

Horsham Police weekly update - Friday 19th May 2017

News and appeals

Teenager attacked in Horsham Park

Police are investigating an attack which left a 15-year-old boy with a broken cheek bone.

The boy was walking through Horsham Park at around 4pm on Friday (May 12) when he was attacked by a group of boys and was punched in the face near the fairground. His attackers left the scene in the direction of the railway station.

The boy was taken to East Surrey Hospital to be treated.

Two boys have been arrested. A 15-year-old from Crawley has been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to cause GBH and a 14-year-old from Horsham has been arrested on suspicion of ABH and GBH with intent. Both have been released under investigation.

Detective constable Jodie Palmer said: "This was a busy time on Friday afternoon and we are asking any witnesses to come forward and help us with our investigation."

To get in touch go [online](#) and quote 1057 of 12/05.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/teenager-attacked-in-horsham-park/>

Help us identify this man thought to be involved in two burglaries

(Please follow the link to view image)

Do you recognise this man thought to be connected to two burglaries in Horsham? A house was broken into on Shottermill between April 28 and May 10, a gold chain was stolen.

On May 8 at about 9.30pm the occupant of house in Burn Close, Horsham heard a noise coming from his spare room. He got up and found a man trying to get in through the window. On coming face to face with the occupant, the suspect jumped into the garden and ran away.

Detective Constable Chris Merryfield-Day said: "The occupant describes the suspect as white, 30 to 35, slim, around 5' 8" with ginger or fair balding hair with a short beard. He is believed to have driven away in a blue Ford Focus starting with a V registration number.

"We believe this man may also be connected to the burglary in Shottermill. Do you recognise him? Please get in touch with us if you do.

"Please remember to keep your windows secure especially now the weather is warming up a little."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police [online](#) quoting serial 1494 of 08/05

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ACT now to help combat terrorism

Act now and you might save lives

Surrey and Sussex Police are calling on the public to share information with their friends and family about how they can help counter terrorism - and potentially ACT to save lives.

Following a number of recent incidents in London, police in Surrey and Sussex are keen to remind local communities that terrorists can strike anywhere and everyone across the UK should remain alert but not alarmed.

A nationwide campaign was launched recently to encourage anyone with concerns about possible terrorist activity to contact the authorities. Called ACT, for Action Counters Terrorism, the key message is that no one should worry about wasting police time.

If you have suspicions - just ACT.

All the details can be seen [here](#) - which officers want people to share. The site includes videos - watched by nearly one million people so far - along with posters and two podcasts which tell real life stories about how the public helped foil terror attacks.

Since launching the initiative in March, 3000 people across the UK have contacted police with information. The vast majority of concerns turned out to be nothing, but a small number contributed significant information that police have followed up on - information that might otherwise have been missed.

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Burton, Head of Specialist Crime Command for Surrey and Sussex Police, said: "Information from the public is vital to stopping atrocities. The police and security services are working hard to tackle the threat but we can't do it alone.

"We are working with lots of different agencies and businesses who are all able to contribute to keeping our communities safe - but we need the public more than ever.

"Whilst there is no specific intelligence or threat to our counties I would like to take this opportunity to urge the public to be confident in reporting anything they think could be suspicious.

"We understand that people might hesitate to contact us because they are worried it could be wasting police time. In most cases it will be nothing to be concerned about but we would rather you called than risk us missing some vital piece of information. All information received will be treated in confidence.

"Someone right now will know something that could make a big difference to one of our investigations. They could literally be saving lives by getting in touch, so please share this [link](#)

But in an emergency always dial 999.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/act-now-to-help-combat-terrorism/>

Alerts/Press Releases sent out this week click the link to see full details.

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 1479 of 17-05-2017
Location: Coombe Drove, Steyning
Date and time: Between 18:45 -21:55 hours
Details: Back door forced to gain entry jewellery 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

Your local teams

[Visit our Website](#) to contact your local team, view local news and follow our social media accounts. Simply type your post code in the '**Find a Local Area**' box located in the top right of the web page.

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