



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Crime Summary

Burglary

Reference: 0323 15th November

Location: Green Meadows, Pulborough

Date and time: Approx. 2230hrs 4th November

Details: An attempt to enter a property was made and items were stolen from a locked box on the patio.

Reference: 1609 18th November

Location: Nuthurst Street, Horsham

Date and time: Approximately 2345hrs 18th November

Details: An attempt to enter a property was made, no entry gained and nothing stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0621 15th November

Location: Aston Road, Pulborough

Date and time: time unknown

Details: the lock was broken off a shed at the allotments and tools were stolen.

Reference: 0640 17th November

Location: Coltstaple Lane, Horsham

Date and time: between 10th and 17th November

Details: The lock was broken off a garage and entry way gained but nothing was taken.

Other

There have been further reports of thefts of Catalytic Converters in the Horsham area. Residents are requested to report any suspicious activity or if anyone sees anything suspicious on their CCTV or dash cams please can they report it to us on 101 or report online.

News and appeals

Sussex charities benefit from sales on police eBay shop

Sussex Police has raised almost £850,000, much of it for local charities, from the sales of seized and found property on its eBay site. Items such as paintings, bikes, laptops and watches, which would otherwise have been disposed of by other means, are sold on the site, along with assets no longer required by the force.

The majority of the money made on the online auction shop, launched in October 2015, is put into the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) and divided amongst charities the force supports.

Facilities Specialist Services Manager Natalie Tipler said: “We have had nearly 29,000 transactions since the launch of our eBay shop and the money made from the majority of these items will go on to benefit charities across Sussex.

“We have a dedicated team who are trained to assess each item we receive and whether they are fit for sale, have value or need to be disposed of.

“Since April this year, we have had a number of high-value items which have attracted a lot of bidding attention. For example, we sold a Cartier Santos watch for £4,750, a Ridley Noah bike for £925 and a Panasonic camera for £972.

“There are some things, of course, we can't sell on eBay like tobacco and alcohol. We do make sure that everything we sell is genuine and not counterfeit, like designer clothes, watches and perfume.

“Where we can sell an item we will. We tend to live by the moto ‘one person’s junk is another person’s treasure’, and even now are frequently surprised by how much some items sell for. There are still lots of bargains to be had each week so everyone benefits.”

Coercive Control - do not suffer in silence



Coercive Control - do not suffer in silence in your relationship.

Sussex Police is running a social media campaign over two weeks starting on Monday (18 November) with a focus on coercive and controlling behaviour in a domestic context, as part of ongoing awareness raising on domestic abuse.

The campaign includes short videos which aim to shed light on the wider aspects of non-violent domestic abuse, and helping people to recognise the subtle signs of coercive control.

The campaign launches a week ahead of White Ribbon Day on 25 November and its associated 16 Days of Action to encourage a wider conversation around coercive and controlling behaviour. While this predominantly affects women, with recent national data showing that 95% of coercive control victims are women and 74% of perpetrators are men - anyone can be affected and can report it as domestic abuse and criminal behaviour.

Detective Chief Inspector Richard Bates of Sussex Police said: "In 2015, coercive control was recognised in law as a form of domestic abuse. This marked a huge step forward in tackling domestic abuse. But we want to make sure that everyone understands what it is.

"Domestic abuse isn't always physical. Coercive control is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim. This controlling behaviour is designed to make a person dependent by isolating them from support, exploiting them, depriving them of independence and regulating their everyday behaviour.

"It can create a deep sense of fear that affects all elements of a person's life, making it incredibly hard for people to have the confidence to break free of this sort of abusive relationship. Often people who experience coercive and controlling behaviour don't recognise that they are victims of domestic abuse as they are conditioned and manipulated to accept this as normal and acceptable behaviour within a relationship."

Some common examples of coercive behaviour are:
Isolating you from friends and family

Depriving you of basic needs, such as food

Monitoring your time
Monitoring you via online communication tools or spyware
Taking control over aspects of your everyday life, such as where you can go, who you can see, what you can wear and when you can sleep
Depriving you access to support services, such as medical services
Repeatedly putting you down, such as saying you're worthless
Humiliating, degrading or dehumanising you
Controlling your finances
Making threats or intimidating you

For advice and support on domestic abuse in Sussex visit our website advice pages.

You can report domestic abuse online or call 101, or 999 in an emergency. We have specially trained officers who can help.

Sussex Police has domestic abuse case workers embedded the six Safeguarding Investigation Units. and also works closely with partner agencies to ensure any victim of domestic abuse gets the support that they need.

This includes:

Support and safety advice from Victim Support
Local Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) services who provide independent and impartial support for victims at significant risk.
Refuge services who can provide emergency accommodation for victims of domestic abuse.

You will be supported throughout the whole police investigation and given further support if the case goes to court.

Ongoing support can be provided by partner agencies. The Safe Space Sussex website provides details of local agencies that can support victims of domestic abuse.

Refuge provide a freephone 24 hour domestic violence helpline. There are specialist services for male victims of domestic abuse nationwide, such as Men's Advice Line. Locally, male victims can get specialist help and advice from The Portal (East Sussex and Brighton & Hove) and Worth Services (West Sussex). Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse - Respect provides a confidential and anonymous helpline for anyone who is concerned that their behaviour is abusive or violent towards their partner, ex-partner or family member. Their helpline is 0808 802 4040.

To see the whole story and to watch a short video please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/coercive-control---do-not-suffer-in-silence/>

Sussex police officer increase on track



Sussex Police remains on track to increase police officers this year. Chief Constable Giles York has confirmed the force is on track to see 2,725 officers in post by March 2020 – 176 more than a year ago.

The question was one of a number put to the Chief Constable by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne at the most recent Public Accountability and Performance Meeting (PAM) held on Friday (November 15).

Setting out the force plan to recruit additional numbers current figures show there were 2549 officers in November 2018, 2,610 officers in March 2019, rising to 2,649 in October and 2,725 predicted by March 2020. The increase takes into account those leaving the force, including through retirement.

Mr York told the meeting: “We are growing as an organisation and we continue to grow the number of police officers. The numbers highlighted above show that we are recruiting people faster than those leaving the force.

“Just last month we took on an extra 36 officers over and above the existing plans we had in place and these officers are already in training.”

The additional posts form part of the force’s on-going transformation plan to strengthen local policing, improve public contact and modernise policing including through advancing technology.

The plan will also see an additional 100 PCSOs by next March, bringing the total number to 296.

The next PAM is due to be held on Friday 13 December.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/sussex-police-officer-increase-on-track/>

Sussex Police commended for leading fight against gender equality

Chief Constable Giles York and Superintendent Miles Ockwell have been commended for their commitment to gender equality in UK policing.



They were given a Special Recognition Award at the British Association of Women in Policing ceremony in Lincolnshire.

The award was granted to the pair for their significant contribution to gender equality and service to women in policing as thematic champions for the United Nation's global HeForShe movement.

Chief Constable Giles York, the Global Thematic Champion for Law Enforcement, said: "As a leader, son, husband and father, I believe that enabling true gender equality is a shared responsibility. Men and women have a joint responsibility to achieve gender parity.

"In supporting HeForShe, Sussex Police is demonstrating the strength of our commitment to ensuring a Police force that is representative of the communities that we serve which is key to addressing violence against women and girls. Superintendent Ockwell has been instrumental in our support to HeForShe and I would like to praise his outstanding contribution to this movement."

HeForShe was created by UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women in society. The movement is supported globally by 2 million people, including world leaders and global CEOs including Winston Duke and Edgar Ramirez.

Earlier this year, HeForShe published their annual Impact report which documented how individuals and communities across the world are advancing in gender equality over the last 12 months. Within this report, Sussex Police demonstrated the link between domestic abuse and gender equality in policing and will share this learning with all UK police forces across the country at the upcoming UK Policing Gender Equality Summit.

The summit, hosted by Sussex Police which was the first police force in the world to be HeForShe thematic champions, will see representatives from all UK police forces come together to celebrate their achievements made so far in their commitments to tackling gender inequality.

The summit on November 20 will also see the launch of the Gender Equality in UK Policing: First Annual Report. The report will combine force gender information with best practice examples of steps being taken to improve gender imbalances at senior levels and to create communities free from domestic abuse but also demonstrate the support each policing force is pledging to the HeForShe movement. The report is supported by UN Women and the intention is for it to be used by police forces within and outside of the UK to support HeForShe and work towards gender equality.

CC York added: "Given the link between gender inequality and domestic abuse, in policing we have a unique opportunity to address issues of violence towards women and girls. Over the last 12 months we have worked with police forces around the county to raise awareness of the gender inequalities that exist within policing.

"We are proud to have addressed the gender imbalances within our senior leadership teams and will share the steps that we have taken to do this with all UK police forces."

To find out more about HeForShe or to make your own commitment, please go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-commended-for-leading-fight-against-gender-equality/>

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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