

Little Stour and Ashstone

Parish Council Monthly update –
May 2023

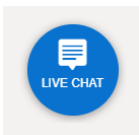
PCSO 61403 BROOK.

Welcome to this months update. Below you will find details of recent activity in your area and campaigns that are currently being run by Kent Police alongside our partner agencies.

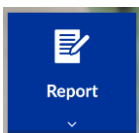
Contacting Kent Police.

Please remember in an emergency, **always dial 999**

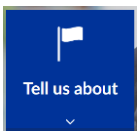
For any non-emergency enquiries, please use The Kent Police website where we have the following facilities:-



Speak to one of our team online who will be able to assist you.



Report a crime, anti-social behaviour, Road Traffic incident etc.



Events or updates to a case or report.

For more information, visit our website – www.kent.police.uk

Or follow us on Twitter  [@kentpolicedover](https://twitter.com/kentpolicedover)



My Community Voice is a 2-way messaging service that helps Kent residents, businesses & community groups to keep in touch with their local Policing teams.

Sign up to My Community Voice at www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk



My Community Voice

Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway

MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police

Find out what's happening in your area



Receive alerts from your local officers

Tell us what matters most to you



Sign up



Sign up today and
make your voice count



Find out more www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk

Community focus:

From the 7th June 2023 the New Kent Police Neighbourhood Policing structure will commence. PC Matt Bensted will be responsible for the ward of Littlestour and Ashstone, including Ash, Wingham, Preston, Staple, Stourmouth and Goodnestone.

PC Matt Bensted will also be responsible for the surrounding villages of Eastry, Aylesham and Elvington at this current time.

You will be able to contact PC Matt Bensted via the Dover CSU email address at: csu.dover@kent.police.uk

PC Matt Bensted will publish details of community engagements and Parish Councils meetings over the coming months.

Crimes of note:

10.05.2023 – Saunders Lane, Ash – Criminal damage to residential property.

The owner of a property currently undergoing restoration and not being lived in was alerted via their CCTV system that two unauthorised persons were on their site. No access was gained to the unoccupied residency, a windowpane had been broken but this damage was not big enough to gain entry. An investigation has taken place, the two unauthorised people were identified. The owner of the property did not wish to support a prosecution.

16.05.2023 – Pudding Lane, Ash – Criminal damage to a vehicle.

A group of four young people walking around Puddling Lane have been throwing stones and gravel at properties. A resident's property was targeted, and damage was done to a light by the residents front gate and a vehicles windscreen. If anyone has any local knowledge of this incident, please contact Kent Police quoting reference number; 16-0814. Thank you.

May 2023 – The Street, Goodnestone – Parking issues.

It was reported to Kent Police that on two separate occasions staff members working at the local school have returned to their cars to find them damaged. On one occasion a staff member returned to find their car had a flat tyre. After taking their car to a garage they were advised it looked like the tyre had been purposefully punctured. On a separate occasion a staff member returned to their car rear windscreen smashed in two places, it did not appear to be an accident as there was nothing left around the car to show what caused the damage. Currently there is no further evidence available to support the identification of the person(s) responsible for this damage. If any local residents have any knowledge of this incident, please contact Kent Police quoting reference numbers; 19-0526 / 19-0712. Thank you

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note.

May 2023 – Puddling Lane, Ash – Nuisance youths.

There have been several incidents of a group of youths, males and females, causing anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Puddling Lane leading down towards the fields at this location. Information has been provided to the Police and two of these male youths have been identified. Passing attention will be made in this area and young people seen in this location will be spoken to and their details taken, in light of the recent anti-social behaviour and damage to residents' property.

Crime prevention and education.

What's App Farm Watch:

Farm Watch schemes encourage everyone in the farming community to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the police.

The main aims of Farm Watch are to:

- Reduce opportunities for crime and vandalism; strengthen community spirit so that everyone can play a part in protecting their property.
- Improve two-way communication between farmers and the police.

Kent Rural Task Force run Farm Watch across the county if you are interested in joining email the team rural.task.force@kent.police.uk

Please find access to further Crime Prevention Advice, from protecting your home from crime, protecting yourself from crime, business crime prevention and keeping vehicles safe via the following link:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>