



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0676 12th December

Location: Itchingfield, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1245hrs and 1345hrs 12th December

Details: A window was broken and cash was stolen.

Reference: 1120 12th December

Location: Henfield Road, Cowfold

Date and time: Between 1600hrs and 1820hrs 12th December

Details: Items were stolen from a house when a door was left insecure.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0926 15th December

Location: Billingshurst Road, Coolham

Date and time: Between 0900hrs and 1300hrs 5th December

Details: A garage door was forced open and several pedal cycles were stolen.

Reference: 0653 16th December

Location: Broadford Bridge Road, West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 1115hrs and 1310hrs 16th December

Details: A garage door was forced and garden equipment was stolen.

Other

Business burglaries.

2 businesses in the Pulborough area were broken into between 13th and 14th December. Businesses are reminded to ensure security is at its maximum during the Christmas period and ensure any CCTV is working and alarm systems are on.

Operation Tinsel

Our PCSO's, Officers, the Engagement Officer together with Neighbourhood Watch and the Neighbourhood Wardens were in Horsham town centre last Saturday giving crime prevention advice.

We want to express our concerns regarding the amount of handbags that are still being left open and insecure which helps the pickpockets have a good day. Please remember to keep all belongings secure at all times of the year but especially whilst out Christmas shopping. #dontbeavictim.



News and appeals

Appeal for witnesses to serious collision in Horsham

Police are appealing for witnesses to a serious collision in Horsham. Officers were called to Five Oaks Road, Slinfold, at around 11.15pm on Tuesday (December 10) to reports of a collision between a black Honda CBR motorcycle and a blue Fiat Panda.

The motorcyclist - a 24-year-old man from Pulborough - suffered serious injuries and was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

The driver of the car - a 59-year-old woman from Worthing - was uninjured.

Police wish to thank the public for their patience while the road was closed for several hours.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have dashcam footage of the collision, or either vehicle travelling prior to the collision, is asked to email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting Operation Duxford. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/appeal-for-witnesses-to-serious-collision-in-horsham/>

Police set to launch Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-drivers

Jingle bells, here's our cells, open every day; if you drive with drink or drugs, you'll soon be on your way.

This is the message being issued as Surrey Police and Sussex Police prepare to launch their 2019 Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-drivers.

Increased patrols and stop checks will be carried out throughout this month, when there tends to be more social occasions which could result in motorists driving under the influence.

But while we ho-ho-hope you have fun this festive season, we can assure you driving with drink or drugs in your system is no laughing matter.

A total of 1,003 people were killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions in Sussex last year, 74 of which involved a drink-driver (statistics from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership).

In the 12 months to November 2019, a total of 696 people were killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions in Surrey (alcohol-related incidents unknown at time of publication).

Chief Inspector Michael Hodder, of the Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing Unit, said: "Christmas is typically considered a time of 'giving' and 'sharing'. But don't give us an excuse to arrest you, and don't let us share the bad news with your loved ones if you're involved in a collision.

"This campaign is all about education and enforcement. Our main aims are to save lives by deterring people from drink and drug-driving, and to deal robustly with offenders. As such, we will continue to publicise the names of those convicted as part of the campaign."

The crackdown runs from Wednesday 18 December 2019 to Wednesday 1 January 2020 inclusive, in line with guidance from the National Police Chief's Council. However, this will be in addition to our routine daily policing.

Chief Insp Hodder said: "While this is a dedicated campaign which occurs twice a year during peak periods – at Christmas and in the summer – we still respond to reports of drink and drug-drivers 365 days a year.

"It is no secret that drink and drug-driving destroys lives. It happens year on year and sadly, despite our repeated warnings, there will always be a minority of selfish and shameful individuals who still continue to put the lives of themselves and others at risk."

During the same campaign last year (1 December 2018 to 1 January 2019), a total of 240 arrests were made in Sussex and 108 arrests were made in Surrey.

Chief Insp Hodder said: "If you're going to consume drink or drugs, we'd encourage you to plan ahead – walk home, book a taxi, take public transport or get a lift with a sober driver. Never get into a vehicle with someone you know is over the limit.

"If you're planning to drive after 'just a couple', it's more than likely you'll be over the limit. The only way to guarantee you're under the limit is to drink OR drive; never both.

"Also be mindful of the amount of time it takes for substances to leave your body. Even if you've slept for several hours, you could still be over the limit the next morning. And a coffee and a cold shower won't speed up the process."

The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership has a morning after calculator on its website, where you can find out roughly how long it takes before you can safely drive.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "I am still dismayed by the number of people who get behind the wheel of their vehicle when they are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. It shows their contempt for the law and reckless disregard for other road users and pedestrians.

"Last month I held the first Road Safety Summit for Sussex and this was a top concern for residents. I know that they have no sympathy for those who kill or seriously injure when under the influence, so the 'naming and shaming' technique of this campaign should act as a deterrent.

"The message now and all year round is clear - drink or drive - don't put other people's lives at risk. If you are caught driving under the influence expect to face the consequences."

Consequences of such actions could include the following:

Killing or seriously injuring yourself or someone else;

A minimum 12 month ban;

An unlimited fine;

A possible prison sentence;

A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment;

An increase in your car insurance costs;

Trouble travelling to countries such as the USA.

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

Alternatively, people in Sussex can text officers on 65999 with the details of people they suspect of drink or drug-driving, or visit the Operation Crackdown website.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it online.

The campaign is being run in conjunction with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and DriveSmart in Surrey.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-set-to-launch-christmas-crackdown-on-drink-and-drug-drivers/>

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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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