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Little Stour & Ashstone Ward Newsletter – October 2026

As we move into the winter months, I have continued to focus on proactive policing and community engagement across the ward.

Road Safety Enforcement

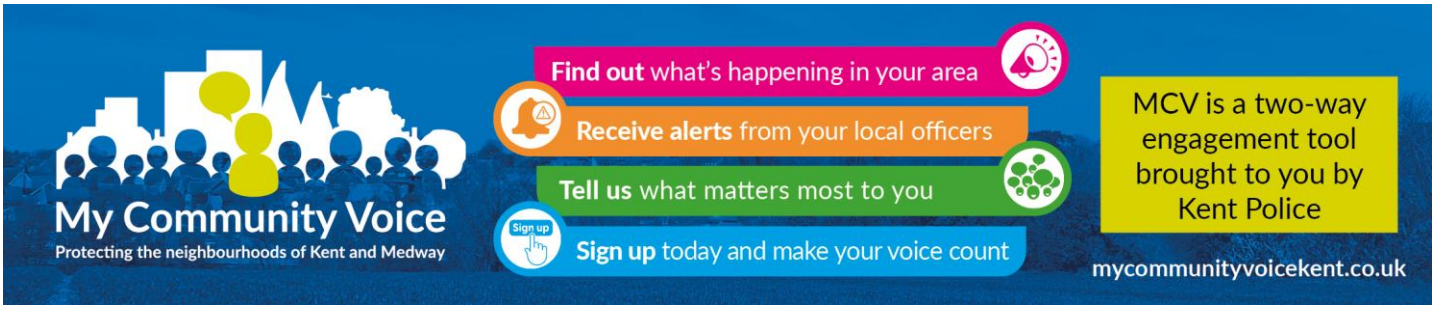
Throughout October, I have been conducting proactive road checks across the district, including on the A257. These checks resulted in several drivers being reported for excess speed, with the highest speed recorded being 84mph in a 50mph zone.

My colleagues and I from the Dover Neighbourhood Policing Team will continue these operations over the coming months. Our aim is to deal robustly with road traffic offences, educate road users about staying safe, and ensure vehicles are in a roadworthy condition as we head into winter. I already have future dates booked with my Speedwatch Colleague PC Wright within Staple and Wingham.

Halloween Patrols

I spent Halloween evening on foot patrol in Ash and it was great to meet so many residents throughout the evening. I was also very grateful for the generous offers of sweets along the way!

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of young people were well behaved and enjoying themselves responsibly. During the evening, I confiscated alcohol from



a small number of juveniles and spoke with the parents of others to ensure behaviour remained at an acceptable standard.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a safe and enjoyable one for the community.

Antisocial Behaviour

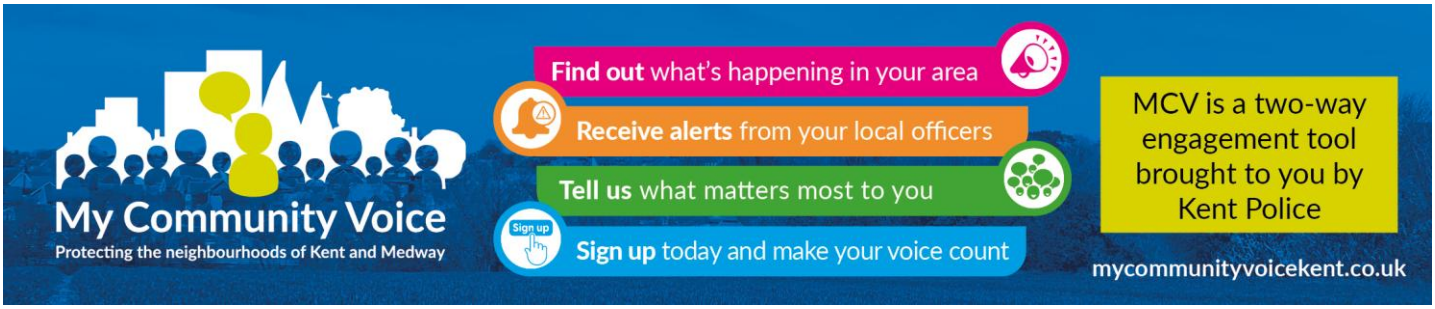
During October, there was one report of antisocial behaviour in Ash. This related to the use of unsavoury language at Pound Corner.

This is an area I regularly patrol and engage with those using it. Pound Corner should be a place that everyone can enjoy and feel comfortable visiting. I would therefore ask all users to be considerate of others by avoiding rowdy behaviour and refraining from using language that may be considered intimidating or offensive.

Please also make use of the rubbish bins provided and help keep the area clean and welcoming for everyone.

E-Scooters

I am still seeing reports of E-Scooters being used on public land and highways. Although these are easy to purchase, they cannot be used on ANY public space, road, or pavement. They are mechanically propelled vehicles and therefore subject to the same laws as cars and other motor vehicles. If seen being ridden by myself or another officer, these will likely be seized and the rider potentially reported for Road Traffic offences. Please only use these on private land and do not purchase them for your children unless they have private land readily available to them.



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Incident of Note

Burglary - Business Premises

3rd-4th October 2026
Nash Road, Ash

Overnight, generators and electrical cables were stolen from business premises on Nash Road.

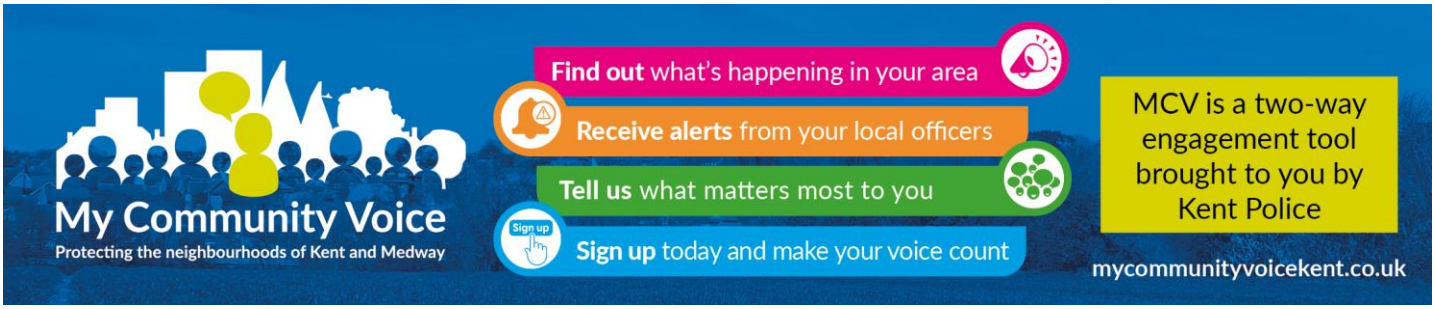
If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Kent Police on 101, quoting reference 46/164448/26.

Community Meeting

I will be attending the community meeting alongside colleagues from Kent Police's Neighbourhood Policing Team and Dover District Council.

- **Thursday 12 November 2026**
- **7:30pm**
- **Ash Village Hall**

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss any local issues or concerns.



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Drop-In Sessions

No appointment is necessary. Please feel free to come along and discuss any issues, concerns, or questions you may have.

Thursday 19 November 2026

Wingham Village Hall Car Park
9:30am - 10:45am

St Nicholas Church, Ash
11:00am - 1:00pm

Stay In Touch

If you see me out on patrol, please do stop and say hello. Speaking with residents is one of the most valuable ways for us to understand local concerns and help keep our communities safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

PC Jon Bowler
Dover Neighbourhood Policing Team
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