

KCC Community Warden Report for Leysdown Parish Council – 27 January 2026

I hope you enjoyed the festive period and had time to rest and relax. I would like to thank Leysdown Parish Council for their support in 2025, and I am looking forward to working with the Parish Council in 2026 to support the residents of Leysdown.

Some of the activities I have undertaken since my previous report:

Since my previous report to Leysdown Parish Council, I have continued to provide a visible presence in Leysdown and to listen to the concerns of residents, and I have worked collaboratively with partner agencies, and local community groups, to provide support to residents in Leysdown.

Over the festive period I worked alongside the wonderful Salvation Army and Care for Christmas, to identify individuals and families across Sheppey East in need of support, and I helped to deliver several food hampers throughout December to residents.

I have worked in partnership with Network Rail, Fearless (the dedicated youth service of CrimeStoppers), and WalkSafe, to develop information sessions for schools on Personal and Travel Safety. These sessions include information about how students can keep safe whilst walking to school or in town, and travelling by train, bus and taxi, and how students can get help if they ever feel unsafe.

Swale and Ashford Team Wardens have delivered these sessions to hundreds of students at two secondary schools so far. We have received positive feedback after delivering these sessions, with one school commenting, “The teachers were delighted to have you, and the young adults truly enjoyed the session — they were buzzing afterwards and kept talking about the great conversations and thoughtful insights you shared with them. These sessions are incredibly important for our young people preparing for adulthood.”

If you are involved in a youth group, or school, and would be interested in KCC Community Wardens delivering a similar session to your young people, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Are you worried about your relationship, or about someone you know?

If you are worried about your relationship, or about someone you know, I am a Kent Community Domestic Abuse Champion, which enables me to support, and signpost, those who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic abuse. If you, or someone you know, would like support, please reach out to me by phone or email, and I will do all I can to help you.

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KENT DOMESTIC ABUSE CHAMPION

It's safe to talk to me

I'm here to Hear, Listen and Support

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner

Kent County Council

Current Doorstep Crimes and Scams

There have been several reports of scams and doorstep criminals active in Kent recently including:

⚠️ Doorstep criminals have been active across Kent this week.

🔔 Please be alert and warn your vulnerable friends and family to never respond to cold callers as you will pay a high cost for unnecessary and poor-quality work.

🔔 If you need work done on your home or garden use a safe, local trader from Trading Standards Checked. See <https://tschecked.kent.gov.uk/>.

➡️ You can report cold callers anonymously to the charity CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

➡️ For further advice call Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

⚠️ Residents have reported an increase in fake parking fine messages, usually sent by text.

❌ These messages often look convincing but always contain very little detail, usually not citing any vehicle registration, location or date and time of the alleged offence

❌ Many include a link to "pay the fine" — but it leads to a fake website designed to steal your personal and financial information.

The DVSA will NEVER send parking fine notifications like this. Always do your research if you receive something like this and never click any links.

➡️ Report to Citizens Advice on their consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133.

➡️ Report to Kent Police online at <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report>, via their online Live Chat, or by phoning101.

⚠️ Romance scams have been targeting residents in the lead up to Valentine's Day.

Did you know more than £99.4 million was lost to romance fraud in 2024 across the UK? Romance fraud remains a high-risk fraud, impacting those targeted financially, emotionally, and psychologically.

✅ Verify photos: Use a reverse image search to ensure the photos are real.

✅ Be suspicious: If they start asking for money, especially if you have not met in person.

✅ Talk to others: Speak to your friends or family - do not keep them a secret.

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is anything I can do to support you in Leysdown. I can be contacted by telephoning 07779 876993, during my usual working hours of 08:00-16:00 hours, Monday to Friday. Should you be unable to contact me, please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I can.

Alternatively, you can contact me by emailing claire.jones4@kent.gov.uk, or you are very welcome to speak to me whilst I am out and about in Leysdown, and I will do my best to support you and the community as soon as I am able. If your call is of a Police nature, then please dial 101 or, in an emergency, 999.

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and safe 2026,

KCC Community Warden Claire Jones.