

News summaries, advice and appeals

Man arrested over attempted Horsham bank robbery

26 January 2015

Police have made an arrest following enquiries into an attempt to rob a bank in Horsham.

The 26-year old Horsham man was arrested on Saturday (24 January) on suspicion of an attempted robbery on Tuesday 9 December at the HSBC bank in West Street, Horsham, and on suspicion of possession of cannabis.

He was later released on police bail until 1 March while enquiries continue.

Detective Constable Jon Robeson said; "We have already received a lot of help from local people but our investigation is continuing and anyone else with information that might assist is asked to contact us via 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk call 101, quoting serial 0496 of 9/12/14. You can also call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Racist and obscene graffiti in Broadbridge Heath underpass

26 January 2015

Police are investigating after obscene and racist graffiti, including some of an anti-Islamic nature, was found sprayed in a Broadbridge Heath subway.

The graffiti was reported by passers-by on Sunday afternoon (25 January) in the underpass off Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath.

It has been removed by the local authority, after police took photos of it.

Inspector Clare McKnight said: "This is a very unpleasant but also very unusual and isolated incident. We have no records of any other such graffiti recently and there is no apparent connection with any local community.

"We work very closely with local communities and have reassured them that this isolated incident is being taken very seriously and fully investigated.

"If anyone knows who is responsible for this, we ask them to contact us as soon as possible via 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101, quoting serial 586 of 25/01. You can also call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

CCTV of Warnham burglary suspects released

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<http://www.sussex.police.uk/whats-happening/latest/news-stories/2015/01/27/cctv-of-warnham-burglary-suspects-released>

Three people were caught on CCTV breaking into a home in Byfleets Lane, Warnham, at about 6.30pm on 15 January.

Intruders then stole cash and jewellery before escaping.

Sussex Police launched Operation Magpie to tackle burglary across the county.

Detective Constable Oliver Summers said: "The victims have been left very upset by the burglary but thankfully they have CCTV at the property that has recorded the moment the thieves broke in.

"We urgently need the public's help to identify the people involved so they can be traced and arrested.

"We would also like to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and could have seen the burglars before or after the break-in. If you saw or heard anything suspicious, please contact us."

Anyone with information should email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting serial 1327 of 15/01, call 101 or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Family pays tribute to man killed in crash near Handcross

28 January 2015

The man who died after his car crashed near Handcross has been named as 21-year-old Thomas Drewery.

Mr Drewery, of Arthur Road, Horsham, died after his grey Ford Focus hit a tree and went into a field off the B2110 near Truckers Ghyll at about 12.30am on Friday (23 January).

The incident was reported to police at 11.20am that day. No other vehicles are thought to have been involved.

Mr Drewery's family have released a statement paying tribute to their loved one.

They said: "Thomas lived in Horsham but hails from Louth, Lincolnshire. Two years ago he came to Sussex to follow his dream of becoming a Michelin starred chef.

"Thomas worked in The Pass restaurant at South Lodge Hotel, a job he loved. He made so many friends. Thomas touched everyone's hearts and will be very much missed."

Police are still appealing for witnesses who may have seen the collision or who used the B2110 in the early hours of Friday morning.

Anyone with information should email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting Operation Bexley.

Police and mental health nurse scheme expands across Sussex

28 January 2015

An innovative pilot project which sees mental health nurses joining police on the beat has been extended to more areas in the county this week.

The scheme, known as street triage, is when the police and mental health services join forces to provide immediate help and support to people who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

In the past if the police received a call about a person with a mental health problem they may have had to detain that person under the mental health act in order to get them the help they need. However, with the right support from a mental health professional there may be no need for them to be admitted to hospital or detained.

Following an award winning Eastbourne pilot, funding has been secured by Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG and Crawley CCG to roll the project out in their areas for two months. During this initial period the benefits to patients, health partners and Sussex Police will be assessed.

The project in Eastbourne is being extended for a further year by Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG. Hastings and Rother CCG will be funding a year-long scheme in Hastings.

The Eastbourne project has meant 181 people did not need to be detained under a section 136 order. This is when police take someone to a place of safety, sometimes a police cell. Instead these people have been helped by mental health teams at the scene or referred on to the most appropriate mental health service for them. In addition 447 people, in mental health distress received immediate mental health care who previously may have been seen just by the police.

Christine Lockwood, Sussex Partnership's Interim General Manager for East Sussex, said: "The aim of this project is to improve people's experiences and help them get the right care, at the right time and in the best place.

"The model is already showing positive results. Feedback from the Eastbourne scheme shows a significant reduction in the number of people with mental health problems being detained."

Senior Mental Health Commissioner for Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex, Coastal West Sussex CCGs, Tom Insley said: "The mental health nurse can assess the person and refer on to appropriate mental health services.

"The nurse can help officers decide on the best option for individuals in crisis, by offering professional advice on the spot, accessing health information systems, helping to liaise with other care services and identifying the right kind of support for the individual.

"This will not only benefit the person concerned and avoid a trip to A&E, but also aims to reduce the need for police to detain someone using Section 136 of the Mental Health Act."

Chief Inspector Chris Ball said: "My officers are looking forward to the challenges of street triage and I have every reason to believe that the outstanding success of street triage in Eastbourne will be replicated in West Sussex."

Police Mental Health Liaison Officer Sarah Gates said: "Sussex Police is delighted to be given the opportunity to extend street triage to the people of West Sussex. We will continue to work with our partners in Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to deliver an excellent service to people in crisis."

Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, said; "Police cells are not the place for someone in mental health crisis. That is why I am pleased to see this effective pilot project being extended. It is vital that the right arrangements are in place across the county to respond in these situations."

Other Crimes/Incidents from across the Horsham District this week:

If you have seen or heard anything related to these incidents please contact Sussex Police [here](#), email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk, call **101** or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Area	Ref	Date	Details
Southwater	1023	24/01	<p>Cornflower Way, Southwater</p> <p>A garage was broken into sometime between Sunday 11 and Saturday 24 January and a bike and snowboard were stolen.</p> <p>An arrest has now been made in connection with this incident.</p>
Steyning	0132	25/01	<p>High Street, Steyning</p> <p>Damage was caused to an off licence window in Steyning High Street at approximately 2am on Sunday 25 January. 3 men were seen making off from the scene. A rock was thrown through the window but no entry was gained.</p>
Southwater	1052	24/01	<p>Southwater Country Park</p> <p>Sometime between 3pm and 4pm on Saturday 24 January an insecure vehicle parked at the country park was broken into and a sat nav and cash were stolen from within.</p>
Pulborough	0713	24/01	<p>Arun Prospect, Pulborough</p> <p>A vehicle parked in Arun Prospect has been damaged around the door and lock and the passenger door and window.</p>
Pulborough	0569	24/01	<p>Lower Street, Pulborough</p> <p>A vehicle was broken into via the offside front window. It is believed some bolt croppers found at the scene were used to gain entry.</p>
Southwater	0119	28/01	<p>Charlock Way, Southwater</p> <p>A 2007 registered BMW was stolen from outside an address in Charlock Way overnight on 27 – 28 January.</p>
Billingshurst	0713	27/01	<p>Chestnut Road, Billingshurst</p> <p>A 58 registered Renault Megane was broken into whilst parked outside an address in Chestnut Road between 3pm on Monday 26 and 6am Tuesday 27 January. It is believed the vehicle was left insecure.</p>
Billingshurst	0222	27/01	<p>Brookfield Way, Billingshurst</p> <p>A vehicle was broken into between 5pm on Monday 26 and 5:30am on Tuesday 27 January. The boot was left open and driver's door ajar. The vehicle had been left locked. CD's and a jar of loose change were stolen.</p>
Billingshurst	0214	27/01	<p>Daux Avenue, Billingshurst</p> <p>A BMW X5 parked in Daux Avenue was broken into sometime between 8:30pm on 26 January and 8:25am on 27 January. All of the doors and boot were open when found. There was no sign of damage to gain entry. A Tom</p>

			Tom sat nav was stolen from the central glove compartment.
Billingshurst	1547	28/01	<p>Rose Hill, Billingshurst</p> <p>A garage has been broken into in Rose Hill. The owner of the garage woke to sounds of someone opening the garage. A purple old style Ford KA was seen outside the front of garage, and then it sped off followed by a motorbike with pillion passenger. Due to the offenders being disturbed nothing appears to have been stolen at this time. The incident occurred at approximately 11pm on Wednesday 28 January.</p>
Storrington	0287	29/01	<p>Amberley Road, Storrington</p> <p>A garage in Amberley Road has been broken into sometime between 11:30pm on Tuesday 27 and 7:30am on Wednesday 28 January.</p> <p>Damage was caused to the wooden garage door handle and the lock was taken. Various items were stolen from within the garage as well as from within the car.</p>
Bramber	0296	29/01	<p>Castle Lane, Bramber</p> <p>On 29 January a garage has been broken into in Castle Lane. It would appear the offenders were able to gain access by forcing the lock. Garden equipment has been stolen.</p>