Horsham Police weekly update 24 October 2016

News and appeals

Witness appeal following collision near Woodmancote

Police are appealing for witnesses following a collision on the A281 near Woodmancote on Monday evening (17 October).

Emergency services were called at around 6.50pm after a van and a car, which were both travelling in the same direction, collided near to the junction with Blackstone Lane.

The van driver, a 28-year-old man from Haywards Heath, as well as his passenger, a 25-year-old man from Hassocks, suffered serious injuries and were taken to hospital.

The driver of the white Volkswagen Golf, a 36-year-old man from Hove, did not suffer any serious injuries.

Sergeant Carl Knapp said: "We would like anyone who was in the area and who saw what happened immediately before the collision to get in touch.

"Witnesses can email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting Operation Creed."

Hot tubs stolen from Washington garden centre

Police are seeking thieves who stole two hot tubs from a garden centre in West Sussex.

Between about 8.30pm and midnight on Friday (7 October), two men broke into the display area at the rear of Squires garden centre on the busy A24 in London Road, Washington, went to the compound of Euphoria Lifestyles at the back of the area and stole two hot tubs, valued at £8600 and £6050 respectively.

Due to the size of the tubs it is assumed they must have had a vehicle of some kind to take them away.

A photo of one of the suspects, together with the back view of a second, has been published by the police.

PC Tessa Heath said: "Anyone who saw any suspicious activity around Squires that evening. or who thinks they may recognise that man, is asked to contact us via 101@sussex.pnn.police.ukor call 101, quoting serial 443 of 08/10."

Crime summary

Have fun but not at the expense of anyone else; this is what Sussex Police is keen to promote this Hallowe'en.

One way to deter unwanted trick or treaters on October 31, this year is to print off the 'No Trick or Treaters please' posters.

If you are looking to take part in the Hallowe'en celebrations then you can also print off the trick or treaters welcome poster. They are available on <u>www.sussex.police.uk</u> please search, Hallowe'en.

There has been an increase in the last few years with children, families and young people especially all participating in Hallowe'en fun, but it important they do not to have fun at the expense of others. Please especially consider the elderly and more vulnerable in the community who may get worried having strangers calling at their door.

If you see someone displaying a no trick or treat poster, please do not call at those homes as people do not wish to be disturbed. Just be careful who you scare on Hallowe'en. This message will also be used on social media

#becarefulwhoyouscare #halloween

Some safety tips for Hallowe'en:

* Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.

* Consider calling only at houses where you know the occupants, rather than strangers.

* Respect the privacy and wishes of people who do not want to take part in trick or treat – observe the 'No Trick or Treaters please' posters people may display in doors or windows.

* Residents are also advised to continue to be vigilant when opening the door to strangers or unexpected callers. As well as offering free posters, officers will be out on patrol to deter any antisocial behaviour and will be quick to disperse groups of people who are found to be causing a nuisance.

Burglary Update

Reference: 0450 20-10 Location: Hawthorn Way Storrington Date and time: between 3rd and 19th /1016 Details: Whilst occupants on holiday jewellery stolen. No sign of forced entry.

Other than Burglary Dwelling

Reference: 0712 18-10 Location: High Street, Henfield. Date and time: 1300 18/10/16 Details: Two females went into the store asked to buy a newspaper whilst their change was being counted one leant over the counter and pulled money from the till.

Reference: 1153 20-10

Location: Water Lane Storrington Date and time: 16/10/16 - 20/10/16 Details: Whilst occupant on holiday entry forced to garden shed. Nothing taken, damage caused

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please <u>contact us</u> <u>online</u>, email us at <u>101@sussex.pnn.police.uk</u> or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

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

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