

Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Wednesday 9th October 2019

Crime Summary

Burglary

Reference: 0984 3rd October
Location: Hayes Lane, Slinfold
Date and time: Between 30th August and 1st October
Details: Power tools were stolen from a barn.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0355 5th October
Location: Roman Lane, Southwater
Date and time: Between 2200hrs 4th October and 0730hrs 5th October
Details: After a garage was broken into a pedal cycle and power tools were stolen.

Other

Fraud Newsletter

This month's newsletter includes items on identity theft, phone calls about apps and people impersonating the Police.

You'll see three out of the four examples in the newsletter involve a phone call being received out of the blue. We want to encourage residents to treat any unexpected phone calls with suspicion and to make them aware that the safest thing to do is put the phone down.

If you know of anyone who may be vulnerable or anyone you think might be at risk please let them know.

<https://bit.ly/2pngdpz>

News and appeals

PCSO's

Last Tuesday you may have seen our PCSO's patrolling in Steyning and whilst they were there they visited the Post Office and the Medial Centre and on Friday our PCSO's were in Steyning again and visited Steyning Grammar School, Steyning Parish Council and Steyning Library. They also went to St Andrews Church and the high street. If you see them and want to discuss any issues in your area please stop them and have a chat.

Meet the new rural crime PCSOs for Sussex



Sussex Police is committed to keeping those living and working in rural communities' safe and feeling safe.

A year on from the launch of the Rural Crime Strategy, (Monday, 07/10/19) the first group of dedicated rural crime Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are all set to begin specialist training so they can provide isolated rural communities with the specific support they need.

The six trainees, who are all experienced PCSOs, will be based in local districts across Sussex, where they will be dedicated to tackling rural crime and issues affecting those communities such as machinery theft, livestock worrying and poaching.

To mark the launch of Rural Crime Awareness Week, some of the new Rural Crime PCSOs were joined on their first training day at Black Cap Farm in Lewes by Deputy Chief Constable Jo Shiner, Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne and National Farming Union rep, Romy Jackson.

Watched by the visitors, the trainees had a lesson in property marking from Rural Crime Lead Sergeant Tom Carter to help protect farmer Tony Monnington's machinery from theft.

Assistant Chief Constable Julia Chapman, Local Policing Lead, says: "We recognise the unique vulnerabilities of both those living and those running businesses in rural areas.

"Tackling those specific crime types targeted at rural communities through partnership working and intelligence sharing is central to our Rural Crime Strategy.

"The six new rural crime PCSOs will be ring-fenced to focus on the key areas of agricultural, wildlife, heritage and environmental crime, and will benefit from 12 month specialist training in these areas.

"Through building on our partnership work with the Environment Agency, local authorities, the NFU and other partners, they will help strengthen and protect our rural communities.

"Two of the PCSOs are already in role, while others will move into their new roles over the coming months. All have a passion for tackling rural crime and experience of rural communities, and I am confident they will make a real difference to their districts." Three of the new rural crime PCSOs will go to West Sussex, two to East Sussex and one to the rural areas around Brighton. Their tasking will come entirely from Sgt Carter, who has been the force operational lead for wildlife, agricultural heritage and environmental Crime for over five years.

Erica Baxter who will soon be a Rural Crime PCSO in the Horsham, Adur and Worthing area, has been a PCSO since 2013.

She added: "I am passionate about making a difference to rural communities. As a PCSO in the Horsham area, I have already taken a strong interest in engaging with our rural villages, and through working in partnership, have introduced Community Speedwatch groups and Shopwatch groups, for example.

“I am looking to focus on getting deeper into rural policing, addressing specific issues in the really rural areas, and in particular those affecting remote businesses, such as farms.”

The roles the six officers are leaving will be immediately filled by PCSO apprentices who have already been training in those teams since July.



Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: “Tackling crime and building public confidence in rural areas across Sussex has always been one of my top priorities. From regular meetings with senior officers and the NFU I’m aware of how isolated farmers can feel, especially in a large county where available police resources may be some distance away.

“This is why I am delighted to now launch this team of dedicated, rurally trained PCSOs who will work not only to tackle crime but also to raise the profile of how farming communities are affected. Our local farmers and rural residents will soon have a PCSO in their area with the specific training needed to understand their concerns and the skills to address them properly.”

The Rural Crime PCSOs will build on the work of the force’s Rural and Wildlife Officers – who are regular officers with additional training to deal with agricultural, environmental, heritage and wildlife incidents -- and our Sussex Countrywatch scheme. Launched a year ago, Countrywatch helps protect rural dwellers and business people from crime through sharing information about risks and developments, as well as providing prevention advice.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/meet-the-new-rural-crime-pcsos-for-sussex/>

Witnesses sought to A24 collision

Police are seeking witnesses to a collision on the A24 at Dial Post in which one of the drivers sustained serious injuries.

Just before 4.15pm on Tuesday (8 October) two cars, a Fiat Panda and a VW Golf, collided on the southbound carriageway of the A24 at Dial Post, opposite The Old Barn Garden Centre.

The driver of the Fiat, an 83-year-old man from Burgess Hill, who was the sole occupant, was trapped in the vehicle, and after being freed by firefighters was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital with serious injuries.

The driver and passenger in the Gold, both men from Steyning aged 29 and 36 respectively, sustained minor injuries.

The southbound carriageway of the A24 was closed until 8.30pm while casualties were attended to and the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone who saw what happened is asked to contact the police online or by calling 101, quoting Operation Mandrake.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/witnesses-sought-to-a24-collision/>

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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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