



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Crime Summary

Burglary

Reference: 1499 28th November

Location: Coltsfoot Drive, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1800hrs and 2150hrs 28th November

Details: Access gained to a property via an insecure window.

Reference: 0697 1st December

Location: Brighton Road, Shermanbury

Date and time: Between 1900hrs 29th November and 1400hrs 1st December

Details: A rear door was forced open and cash was stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0275 28th November

Location: Brighton Road, Woodmancote, Henfield

Date and time: Between 25th November and 28th November

Details: Several items were stolen from a shed.

News and appeals

Horsham Prevention team delighted to receive sponsored vehicle

Horsham Prevention Team has been given a sponsored car, thanks to the continued support of Swan Walk shopping centre and Hendy Ford.

PC Adam Ferries said: "We are really excited to be working in partnership with Ford and the shopping centre and we thank them for their continued support.

"This demonstrates supporting and working with local businesses in the community, a fundamental part of community policing.

“The public will be able to see us in the area in this car, do come and talk to us if you have any issues within your community.”

Gill Buchanan, Swan Walk Centre Manager added: “Supporting our local Policing teams in the community is a priority for the centre.

“This has been a partnership of nearly 20 Years and we know that this initiative is valued by our customers too.”

Commercial Director, Mark Busby, said: “We are thrilled to be continuing the support of our local policing team, and the vital work that they do within our community.

“We know that the vehicle is extremely valuable in helping the prevention team to best respond to public concerns, and we are proud to be working in partnership with them.”

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/horsham-prevention-team-delighted-to-receive-sponsored-vehicle/>

Partridge Green man convicted of violent offences against two women



An engineer from Partridge Green has been convicted of violent and sexual attacks on two women after a Sussex Police investigation.

Neil Scott-O'Connor, 23, a household appliance engineer, was convicted at Hove Crown Court on Thursday (28 November) after a 14-day trial, of;

- six offences against a 29-year old woman at an address in Brighton on dates between September 2018 and January 2019; one offence of threats to kill, one of attempted strangulation with intent to commit a sexual offence, two offences of causing actual bodily harm, and one of harassment with intent to cause fear;
- three offences against a 17-year-old girl at his address in Partridge Green in December 2018; one offence of attempted strangulation with intent to commit a sexual offence and two of causing actual bodily harm.

He was found not guilty of one offence of causing actual bodily harm to the 29-year old woman.

He had pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Scott-O'Connor had his own business an emergency appliance repair man, driving around Sussex fixing appliances in houses or in businesses.

Detective Sergeant Andy Ricks said; "I am extremely pleased with this result. My team, including Investigator Gary Campbell, and Detective Constable Tracey Dixon from the Brighton SIU, worked tirelessly to build a solid evidential case over the past year. Neil Scott-O'Connor posed a significant risk, luring his victims into relationships through charm and flattery, in one case via social media, then turning to violence and fear to act out his dark sexual fantasies.

"His obsession with strangulation was a common feature in the investigation and it's only by good fortune that one of his victims was not killed. As Counsel for the prosecution, Richard Hearndon said of Scott-O'Connor; "...during strangulation he literally had their life in his hands".

"We would also like to thank the victims for having the courage to come forward and support us in putting this dangerous offender behind bars."

Scott-O'Connor was remanded in custody for pre-sentence reports, prior to sentencing on 17 January 2020.

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

For information about support and advice available to victims see the Sussex Police website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/partridge-green-man-convicted-of-violent-offences-against-two-women/>

I have been made aware that last weeks bulletin didn't send. I am not sure why this was, apologies, please see some news stories below that were included.

News and appeals

Community Speedwatch

Within the Horsham Town Centre area there are currently 24 volunteers and funding has been applied for to purchase more speed monitoring radar devices so that additional speed watch sessions can take place. Once the radar devices have been received more volunteers will be needed so if you are over the age of 18 and would like to find out more and register your interest in becoming a volunteer for the Denne, Forest and Trafalgar areas please go to www.communityspeedwatch.org

News articles

Sussex Police to launch special constable recruitment campaign



A new recruitment campaign for special constables has been launched in Sussex. Sussex Police has a team of specials who come from all walks of life, and fit their volunteer work around full-time day jobs and family lives.

Special Constable Julie Rainey has a busy full-time job as regional communications manager for the RNLI, but that doesn't stop her devoting her weekends to volunteering with us.

She plays an active role in our specialist Safeguarding Investigations Unit, protecting the most vulnerable individuals from harm and exploitation. Having worked for the National Crime Agency and HMIC, Julie brings valuable knowledge to the force. Her dedication to 'going above and beyond' in this demanding role, recently won her an award for services to public protection.

Julie added: "To be able to support victims at what is often the most difficult time of their life is a genuine privilege.

"Volunteering in policing has given me a much greater understanding of the lives of other people.

"You come to realise both how fortunate you are and also how difficult life can be.

"I strongly recommend finding the time to volunteer as a special constable. Being part of something bigger which ties you to your community is a great feeling. Do it!"

Special Constables wear the same uniform, receive the same training and have the same powers as regular officers the time they give to the force – a minimum of 16 hours a month – is voluntary.

Once trained, a variety of opportunities are available for specials to progress within the organisation. Following the correct training, there is the opportunity for people to undertake a variety of different roles in the force, including safeguarding investigations and prevention.

Head of Specials Jackie Connor MBE said: “As a special constable you will make a real difference to the people of Sussex by helping to reduce crime and keeping people safe.

“You have the same powers as a police officer, wear the same uniform and have the opportunity to give something back to the community you live in.

“Being a special constable is a challenging and rewarding role and through a full training and mentoring programme you will be joining a team where you will learn valuable new skills and gain experience in a unique role.”

If you have the judgement to make quick decisions, are confident to be the first person to the scene of a crime, have the compassion and empathy to help those in need and the resilience to serve the community, then volunteering as a special constable could be the perfect role for you.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne OBE said: “I have always been a huge advocate of the benefits of volunteering and helping to make a difference in your local community. This is why I am delighted that recruitment is open again for special constables.

“I am incredibly appreciative of the commitment this unique group of people make by giving their time for free to help keep Sussex safe.

“I have met many cohorts of specials in my time as PCC and I know first-hand the importance of this role and the wealth of experience and diversity that they bring to the workforce.”

Recruitment opens 25 November until 9th December. To read more about the role and to see frequently asked questions, please see our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-to-launch-special-constable-recruitment-campaign/>

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

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