



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

News and appeals

Two convicted of vehicle crime in Horsham

Two men have been brought before the courts in connection with [vehicle crime](#) in Horsham.

Christopher Light was arrested on Monday 17 September in Amundsen Road, [Horsham](#), after a member of a public spotted him breaking into a car.

Light, 39, of Andrews Road, Southwater, was arrested and charged with theft from a motor vehicle. He appeared at Crawley Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 18 September and was given a 12 month conditional discharge and two fines, totaling £105.

On Wednesday 19 September officers were on patrol in Fenby Close, Horsham, when they noticed a man acting suspiciously around a car.

Darion Bates, 51, was arrested and charged with three counts of vehicle interference. Bates of Holmes Road, Horsham, was remanded on bail and appeared at Crawley Magistrates' Court on the same day.

Bates was given a 12 month community order, a rehabilitation activity requirement and a 12 month exclusion order from Fenby Close, Horsham.

Prevention Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter said: "We listened to the concerns of the residents in Horsham and wanted to robustly tackle the issue of theft from vehicles.

"We have seen success in this action and will continue to actively patrol these areas in a bid to stamp out this behaviour.

"We do ask motorists however, to help us with this action by reducing their risk of becoming a victim by removing any valuables from their vehicles, ensuring all windows and doors are locked and parking in brightly-lit areas.

"We're also encouraging anyone who sees or hears anything suspicious, or who is unfortunate enough to become a victim of theft themselves, to report it to police immediately using 999. Other information that may be of help can be sent [online](#) or by phoning 101."

<https://sussex.police.uk/advice/protect-your-home-and-belongings/vehicle-crime/>

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/two-convicted-of-vehicle-crime-in-horsham/>

Police cease to record lost property reports

From today (Monday 1 October), in alignment with police forces nationally, Sussex Police will no longer record reports of lost property in police stations, in person, online, email or through 101.

The national decision was approved by the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) after discussions between police forces and the National Police Front Counters Forum (NPFCF). Traditionally, police have accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, although there is no statutory duty to do so.

Chief Inspector Roy Hodder, Communications Department said: "Although lost property will no longer be recorded by police, we are accepting items of found property.

"There are a range of other free services which will allow you to report if an item has gone missing.

"Also it is worth noting that some items of lost property need to be reported directly to the relevant issuing authority. For example, a lost passport is to be reported to the passport agency, a driving licence to the DVLA or credit cards to the bank or financial provider.

"There are a few exceptions though. In cases where items which are dangerous or hazardous such as ammunition, firearms, weapons, chemicals/poisons are lost, these are to be reported to police immediately.

"Where an item has a serial number such as electrical equipment, it's recommended that they are registered at www.immobilise.com which is free of charge. This will also help police identify and reunite you with your property if it was ever stolen.

"Our website has comprehensive information on where lost property reports can now be made. You can find out more here on our [lost property page](#)."

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-cease-to-record-lost-property-reports/>

Cannabis plants discovered in Billingshurst property

Sussex Police have discovered cannabis plants while conducting a Dangerous Dogs Act warrant on a [Billingshurst](#) property.

Prevention Enforcement Teams and Sussex Police Dog Handlers conducted the warrant at a house in Arun Road on Monday (1 October).

While officers were collecting the dog, they discovered around 20 cannabis plants with a street value of thousands of pounds.

Prevention Enforcement Sergeant Jodie White said: "We were conducting a warrant to retrieve the dog at the property after it had previously injured a man who visited the address.

"In the process of the detaining the dog we located the plants, which were subsequently seized.

"We are dedicated in preventing the supply of [drugs](#) causing harm to the community and this discovery will disrupt the distribution of the drug to the area.

"We are appealing to anyone who may have noticed anyone going into this house or any recent suspicious behaviour to report it to us without delay."

To see the photo please click on the link or see our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/cannabis-plants-discovered-in-billingshurst-property/>

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

Crime summary

Burglary

Great news! No Burglary Dwellings to report this week.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0746 28th September
Location: Tullett Way, Broadbridge
Date and time: Approximately 0245hrs 28th September
Details: Items were stolen from an insecure car parked on driveway.

Reference: 0325 28th September
Location: Forest Road, Colgate
Date and time: Between 1800hrs 27th September and 0940hrs 28th September
Details: Lead stolen from the church roof.

Reference: 0641 28th September
Location: Storrington Road, Washington
Date and time: Between 1750hrs and 2125hrs 28th September
Details: A car window was broken, believe that someone was trying to enter the vehicle, no entry gained.

Reference: 0173 1st October
Location: East Street, Billingshurst
Date and time: Between 1900hrs 30th September and 0730hrs 1st October
Details: A car window was broken, believe that someone was trying to enter the vehicle, no entry gained.

<https://sussex.police.uk/jobs/police-support-volunteers-psvs/>

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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

Your local teams

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