

Little Stour & Ashstone



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May 2026

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PC 11454 Bowler

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Little Stour & Ashstone Ward – May 2026

Beat Officer: PC Jon Bowler

Introduction

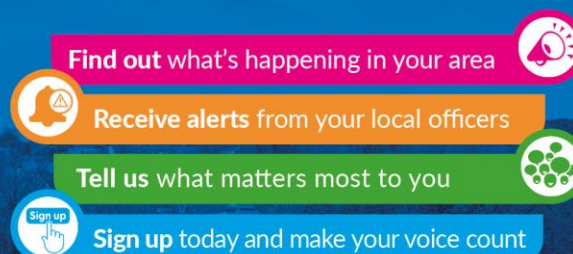
May has been a positive and productive month across the ward. With the improving weather, it has been far more enjoyable to carry out foot patrols and spend more time engaging with the community outdoors.

Visible policing remains a key priority, and the warmer conditions have helped increase opportunities to speak with residents, address concerns, and maintain a reassuring presence in our villages.

Community Engagement

My monthly community drop-in sessions continue to be well attended, and it is always a pleasure to meet so many local residents, discuss any concerns, and provide reassurance where needed.

These sessions are an excellent opportunity for informal conversations, crime prevention advice, and building strong community relationships.



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Upcoming Drop-In Sessions

- **Ash**
St Nicholas Church, The Street, Ash
Thursday 18th June 2026
 11:00 – 13:00 hours
- **Wingham**
Wingham Village Hall, School Lane, Wingham
Tuesday 23rd June 2026
 09:30 – 11:00 hours

No appointment is required – please feel free to just drop in.


Summer Events & Community Visits

As we move further into the summer months, I would like to remind residents, schools, and event organisers that I am very happy to attend local events, school visits, and village fetes whenever operationally possible.





These events are always a fantastic opportunity to engage with the community, particularly young people. I know local children thoroughly enjoy:

- Sitting in a police vehicle
- Trying on police equipment
- Learning more about what we do

If you would like Kent Police to attend an upcoming event, please get in touch with myself or the Dover Community Safety Unit (CSU) to discuss arrangements.



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Incidents of Note:


1st May 2026 – Ash Recreation Ground. Reports of a motorcycle being ridden across the grass. Motorcycle and rider(s) not located by police.

2nd May 2026 – Report of an overnight theft from wedding marquee at venue in Rowling, Goodnestone. Between the 1st May and 2nd May, person(s) unknown have entered the marquee and stolen multiple items including catering equipment and alcohol, all of which were in place for an upcoming wedding. Crime reference – 46/69917/26.





3rd May 2026 – Further report of a youth using a motorised scooter on Ash recreation ground. Rider not located or identified at this time.

13th May 2026 – Report of an overnight non-residential Burglary between 12th-13th May. This occurred at a premises on Dambridge Farm Road, Wingham, and resulted in the theft of cabling. Police reference 13-0678. Enquiries are still ongoing.

16th May 2026 – Further report of an overnight non-residential Burglary. This took place between 15th-16th May at a business premises on Nash Road, Ash. Suspect(s) unknown have stolen building equipment and tools. Police reference – 16-0372.



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Rural Burglary Prevention Advice

Rural areas can be attractive to offenders due to isolation and limited natural surveillance, but there are simple steps you can take to protect your property:

Secure your property: Ensure doors, windows, gates, and outbuildings are locked when not in use. Fit good-quality locks and consider additional security such as alarms and sensor lighting.

Protect tools and machinery: Mark valuable items with a forensic marking kit or property marking system and keep a record of serial numbers. Store equipment out of sight where possible.

Use lighting and CCTV: Motion-activated lighting and cameras can act as a strong deterrent and help identify offenders.

Be aware of vehicles: Report unfamiliar vehicles or people acting suspiciously, particularly in more remote areas. Take note of registration numbers where safe to do so.

Join local schemes: Consider joining or setting up a rural or farm watch scheme to share information quickly with neighbours and police.

Limit visibility: Avoid leaving ladders, tools, or keys accessible, and try not to advertise when you're away from home.

Report information: If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and report it. In an emergency call 999, otherwise report via 101 or online.

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