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Welcome to the Eastry Newsletter for September 2025.

As day light hours reduce when we enter the winter period, we see an increase in road traffic collisions. This is often due to road conditions and other factors such as the low sun. As always, I encourage all drivers to allow extra time for their journeys, and to ensure their vehicles are in a roadworthy condition. Regular tyre checks (tread and tyre pressure) , checking the lights are working correctly and ensuring all fluids are topped up. Also, please make sure your windscreen is completely clear of ice and/or condensation prior to setting off.

This month's community engagements:
Monday 6th and 20th October between 1300-1400 hours at The Pantry, The Jubilee Centre, Sandwich.



Your local beat officer:
PC 14106 EYRE-JACKSON
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Statistics for Eastry

73 calls to Sandwich and Woodnesborough from 1st September to the 30th September

Incidents of note:
11/09/2025 – Theft – Mill Lane, Eastry. Suspects have taken building materials and left in a vehicle. If anyone has any information, please call 101 and quote CAD 11-0647

14/09/2025 – Criminal Damage – The Street, Sholden. The victim has reported that the window of there property has been smashed overnight. If anyone has any information, please call 101 and quote CAD 14-0341.

18/09/2025 – Theft– Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough. Suspects have taken tools. If anyone has any information, please call 101 and quote CAD 18-0225.

Roads Policing

Officers were on mobile patrol along the A256, near Betteshanger when they stopped a vehicle which was exceeding the speed limit. Upon stopping the vehicle, there was a strong smell of cannabis emanating from it. A search was conducted, and a small quantity of cannabis was located. A drugs wipe was completed with the driver, which was positive, and the insurance policy was invalid. The driver was arrested for drug driving, possession of cannabis, and driving without a valid insurance policy.

A driver from Sholden appeared in court last week after being charged with driving whilst disqualified, and without a valid insurance policy. They received a 36-month driving ban, a fine and 12 month community order.

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Last week, officers from Dover Neighbourhood Team were joined by officers from the Road Safety Unit (RSU) and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) on a joint traffic operation along the A256 around Sandwich. The purpose of the operation was to proactively target motorist who are not adhering to the road traffic act. The day resulted in:

Prohibitions:
6 x Overweight
5 x PG9

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's):
10 x overweight/overloaded vehicle
6 x Vehicle in a Dangerous Condition

Traffic Offence Reports (TOR's):
3 x Using a mobile phone whilst driving
1 x Bald tyre
1 x No seat belt
1 x No exhaust baffle
1 x Child unrestrained
2 x No insurance
1 x Veh in condition likely to cause injury
2 x No MOT
4 x Illegal number plate
2 x Light expose through window tints

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Crime Prevention Advice

Kent Police have recently received reports of potential Rogue Traders operating in Sandwich.

Rogue Traders generally seek to carry out services that are either completely unnecessary or substandard. If cash is paid in advance, they will often leave without starting any work or they charge inflated or excessive prices for work carried out. Services offered will include cleaning driveways, gardening or roof and guttering repairs.

We advise residents:

- Don't feel pressured you into agreeing to have work carried out.
- Please do not hand over any money, cheques, bank cards or bank details to anyone before work is carried out, and if the price seems too much or they change the price during or after work is carried out, please contact one of the following:
  Police – call 101/999
  Action fraud - www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.
  Citizens' Advice – www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards or attend Jubilee Centre, Sandwich every Monday at 1300 hours.
- Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this

Ask for quotes in writing and check that the tradesperson is from the company they say they are from. Consider using reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, you can check this at www.tschecked.kent.gov.uk

