayed prohibition
- 7 x Inspection notices issued
- 1 x Vehicle immobilised £80



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