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Welcome to the Eastry 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 Eastry

94 calls to Eastry from 1st January to the 31st January 2026.

Incidents of note:

05/01/2026 – Gore Lane, Eastry.

Report of a fire at a property. Fire brigade in attendance and confirmed to be deliberate ignition. Suspect was arrested and enquiries are still ongoing.

Numerous calls over the month of January to building site, Mill Lane, Eastry.

Reports from remote security of persons seen on building site. Patrols have attended each time. On one occasion a vehicle was seen leaving the site, and two persons stopped, detained and arrested. Additional security measures have been implemented to make the perimeter more secure.

Numerous calls regarding nuisance vehicles racing at Betteshanger Road, Betteshanger and A256 at Tilmanstone over the weekends of the 16th January and 23rd January 2026. Patrols were sent to the locations and remained in the area to deter anti-social and criminal behaviour.



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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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