

Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Crime Summary

Burglary

Reference: 0848 16th October

Location: Brighton Road, Mannings Heath

Date and time: Between 1400hrs and 1500hrs 16th October

Details: An attempt was made to break into a property. No access was gained and nothing stolen.

Reference: 0966 16th October

Location: Chichester Terrace, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1230hrs and 1600hrs 16th October

Details: A front door to a property was forced open and money was stolen.

Reference: 0867 20th October

Location: Rectory Close, Pulborough

Date and time: Between 19th and 20th October

Details: A front door was forced and Jewellery was stolen from the property.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0156 21st October

Location: School Lane, Ashurst

Date and time: Between 20th and 21st October

Details: An attempt was made to break into a garage. Nothing was stolen

News and appeals

Teenager stabbed in Horsham skatepark - appeal for witnesses



Police are appealing for witnesses after a teenage boy was stabbed during an attempted robbery in Horsham skatepark on Monday evening (21 October).

The 16-year-old victim suffered a wound to his stomach after he was approached by a youth who tried to take his jacket. He was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton at about 7.40pm. His injury is not believed to be life threatening.

A man aged 19 was also punched in the face several times during the incident. He was also taken to hospital. The suspect is described as wearing a black balaclava, black tracksuit and black gloves.

Detective Inspector Dave Payne said: "We are still trying to establish the circumstances and we are looking for the suspect who fled the scene. If anyone witnessed this or has any information please contact us.

"We have officers and PCSOs in the area of the skate park and in North Parade. Please speak to them if you have any concerns or can help with the investigation." Report online or ring 101 quoting serial 1242 of 21/10.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/teenager-stabbed-in-horsham-skatepark---appeal-for-witnesses/>

Arrests made following spate of deliberate damage in Crawley and Horsham

Two people have been arrested in connection with a spate of criminal damage in Crawley and Horsham on Wednesday evening (16 October).

Police responded after deliberate damage – consistent with the firing of ball bearings – was caused to a number of vehicles and buildings in the area.

Further to this, at least two people have been treated for minor injuries, again believed to be from ball bearings.

Officers carried out an extensive search of the area, assisted by the National Police Air Service helicopter, and have arrested two suspects in Crawley.

Two men from Crawley, aged 39 and 19, have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and remain in custody at this stage.

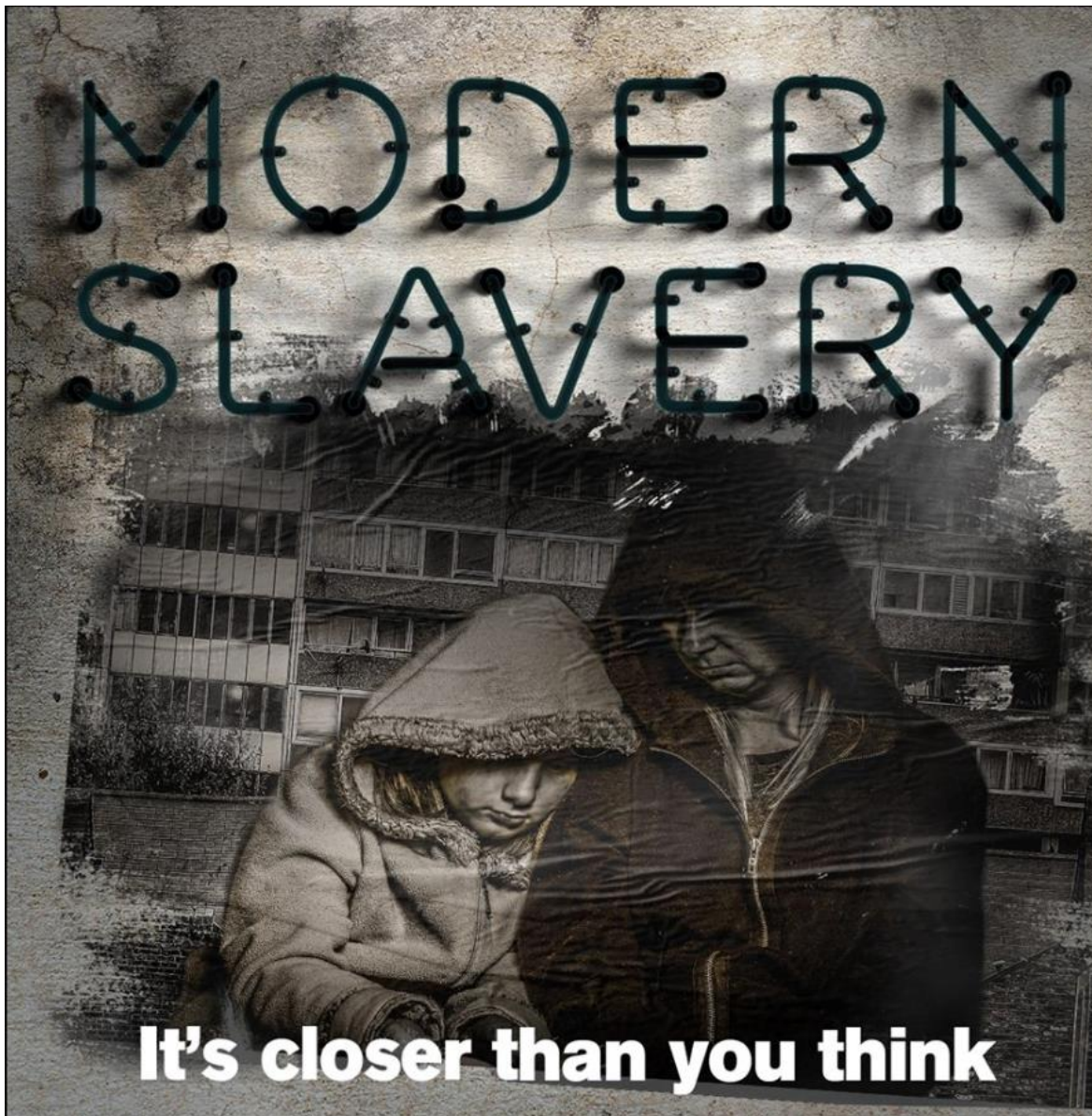
Police are urging anyone with CCTV which may have captured any offences to come forward.

Or if you have any information about any of the incidents, you can report it online or call 101, quoting serial 1372.

Approximately 15 reports have been received to date. These are not believed to be targeted attacks, however enquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/police-responding-to-deliberate-damage-in-crawley-and-horsham/>

Modern Slavery - Its Closer Than You Think



Anti-Slavery day was on Friday 18th October and Sussex Police supported and continued the commitment for stopping all forms of slavery, human trafficking and exploitation.

It reminds us to take a closer look in our communities for this hidden crime.

Building on our previous external campaign in January which centred on spotting the signs of modern slavery, our two-week October campaign focuses on industries associated with modern slavery, the plight of victims and how we work in partnership with other agencies to tackle this horrendous crime.

Detective Superintendent Jeff Riley who leads Sussex Police's fight against modern slavery said: "Modern slavery is a serious crime and main offences carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. It is often hidden in plain sight and is happening in our neighbourhoods and high streets.

"Modern slavery is complex and is often connected with other high profile organised crimes including knife crime, county line drug activity and sexual exploitation. All of these crimes trade in human misery and exploit people for profit.

"People from the UK and abroad are preyed upon by unscrupulous individuals promising employment, education opportunities and a better quality of life. The reality is, these people find themselves exploited and sometimes forced into criminality.

"They can have their identity documents taken, limited or no access to their own bank account, their lives completely controlled and they can be in fear of their lives and reprisals for their family.

"People living and working in the community are key to helping us and our partner agencies tackle modern slavery.

"I am asking you to take a closer look when you are shopping in your high street, travelling to work or enjoying a day out with your family. If you see something that you think is unusual, report it.

"Modern slavery is happening in your community and with your help we can tackle modern slavery, catch those responsible and safeguard victims making Sussex safer."

Since January, 320 reports of potential victims of modern slavery have been reported in Sussex, involving people originating from both the UK and overseas. At the end of 2018, 47 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The NRM is a framework for identifying potential victims of human trafficking and ensuring they receive the appropriate protection and support.

If you think you have information that might identify or locate a potential victim or suspect for modern slavery, or someone you know is a victim of modern slavery, or even a location where you think exploitation might be happening, please report it online or call us on 101 (always call 999 in an emergency).

You can also contact the national Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or the Salvation Army Modern Slavery helpline on 0300 303 8151, or the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

We are working with Crimestoppers and are using a mobile ad van featuring key messages to continue to raise awareness in Sussex. It will be placed at key points on the main road network in East and West Sussex and be static in towns centres from Monday 21 to Thursday 24 October. If you see the ad van, if possible take a photo if it is safe to so, not if you are driving and share on your social media account using the #takeacloserlook

Support the campaign by following Sussex Police Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and sharing the posts. We'll be using the #Itscloserthanyouthink

You can find more information on our Modern Slavery advice webpages

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/modern-slavery---its-closer-than-you-think/>

Police keeping up pressure on drug dealers across Sussex

Police across Sussex are keeping up the pressure on 'County Lines' drug dealers.

During just one week in October, as part of the latest phase of coordinated law enforcement activity across the UK, officers in Sussex made 29 arrests, and seized more than £35,000 worth of class A drugs as well as 30 mobile phones.

In the same week, 7-13 October, local officers identified and took safeguarding action for seven vulnerable people including three children, and visited 48 addresses where people were at risk of being 'cuckooed' to check on their safety.

Two court-issued Drug Dealing Telephone Restriction Orders (DDTROs) were executed by officers in Eastbourne and Crawley, closing down local 'deal lines'.

Officers in East Sussex also visited Colleges to speak to students about the dangers of becoming involved in this type of criminality.

Members of the public can also help, the best advice is to trust your instincts – if somebody shows signs of mistreatment, or a child seems to be travelling long distances or is unfamiliar with a locality, you can report suspicions to local police on 101 or online - or to British Transport Police if you see something on the railway network.

There are also many sources of further advice and assistance to help combat the harm caused by drugs, including;

FRANK - Provides straight-talking information about drugs - their helpline number is 0800 77 66 00 and see their website.

Narcotics Anonymous - A self-help group run by recovering addicts which provides an open discussion on the impact of drugs and family. Their helpline number is 0300 999 1212 and see their website www.ukna.org

The Samaritans - Offer emotional support 24 hours a day. Their helpline number is 08457 90 90 90 and see their website.

Families Anonymous - Support groups for the family and friends of people with a current, suspected or former drug problem. Their helpline number is 0845 1200 660 and see their website.

Adfam - A national organisation working with and for families affected by drugs and alcohol. Contact them at admin@adfam.org.uk or see their website. You can also contact www.fearless.org who allow you to pass on information about crime anonymously.

See this government site for further information on DDTROs.

To see the full story please click on the link or see our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/police-keeping-up-pressure-on-drug-dealers-across-sussex/>

Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

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