

## Sussex Police

### Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team

### Weekly Update

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News summaries, advice and appeals

## A24 closed between Washington and Ashington due to ice and crashes

19 January 2015

Icy conditions and a spate of road traffic collisions before dawn on Monday (19 January) led to the A24 being closed between the Washington and Ashington roundabouts until 7.15am.

At around 6am a van left the northbound carriageway and overturned near to the Orchard Fisheries and Spring Gardens, blocking the road. Its occupants, a 29-year-old man and a 25-year-old man, sustained arm and facial injuries and were taken to hospital by ambulance.

Elsewhere in the same area at least seven vehicles were reported to have slid off the road, leading to it being closed both north and southbound and diversions being set up via Ashington for more than an hour.

Motorists in Sussex generally are being advised to take extra care while freezing temperatures persist.

## Help us fight the Del Boy trade in stolen items

### 19 January 2015

Police are urging second hand businesses to join them in a campaign to reverse the Del Boy effect in Sussex.

Del Boy, the hero of the long-running TV series Only Fools and Horses, made his money selling items that were fake or had fallen off the back of a lorry.

Handling stolen goods is a serious offence that carries a maximum sentence of 14 years imprisonment but research suggests one in four people would buy stolen items if they were offered them cheaply enough - despite the fact the products may have been stolen from families or businesses in their community.

The study by insurance company LV= also revealed that burglars often break into homes looking for specific brands of goods that they know they can sell quickly and easily to people willing to buy them without asking questions about where they came from.

Police hope to make burglary less profitable to thieves by working with second hand dealers to remove the market for stolen goods in the county and encouraging residents to ask themselves if the price they are being offered is too good to be true.

The aim is to leave burglars with nowhere to go to sell the items that they steal so that they decide that committing the crime is not worth it and give up breaking into homes and businesses.

The first step involves helping traders to identify those who might be trying to sell them stolen goods.

PCSOs and police officers will be visiting second hand shops across the county to encourage them to carry out a series of checks on every purchase they make that could have been stolen.

Traders can use the online Checkmend system to compare items they are offered with goods listed by police or victims as stolen on the national mobile property register (NMPR).

They are also being encouraged to make sure purchases are done in view of CCTV cameras and to take and keep the details of anyone they buy items from - passing any suspicions they have to police.

Firms that agree to sign up to the checks will be given posters to display to thieves that they will check to see if any items they are offered are stolen.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Betts said: "There is a clear link between burglaries and the second hand goods market but too many people seem to think that Del Boy-style criminals are just lovable rogues.

"The fact is that these offenders make their living by selling the stolen possessions of others. They are not victimless or blameless - they are part of a problem that causes real pain to people.

"We are appealing to the public to think when they are offered items that seem to be a great deal. If the price is too good to be true the items are probably stolen - so don't buy them.

"You do not have to know that something is stolen to commit an offence if you buy it - just believing that it could be stolen is enough.

"If you are found with a stolen item you could be arrested and prosecuted. It is also likely that we will seize the item from you and you will lose not only the money you have paid but the item as well, so it will no longer seem such a good deal.

"We can all do our bit to reduce burglary by making the market for stolen goods dry up."

Modern technology means it is far easier to track stolen items, particularly stolen electrical items. Owners can log the details of their items on the Immobilise website so that objects recovered can be checked against the register.

Owners can also download software for some items that allows them to trace where their goods are if they are stolen.

An investigation is currently ongoing into a burglary at Hove Park School late on 20 June or early on 21 June during which thieves stole more than 150 iPads worth more than £35,000 that had been purchased for use by the students.

A number of the iPads, shown in the photograph, have since been recovered.

Detectives have so far charged one man with handling the stolen iPads.

Kay Ramis, 27, of Hebe Road, Shoreham, has been charged with handling stolen goods. He is due to appear at Brighton Magistrates' Court on 19 February.

Residents are being asked to follow a set of tips so they don't buy stolen goods themselves, including

- Think. Is the price too good to be true? If it is too cheap it may be stolen
- Don't buy from cold callers who turn up on your doorstep
- Always take photographic ID from whoever they buy from, so that if items turn out to be stolen you can tell police who sold them
- Think carefully before buying expensive items from market stalls or car boot sales
- Be wary of people selling more than one expensive second hand item.

If you have any information about burglaries, please call 101 or email [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk). If you see or hear a burglary taking place call 999 immediately.

Residents can also be encouraged to register their items on the world's largest property database so that if they are stolen, they can be reunited with the owners - and so the offenders can be prosecuted.

You can register your property in just a few minutes by visiting [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). To watch a video about Immobilise and how it works, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XZ66WEER\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XZ66WEER_c).

To join a Neighbourhood Watch group where you live please visit [www.sussexnwfed.org.uk](http://www.sussexnwfed.org.uk) speak to your local neighbourhood policing team.

For more advice visit [www.sussex.police.uk/help-centre/ask-us/theft-and-burglary/what-does-handling-stolen-goods-mean-exactly](http://www.sussex.police.uk/help-centre/ask-us/theft-and-burglary/what-does-handling-stolen-goods-mean-exactly).

## Missing Shane Cawt found

**19 January 2015**

Shane Cawt, 15, has been found safe and well after he went missing from Slinfold on 17 September.

Police would like to thank the public and media for their assistance.

## Witnesses sought following robbery at One Stop shop, Broadbridge Heath, near Horsham

**20 January 2015**

Shortly after 10pm on Sunday (18 January) robbers struck at the One Stop shop in Billingshurst Road, Broadbridge Heath, near Horsham, stealing a quantity of cash and cigarettes.

As two women shop workers were locking up to go home three men wearing dark clothing and with their faces covered burst through the door. The women, aged 46 and 32, were roughly pushed around by the intruders who ordered them to hand over several hundreds of pounds in cash and cigarettes.

The three men then fled, making off in a dark-coloured Peugeot car.

Detective Sergeant Harding, of West Sussex CID, said: "Although the women in the shop were not badly hurt this was a terrifying incident for them and we are determined to track down the offenders."

Anyone who saw what happened or who may have other information that could assist officers is asked to email [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or phone 101, quoting serial 1225 of 18/1.

Alternatively they can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Local male charged with a number of offences

**22 January 2015**

Following a number of crimes recently in the Southwater area of Horsham Sussex Police have arrested a local male – Harry JUPP, 19. JUPP appeared in court on Wednesday 21st of January charged with a number of offences including burglary, theft, criminal damage and breaching his bail. He pled guilty to a number of matters and has been bailed with conditions to include not entering College Road, Southwater and with reporting conditions to Horsham Police Station.

Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team remains committed to catching criminals and keeping people safe and as always would encourage any member of the public to report suspicious behaviour to us on either 101 or 999 if an emergency.

### 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](http://www.sussex.police.uk), email [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk), call **101** or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Area	Ref	Date	Details
<b>Pulborough</b>	<b>0701</b>	<b>16/01</b>	<b>Skeyne Drive, Lower Street, Pulborough</b> Theft from motor vehicle – sometime since 05/01 wing mirror casing stolen.
<b>Slinfold</b>	<b>0426</b>	<b>19/01</b>	<b>Slinfold, Horsham</b> Caravan broken into – door torn off and windows smashed. Outside vandalised but inside untouched.
<b>Amberley</b>	<b>0394</b>	<b>20/01</b>	<b>Station Road, Amberley</b> Shed broken into – jemmied open. Nothing believed stolen.
<b>Faygate</b>	<b>0161</b>	<b>21/01</b>	<b>Wimlands Lane, Faygate, Horsham</b> Sometime between 10pm on Tuesday 20 January and 7:45am on Wednesday 21 January a garage was broken into in Wimlands Lane. The offender/s gained access via the roof by removing roof tiles. Two quad bikes were stolen – one red and silver Apache quad and one green and black camouflage Blade quad bike.

<b>Faygate</b>	<b>0439</b>	<b>21/01</b>	<b>Wimlands Lane, Faygate, Horsham</b> Sometime between 5pm on Tuesday 20 January and 9am on Wednesday 21 January there was a break in to sheds used to store shooting equipment. Nothing stolen. Four padlocks were broken to gain access.
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Where are your officers this week?

For your local officer's contact details, information about local events and meetings and actions being taken regarding your priorities click on your ward below (Ctrl + click to follow the link):

<a href="#"><u>Billingshurst, Shipley, Pulborough and Coldwaltham</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Broadbridge Heath and Southwater</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Chantry and Thakeham</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Cowfold, Shermanbury, West Grinstead and Henfield</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Denne and Forest</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Holbrook East and West</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Horsham Park and Trafalgar</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Roffey North and South</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rudgwick, Itchingfield and Slinfold</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Rusper, Colegate and Nuthurst</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Steyning, Bramber, Upper Beeding, Ashington and Woodmancote</u></a>	

Keep even more up to date with what's happening in your local area here:

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