

Sandwich & Woodnesborough newsletter



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Welcome to the April 2026 edition of the Sandwich & Woodnesborough Newsletter.

This month I attend the **Annual Sandwich Town Council Meeting on 29 April 2026**. I provided an annual report for the meeting detailing the figures for crime and anti-social behaviour in Sandwich over the past financial year. It is possible to watch the recording on YouTube by searching 'Sandwich Annual Town Meeting 29/04/26'.

At the meeting it was great to hear from representatives from **Sandwich Town Cricket Club, and Sandwich Lawn Tennis Club** who continue to provide fantastic opportunities for people of all ages to take part in sport, stay active and build strong social connections. It is particularly exciting to hear that the tennis club is exploring plans to build a padel court, which would be a fantastic addition to the sporting facilities available in the area.

For anyone living in or visiting the town, www.sandwichkent.co.uk is an excellent resource. The website offers a comprehensive local directory, details on what's on and upcoming events, and a helpful neighbourhood guide that showcases everything Sandwich has to offer.

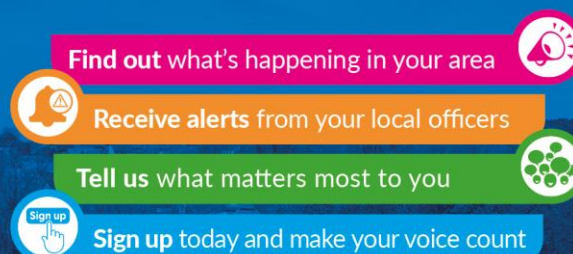


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This month's community engagements:

Monday 11th May 2026 at 12:45-14:00 hours
Jubilee Centre, Sandwich

Friday 15th May 2026 at 10:00-11:00 hours
Eastry Coffee Morning, at Eastry Village Hall

Statistics for Sandwich and Woodnesborough

There were 106 calls to the Sandwich and Woodnesborough between 1st April and 30th April 2026

13/04/2026 – A vehicle failed to stop for PC Eyre-Jackson and PC Bowler along Fir Tree Hill, Woodnesborough. The vehicle was in a poor condition and being driven at speed. The vehicle was located abandoned and seized for having no insurance policy in place.

25/04/2026 – Report of a Road Traffic Collision on the junction of Dover Road and St Barts Road in Sandwich which caused significant damage to a historic wall. Enquires are still ongoing. If anyone has information which could assist officers with the investigation, please call 101 or use the Kent Police online reporting tool and quote the reference number CAD 25-0264.

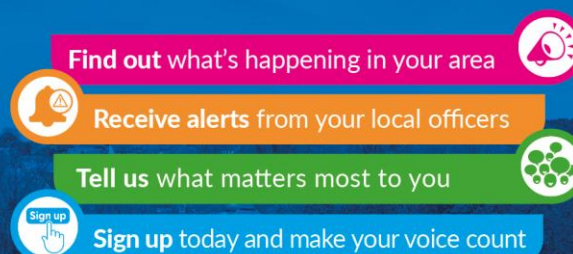
26/04/2026 – Report of number plate stolen from a vehicle parked on Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich.

Crime Prevention Advice

Fraudsters are targeting members of the public by **impersonating police officers over the phone** and persuading victims to hand over money, bank cards, or valuables. These scams often focus on older or vulnerable people, but anyone can be affected. Criminals may claim to be from the police or a fraud investigation team and state there is an urgent problem with your bank account, identity theft, or corrupt bank staff. They often use fear and authority to pressure victims, telling them to act quickly and not speak to family, friends, or the bank. Victims are then instructed to withdraw cash, transfer money to a so-called "safe account", or hand over cards and PIN numbers to a courier. **This is always a scam.** Police will **never** ask you to move money, share PINs or passwords, or hand over cash or cards. If you receive a suspicious call, **hang up immediately**, take time to check, and speak to someone you trust. If concerned, contact your bank using official numbers or call police on 101. If a courier is expected, call 999. Please share this advice to help protect others and reduce harm.

Roads Policing

PC Porter and PC Bowler conducted speed checks along Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich following concerns raised by residents about vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit along this stretch of the road. During a one-hour period of enforcement, 4 Traffic Offence Reports (TOR's) were issued with the highest recorded speed of 43mph. These checks aim to improve road safety, encourage responsible driving, and reduce the risk of collisions in the area. Officers will continue monitoring the location and conducting enforcement where necessary to keep the community safe.



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