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Welcome to the October 2026 edition of the Eastry Newsletter.

As we move further into autumn and the evenings become darker, I'd like to take the opportunity to remind residents about the importance of home and vehicle security. The longer hours of darkness can provide greater opportunities for offenders, who often look for easy targets such as insecure properties, unlocked vehicles, or valuables left on display. Residents are asked to consider installing external security lighting and, where appropriate, CCTV, as both can act as effective deterrents and assist with investigations. Please ensure doors and windows are locked before leaving your property or going to bed and avoid leaving valuables on display in vehicles. Always check that your vehicle is locked and secure when unattended. Taking these simple steps can help reduce the opportunities for offenders and lower the risk of becoming a victim of crime.



This month's community engagements:

Eastry Coffee Morning, Eastry Village Hill, Eastry
Friday 20th November - 10:00-11:00

The Pantry, The Jubilee Centre, Sandwich
Monday 23rd November – 1300-1400

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Statistics for Eastry

There were 99 calls to the Eastry between 1st October and 31st October 2026.

Incidents of Note:

08/10/2026 **– Sutton -** A report was received of criminal damage to a parked vehicle after damage was discovered to the car.

12/10/2026 **– Drainless Road, Eastry -** A suspicious incident was reported during the early hours of the morning after a van was seen in the area and individuals with torches were heard near a storage unit. Officers attended and checked the location. No items were found to be stolen, and all areas were confirmed secure.

15/10/2026 – **Woodnesborough**: Officers responded to a residential burglary in which suspects stole a mobile phone, car keys and the victim's vehicle. The stolen vehicle was later sighted in Dover, where it initially failed to stop for police before being abandoned. Officers quickly detained the occupants nearby and arrested them. Following an investigation, those involved were subsequently charged and brought before the court. Outcome: The offenders were sentenced to a 12-month Rehabilitation Order, including supervision, a curfew, activity requirements, and unpaid work. The court also ordered compensation to be paid for damage caused.

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Road Traffic Safety

Joint Traffic Operation – A256, Sandwich

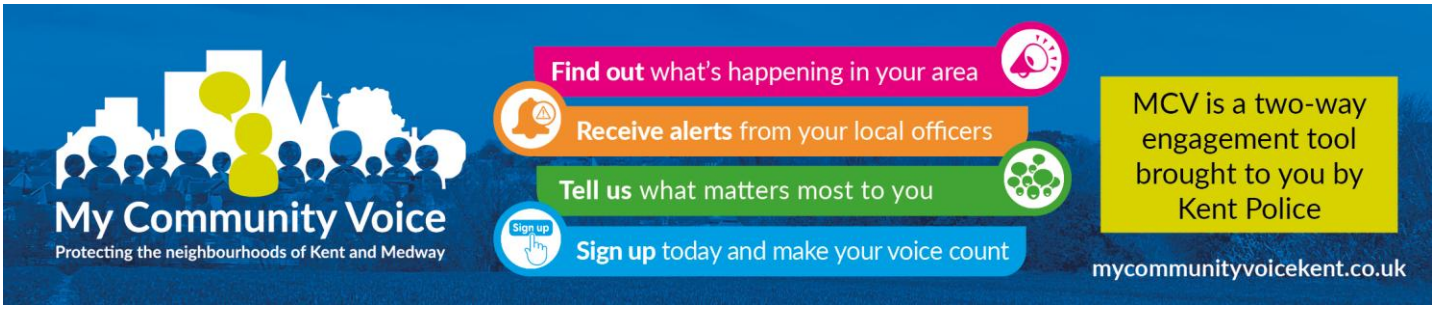
Following feedback from residents through the My Community Voice survey, road safety has been identified as a priority for the Eastry ward.

On Friday 9th October 2026, officers from the Dover Neighbourhood Team were joined by colleagues from the Road Safety Unit (RSU) and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) for a joint traffic operation along the A256 around Sandwich. The purpose of the operation was to proactively identify motorists and vehicles that were not complying with road traffic legislation and to help keep local roads safe for everyone.

The operation resulted in officers issuing Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) for:

- 5 motorists driving without insurance
- 1 motorist driving otherwise than in accordance with a driving licence
- 2 vehicles with no MOT
- 1 vehicle displaying an illegal number plate
- 1 vehicle with a bald tyre
- 1 driver not wearing a seatbelt

In addition, **12 vehicles were examined by DVSA**, with Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences including overweight vehicles, excessive rear projections, insecure loads, bald tyres and inoperative brake lamps.



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Road Safety is a priority for Kent Police. Operations like this are an important part of keeping our roads safe. Road traffic legislation is there to protect drivers, passengers and other road users. Defects such as bald tyres, insecure loads and faulty brake lights can increase the risk on our roads, while ensuring motorists are appropriately licensed, insured and driving roadworthy vehicles helps protect the wider community.

E-scooters and E-bikes – Eastry.

Reports have been received of e-bikes and e-scooters being ridden within Eastry, specifically, the Gun Park Recreation Ground. Officers attended the area and two individuals on e-bikes left the area. While carrying out an area search, officers located another person using an e-scooter. They were spoken to and educated regarding the law surrounding the use of e-scooters.

Road Safety – A256, Eastry.

Officers stopped a vehicle on the A256 after it was observed speeding. The driver was also found not to be wearing a seatbelt, and the vehicle had a defective brake light. A roadside breath test was conducted with a negative result, and a Traffic Offence Report for the offences. We continue to receive concerns from residents regarding speeding on the A256. Officers regularly patrol this route and will stop and engage with road users found not to be complying with road traffic legislation, taking enforcement action where appropriate.

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