

Horsham Bulletin

Tuesday 15th October 2019

Crime summary

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0242 11/10/2019

Location: School Lane, Ashurst.

Date and time: Between 10th and 11th October

Details: Entry was gained to a garage by forcing a lock. Nothing was stolen.

News and appeals

Named PCSO for every local community in Sussex

Every community in Sussex will have a named PCSO starting from next month, Sussex Police has announced.

The confirmation follows an investment in 100 extra PCSOs secured through local funding by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – bringing the total number to 296.

Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing Julia Chapman said the decision will put 'eyes and ears' into every part of the county and give local people a direct point of contact for local policing issues and concerns.

"When a new local policing model was introduced three years ago, we said it would be scalable. Now, thanks to this additional investment, we're in a position to strengthen local policing and we know this is what local communities want to see," she said.

"Our PCSOs do an incredible job, every day, working alongside their police officer colleagues to prevent and detect crime and tackle anti-social behaviour in local communities.

“This change means communities will soon begin to see and feel the benefits of their investment as new PCSOs are deployed over the coming months, where they will provide a visible policing presence and be a point of contact for local policing issues.”

The change will take effect from November 4, when all existing PCSOs will adopt responsibility for a defined geographical area, and continue to be rolled out over the coming months as additional PCSOs are recruited and deployed.

It comes in addition to recent announcements on the recruitment of 379 additional police officers for the county over the next four years, 250 funded locally and 129 through central Government funding.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne said: “My focus groups and conversations with local people clearly show that the public want PCSOs back in their communities, forming that essential and reassuring link with police.

“Neighbourhood policing needed modernising five years ago and that included giving PCSOs the necessary skills to help support police officers and investigations.

“Since then, Sussex Police have transformed PCSOs with more knowledge skills and powers, but at the same time keeping the best of the old model where PCSOs were known by their local communities.

“I know that communities across the county will be delighted to hear that Sussex Police are making their PCSOs more accessible and more visible by increasing the numbers on our streets by 100 and providing a named PCSO for each ward area.

PCSOs will continue to form part of wider local prevention teams, ensuring police resources are focused on the most critical issues, but spend more time in their dedicated area.

The uplift in PCSOs includes six new rural PCSOs who will provide specialist support and advice to those in rural communities with three based in West Sussex, two in East Sussex and one in Brighton and Hove.

The increase will help address some of the low level issues affecting communities, preventing the escalation of serious crime including violent crime.

The decision complements on-going transformation plans by Sussex Police to bolster local policing, improve public contact and modernise to remain agile and capable of responding to changing patterns of crime and vulnerability.

These additional PCSO posts are being recruited throughout the financial year with intakes of 18 in July 2019, 36 in September 2019, and 72 during two intakes in January and March 2020 under the PCSO apprenticeship scheme. With natural attrition the force should achieve the target of 296 PCSOs by March 2020, although the last cohort will be in training and not deployable until the end of next summer.

The 100 new posts will be allocated based on demand with details available locally and on the www.sussex.police.uk website from Monday, November 4. You can read more about how PCSOs will work and be deployed in the future here.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/named-pcso-for-every-local-community-in-sussex/>

Extra 129 police officers for Sussex announced

Frontline police officers in Sussex are set to increase by a further 129 by 2021, the Home Office has announced.

The Sussex allocation of the first phase of an additional 20,000 police officers across the UK has been welcomed by Chief Constable Giles York and Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne.

The additional funding will form part of Sussex Police's on-going transformation plans to strengthen local policing and meet the challenges of changing demand.

Giles York said: "Sussex Police is already in a period of growth and today's announcement will make it one of the largest ever increases to frontline policing in Sussex in a single year.

"This will help us close the increasing demand gap and strengthen our response to tackle those issues that cause the most harm including violent crime and rise in county lines. These additional officers will make a tangible and noticeable difference to our local communities."

Sussex Police is in the process of recruiting hundreds of additional police officers, detectives, PCSOs and police staff in the next few years, including now an extra 370 police constables, 100 PCSOs and 50 police staff above those replaced through natural turnover.

Katy Bourne said: "At the National Policing Board yesterday, ministers confirmed that funding to recruit the first tranche of 6000 police officers is being allocated to forces and Sussex will be able to recruit 129 over the next 18 months.

"This is on top of the 250 extra police officers that Sussex Police have already started recruiting over the next four years. It is great news and means that Sussex Police numbers will have risen by 379.

"I know that Sussex residents will welcome the prospect of even more police officers that will further strengthen local policing and provide a visible deterrent in our communities."

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/extra-129-police-officers-for-sussex-announced/>

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