

Friday 23 December 2016

News and appeals

As this will be the last weekly bulletin of 2016 District Commander for Adur, Worthing and Horsham- Howard Hodges asked me to pass this message on;

With just 2 sleeps left until Christmas I just wanted to take the time to wish Adur, Worthing and Horsham District, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Latest Fraud Newsletter

The busy Christmas period can be a time when it's all too easy to let your guard down in the pursuit of seasonal bargains and online offers. We continue to see fraudsters targeting vulnerable people across the county by phone, email and face to face in an attempt to defraud them. Operation Signature is our answer, working together with our partners to prevent fraud and identify and support our most vulnerable victims.

Read our latest newsletter by [clicking here](#)

Crime summary

Burglary

The South Horsham area, which includes towns and villages such as Pulborough, Steyning, Billingshurst and Henfield, has seen 22 burglaries in the past four weeks, compared to only six in the same period last year.

The Billingshurst and Pulborough areas have experienced the worst of the latest offences, in which two vehicles have often been seen and also two men together.

Currently 14 burglaries in these areas between 5 December - 19 December are being treated as linked, which means they are believed to be being committed by the same person or group of people.

Detective Inspector Jim McKnight said: "On many previous occasions members of the public have provided the information that has led to offenders for such offences being arrested.

" My team is eager to hear from anyone with information that could assist this enquiry and they are urged to get in touch. We'd also welcome early reporting to police of any incident, person or vehicle that is viewed with suspicion.

" West Sussex remains a safe place to live, work and visit and currently we have extra patrols operating in the affected areas."

Police are reminding residents to be extra security conscious around the Christmas period, when homes can be more at risk of burglary.

Anyone seeing or hearing anything suspicious is asked to note down what details they can, including descriptions and car registration numbers. If they believe a crime is in progress or about to be committed, they should not hesitate to call police on 999.

Otherwise, please report online quoting Operation Rocklane. There is also the alternative of contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 (www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

Sensible precautions include:

- Lock doors and windows at all times, and using a burglar alarm if available.
- Keep keys, cash, bags and phones out of sight and out of reach from doors, windows and letter-boxes. Thieves will use rods to reach them and then use keys to gain entry. In one third of burglaries, no force was used to get in.
- When displaying a Christmas tree, keep presents away from prying eyes - draw curtains and lower blinds.
- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your home look occupied, even when it isn't. When away, draw curtains and ask neighbours to keep an eye on your property.
- Dispose of packaging carefully. Empty boxes awaiting collection and bins full of packaging are a perfect advert for burglars.
- Use free and secure registration websites, such as www.immobilise.com to register valuable items, such as computers and laptops, mobile phones, cycles and electrical items.

Reference: 0911 16-12

Location: Finches Lane West Chiltington

Date and time: 16/12/2016

Details: Attempt to wrench open kitchen window.

Reference: 0894 17-12

Location: Goose Green Pulborough

Date and time: 17/12/2016 Between 1500-1550

Details: Ground floor rear window smashed , untidy search jewellery amongst other items stolen

Reference: 1175 17-12

Location: Wallis Ave Christs Hospital

Date and time: 17/12/2016 between 1700-1920

Details: Disturbed an intruder, intruder made off.

Reference: 1238

Location: Pulborough

Date and time: 17/12/2016 between 0900-2000

Details: Kitchen wooden door forced, untidy search, foreign currency and jewellery stolen

Reference: 1230 18-12

Location: Kings Stone Ave Steyning

Date and time: 18/12/2016 between 1100-2030

Details: Kicked cat flap through forced kitchen, large amount of jewellery stolen.

Reference: 0232

Location: Church Place, Pulborough

Date and time: 19/12/2016

Details: Entry forced to rear patio door. Untidy search, unsure if anything taken.

Reference: 1132

Location: Willow Drive, Billingshurst

Date and time: Between 0900 and 1800 19/12/16

Details: Conservatory door broken, untidy search unsure what has been stolen .

Reference: 19/12/16

Location: Bluecoat Pond, Christs Hospital

Date and time: Over the weekend

Details: ground floor window forced. Untidy search jewellery taken.

Reference: 1575 20-12

Location: Tylden Way Horsham

Date and time: Between 0830-2300 20/12/2016

Details: Smashed rear door, untidy search of bedroom unknown what was stolen.

Reference: 0342 21/12/16

Location: Wain End Horsham

Date and time: Between 1800-1000 21/12/16

Details: Patio door smashed, untidy search possibly jewellery stolen.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0854 18-12

Location: Lower Beeding

Date and time: Between 16/12-17/12

Details: Insecure shed broken into and bike stolen.

Reference: 0312 22-12

Location: Treadcroft Drive Horsham

Date and time: Between 2300 -0930 22/12/16

Details: Insecure garage door entered, Christmas presents stolen

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