



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Crime Summary Burglary

Reference: 1499 5th November
Location: Mannings Heath
Date and time: Approximately 1930hrs 5th November
Details: An attempt was made to enter a property, no entry was gained.

Reference: 1677 5th November
Location: Tanbridge Place, Horsham
Date and time: Between 1700hrs and 2330hrs 5th November
Details: Point of entry unknown, cash was stolen.

Reference: 0626 10th November
Location: Eversfield Road, Horsham
Date and time: Between 7th and 10th November
Details: A rear door was broken and a house was entered, jewellery was stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0359 9th November
Location: Station Road, Amberley
Date and time: Between 2000hrs 8th November and 0815hrs 9th November
Details: 2 workshops were broken into, nothing stolen.

Reference: 0440 9th November
Location: Nuthurst Road, Monks Gate
Date and time: Overnight 8th – 9th November
Details: Power Tools were stolen from a garage.

Reference: 0751 12th November
Location: Sleets Road, Broadbridge Heath
Date and time: Between 10th & 12th November
Details: A lock was broken off a shed and tools were stolen.

Other

Theft from vehicles.

We have received several reports of vans being broken into between Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November where the vehicles had the windows broken and power tools stolen. The roads affected are north of Lambs Farm Road. If you have noticed any suspicious behaviour in the area or have any CCTV then please call 101 and report it or report online. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

Also, we have also noticed a rise in the thefts of catalytic converters over the last week, the vehicles being targeted are Mazda and Honda. If you have any information in relation to the thefts please call us on 101 or report it online. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

News and appeals

Bi-annual blitz on burglary through Operation Magpie



Early November saw Sussex Police run its bi-annual burglary prevention and awareness campaign under the banner of Operation Magpie, providing advice to residents on securing their property.

During the week officers undertook days of action in rural communities, which can be more vulnerable to burglary.

In the Chichester district, rural crime Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and prevention teams visited Loxwood and Southbourne, where they spoke to residents at length about crime prevention and security, and handed out advisory leaflets.

On Friday (1 November) In the wake of recent burglaries, Deputy Chief Constable Jo Shiner and Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne met up with the new rural crime PCSO Olivia Clinton to patrol Hartfield, part of Wealden district. They were joined by other PCSOs and officers as part of a day of action.

At both locations the day saw high-visibility patrols in potentially vulnerable areas and areas affected by recent crime. Local businesses were visited and offered one-to-one advice on how best to secure property. Rural PCSOs also visited farms and villages to provide guidance and free property marking for vehicles and high-value equipment.

One visit was to the Ashdown Forest Centre, scene of a recent break-in, where the team carried out property marking with DNA kits. These provide instant identification of stolen property and are particularly useful for repeat victims or those deemed vulnerable to burglary and theft.

Following the days of action, people will continue to see more PCSOs within their community. Since Monday 4 November they have been given responsibility for specific areas within Sussex, to which they will be linked by name. The aim is to enhance local policing countywide and to raise officers' profiles among residents.

This process will continue to be rolled out over the coming months as additional PCSOs are recruited and deployed. This is in addition to six new rural crime PCSOs providing specialist support.

Sussex Deputy Chief Constable Jo Shiner said: "It was great to get out and about with the prevention team, and the area's new rural crime PCSO for Operation Magpie to talk to residents in our rural communities. Burglary can cause victims long-lasting suffering, and in rural areas it can be damaging to not only their homes, but their livelihoods.

"The prevention of these crimes is key to keeping our communities safe, so it is important we continue to work closely with the public. With the launch of the rural crime PCSO team and the allocation of a named PCSO for each area, we can further help to prevent people from becoming victims of burglary in the first place." Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne added: "Burglary is one of the top concerns for Sussex residents, especially those in more rural, isolated locations. It was great to have the opportunity to join a dedicated rural PCSO on patrol with officers, offering practical advice to keep residents and businesses safe in the future.

"The police visibility in our communities that PCSOs provide not only boosts public confidence but also acts as a deterrent for criminals."

To help protect yourself against burglary, please read our crime prevention advice [here](#).

Register your belongings on the Immobilise national property register. It's free and takes moments to do. If your valuables are subsequently stolen, it helps police, insurers and second-hand traders to identify them.

You can also join Sussex Police's community message service, In the Know, which will keep you updated on news in your area.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/bi-annual-blitz-on-burglary-through-operation-magpie/>

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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

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