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News and appeals

Sussex Police keep up the pressure on drug dealers

Sussex Police has been keeping up the pressure on 'County Lines' drug dealers who operate from outside the county as well as locally. During the week starting on 21 January officers carried out 28 arrests, made 711 drug seizures, and seized £10,475 cash as well as 32 mobile phones.

During the same week, officers carried out safeguarding action to support 17 vulnerable people and visited 91 addresses where people were at risk of being 'cuckooed' to check on their safety.

Detective Chief Inspector Steve Rayland said: "This is the result of just one week's activity, and shows how we are continuing to disrupt dealers who try to distribute dangerous drugs across our communities. Our work will continue relentlessly, targeting those who would bring harm to local people, including often the most vulnerable.

"Police work to combat illegal drugs in Sussex continues under the 'Fortress' brand, launched to encompass all our drug-harm reduction work. It is already used by police in Hampshire and there are plans to roll this out further across the South East, which will continue to strengthen the unified voice from police and partners that says this is a hostile environment for drug supply."

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said; "County lines activity and the associated violence, drug dealing and exploitation have a devastating impact on young people and vulnerable adults. The results from this intensification week show how much of an emerging threat it is across Sussex and I have been assured that there will be an ongoing determination to combat this crime type by our Force.

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<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-keep-up-the-pressure-on-drug-dealers-356559>

Chief Constable welcomes additional police funding

PCC Katy Bourne's recommendation to increase the policing element of the council tax was approved by the Police and Crime Panel at a meeting on Friday (1 February).

Chief Constable Giles York said: "Sussex Police, like other police forces across the UK, has worked hard to keep local communities safe in the face of increasing demand and against a backdrop of severe financial pressure. This increase puts the force in a stronger position to keep the public safe.

"As a result, and over the course of the next few years, people will see more visible policing in their community, we will make it easier and better for people to contact the police, and we can invest more in the specialist skills we need to catch the most serious criminals and protect the most vulnerable.

"Through the recruitment of additional officers and PCSOs, we can significantly strengthen our local policing teams in all parts of the county.

"But it will always be important to balance this with building sufficient specialist capabilities to deal with those crimes that cause the most harm, such as the serious violent crime linked to drugs gangs that we have seen in our city and towns or in managing the growing threat of cybercrime.

"While we will continue to find smarter ways of working to maximise our budget and resource, this additional investment puts us in a much stronger position to keep people and communities in Sussex safe and feeling safe."

The additional funding, which equates to an extra £2 per month for a band D property, will be used to recruit an extra 200 posts over the next four years - 100 PCSOs, 50 additional police officers and 50 extra specialist staff.

They will form part of our on-going recruitment drive of hundreds of new police officers, detectives and police staff over the next few years.

Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "I am pleased that the Panel have recognised that I have listened intently to what Sussex residents want and what the Chief Constable needs. With their support, we are now able to take this unique opportunity to recruit even more officers and invest in an all-round better service."

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/chief-constable-welcomes-additional-police-funding-357184>

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

Crime summary

Burglary

No burglary dwellings to report this week.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0222 29th January
Location: Hormare Crescent, Storrington
Date and time: Between 2100hrs 28th to 0745hrs 29th January 2019
Details: Locks were cut off a garage door and 2 pedal cycles have been stolen.

Reference: 0706 4th February
Location: Woodgates Close, Horsham
Date and time: Date & Time unknown
Details: A lawnmower was stolen from an insecure garage.

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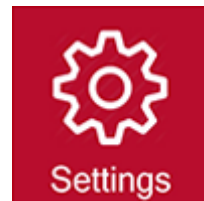
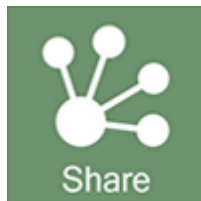
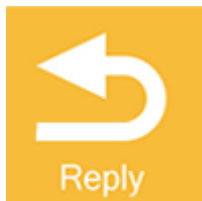
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