Little Stour and Ashstone newsletter



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Introduction

Welcome to your March 2025 newsletter from Kent Police.

It's so lovely to see the weather improving and being able to enjoy lighter evenings. This certainly makes foot patrol more enjoyable.

I work as part of Dover's Community Safety Unity and we have been fortunate enough to have gained four new probationer Police Constables. Myself and my colleague PC EYRE-JACKSON have been assigned one of these officers, namely a PC BURRIN, who will be working alongside us for the next fifteen weeks. I am hoping to give him the best possible introduction to neighbourhood policing, and have no doubt that he will be a valued member of the team going forwards. Please feel free to come and say 'hello' if you see us out and about within your community.

I was joined last week by Kent Police Road Safety Unit (RSU) for a joint traffic operation. The morning was spent proactively dealing with traffic offences in Dover Town Centre and then on the A257, Wingham for the afternoon. This was as part of a road safety plan looking at ways to make this stretch of road safer for all road users. Several motorists were stopped for varying offences and multiple eyesight tests also conducted at the roadside. I regularly carry out Speed Checks at this location, and these will become even more frequent over the coming months.

Finally, I had the pleasure of attending the Ash Rangers Group this past month. The group were fantastic and asked so many questions about the role of a police officer. I fully expect to see some of these walking the beat themselves one day in the future! Please contact me directly by email if you would like me to attend any community groups or events.



Your local beat officer: PC 11454 Bowler



Items of note:

A total of 21 crimes were reported to Kent Police across the Little Stour and Ashstone ward in March 2025. The vast majority of these were inside of private dwellings.

Kent Police received a total of 73 calls during this period across the ward.

3rd March 2025 – Report of non-residential burglary – Molland Lane, Ash. Stables targeted overnight between 2nd and 3rd March 2025. Crime reference – 46/35835/25 refers.

4th March 2025 – Road Traffic Collision – A257 – Close to Wingham Country Market. Tragically, this resulted in the death of a motorcyclist. Incident KP-202504-0214 refers.

13th March 2025 – Road Traffic Collision – New Street, Ash. Female arrested on suspicion of driving whilst over the prescribed alcohol limit. Enquiries ongoing and awaiting blood alcohol results.

14th March 2025 – Report of an attempted accosting of juvenile females in Ash. A male in small red coloured vehicle is alleged to have offered a lift in his car. This was not accepted and thankfully the juveniles made it home and police were called. Reference – 46/43698/25. This is a rare event, but please discuss 'stranger danger' with your children and encourage them to seek sanctuary in businesses or shops should they encounter such an incident and ensure police are called on 999.