



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 12th March 2019

News and appeals

Thanks PC Mike!

There are certain people we would spare little thought for if they slept uneasily in their beds, perhaps waiting for our knock on their door.

But young children are not among them, and when Horsham PC Mike Harvey learned that James Glass, 7, had told his parents that he was having trouble sleeping as he was frightened of the police, Mike decided something must be done to allay his fears.

So after first visiting James at his home in Horsham, Mike, with the help of colleagues, rolled out the red carpet and treated James to a Sunday morning at the police station finding out how the police can be his friend and protect him from harm.

Mike said: "Nobody at that age should be scared or have anxiety. I really wanted to help as I am a disability liaison officer, so I know how anxiety and stress can affect people. James's parents said he had seen the police in TV shows and feared the police would come and get him if he were naughty.

"I wanted James to know that we are there to protect him and to keep him safe. Protecting good people is why I joined the police. If you can get people to trust you at this early age they will be confident in coming to the police if they are lost, for example."

James's welcome to the police station in Hurst Road, Horsham, included being shown over a police custody van, trying on officers' hats and handcuffs, and exploring the old police cells.

And as a reminder of his visit, all the officers on shift signed a commemorative certificate declaring James to be a friend of Horsham Police who can call on their help when he's scared.

James and his sister, Isabella, returned to Horsham Police station on Monday (March 4) to present 'PC Mike' and the other officers with thank you cards they had made. ITV Meridian were on hand to film the reunion.

James's step-mum, Stacie said she and his dad, Russell, were delighted that his anxieties had been so effectively eased since meeting the officers.

She said: "The change in him has been remarkable. He now gets excited when

he sees a police car and wonders if it's one of his 'friends from Horsham Police.

"We had such a great time and I still can't thank Horsham Police enough for such a heart-warming response. Everyone was fantastic and so welcoming. Definitely community work at its finest!

"With his new found confidence, James is telling his school all about it in their assembly and passing the message on to his peers."

Stacie added that James had since included 'police officer' among the things he might like to be when he grows up. The role is now vying with following in his dad's footsteps as an airline pilot or becoming a bus driver.

For those now old enough to consider a police career, more information can be found [here](#).

To see the photos please click on the link below or see our website.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/thanks-pc-mike-360887>

Sussex Police supports national knife campaign

Young people across Sussex will be part of a conversation to about knife crime during a week-long national campaign.

Officers will be visiting schools, colleges and youth events in order to inform and educate young people about how to act if they feel pressure to carry a knife, and what to do if they feel in danger.

The campaign, named Operation Sceptre running between 11-17 March, supports the work Sussex Police carry out all year round to ensure residents are safe from knife crime in their communities.

Operation Sceptre, originally started by the Metropolitan Police Service, is a twice-yearly run campaign that aims to tackle the danger that knife crime poses by educating those most at risk and carrying out proactive work that takes knives off our streets.

Assistant Chief Constable Nick May said: "We are keenly aware of how much focus knife crime is getting in the media at the moment. We now need everyone to help continue keeping our county safe."

"Operation Sceptre gives us a chance to talk about knife crime in a realistic and open fashion: we want to give young people the chance to stay safe, we do not want to demonise them. It is imperative we remind them they have choices in life, and that help is out there if they do not feel safe."

"Talk to the young people in your life, drop off your dangerous and unwanted blades to our knife amnesty bins, and if you need to talk to someone anonymously, [Crimestoppers](#) can be reached on 0800 555 111. As always, you can report crime [online](#), or via 101. In an emergency, always call 999."

As well as the educational side, targeted patrols will take place across the county with officers working alongside British Transport Police. There is also other planned activity with days of action, working alongside other partners allowing us to talk about the dangers of knife crime and engage with those at risk of carrying knives.

There is also a knife amnesty where people are encouraged to drop off their dangerous or unwanted knives and blades at police stations across Sussex. These amnesty bins are in place all year round, and there will be no consequences if weapons are disposed of safely here. Knife amnesty bins are located at the following stations: Worthing (Chatsworth Road), Shoreham,

Chichester, Bognor, Littlehampton, Midhurst, Horsham, Crawley, Eastbourne, Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven, Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, East Grinstead, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle, Rye, Hailsham, Uckfield, Crowborough, Brighton. Test purchasing will be carried out throughout Sussex, where officers, PCSOs and cadets will mystery shop to see which premises allow them to buy knives without their age being asked for.

The week is being supported by Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. She said: "Getting killed or ending up with life changing injuries or a prison sentence because of knife crime is not a choice anybody would rationally make, but far too many young people are putting themselves at risk by choosing to carry a knife.

"The Operation Sceptre campaign will raise awareness of these dangers and provide opportunities for young people to discuss what might motivate them to carry a knife.

"I hope that the recent media coverage of families devastated by knife crime will encourage people to use the amnesty bins across the county and take unnecessary blades off our streets. Lose the knife, not your life."

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-supports-national-knife-campaign-361557>

Sussex Police welcomes a further 72 new officers

Sussex Police has welcomed a further 72 new PC recruits. This latest intake of officers, our largest in a decade, were sworn in at a formal ceremony last week. They boost the total number of new constables in the last year to 270, much of the recruitment made possible by the increase in last year's council tax.

The new recruits, who were welcomed by Assistant Chief Commissioner Nick May at the attestation ceremony at The Amex Stadium on March 6, have just started 15 weeks of intensive training and will join policing teams across Sussex this June.

To see the full story please click on the link or see our website.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-welcomes-a-further-72-new-officers-361575>

PCSO recruitment opens in Sussex

New PCSOs being recruited this month will be among the first to gain a new qualification.

A major recruitment drive to recruit PCSOs begins on 11 March, thanks to increased funding to the precept from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Over the next year our local policing will be strengthened with 100 new PCSOs being recruited.

As well as joining the force, the recruits will undertake a new learning and development programme- the PCSO Apprenticeship – that will result in a Level 4 Diploma in Community Policing Practice.

Sussex Police is among the first forces in the country to introduce this apprenticeship programme.

To see the full story or to apply please click on the link or see our website.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/pcso-recruitment-opens-in-sussex-361578>

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0620 6TH March

Location: Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 1330hrs 5th March and 1430hrs 6th March.

Details: Rear door was broken and entry gained, unknown what was taken.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0254 5th March

Location: Blackstone Rise, Henfield

Date and time: Between midday 4th March and 0850hrs 5th March

Details: Power tools were stolen from an insecure shed.

Reference: 0133 7th March

Location: Castlewood Road, Southwater

Date and time: Between 2000hrs 4th March and 1400hrs 6th March

Details: An insecure garage door entered and a pedal cycle was stolen.

Reference: 1242 9th March

Location: Cricketers Close, Ashington

Date and time: Between midnight 6th March and 1300hrs 8th March

Details: Someone attempted to enter a garage, no entry was gained but damage was caused.

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**'

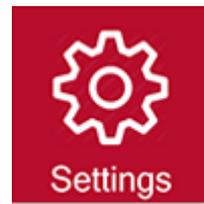
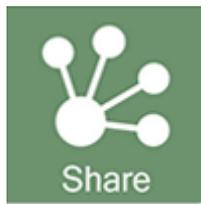
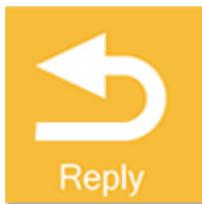
box located in the top right of the web page.

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

Message Sent By

Janice Brown (Police, Prevention Support & Engagement Officer, Sussex)

To reply or forward this email please use the buttons below or these links: [Reply](#), [Rate](#), [Forward / Share](#).



To login to your account, [click here](#), To report a fault, [click here](#)



You are receiving this message because you are registered On In The Know - Surrey and Sussex. Various organisations are licenced To send messages via this system, we call these organisations "Information Providers".

Please note that this message was sent by Sussex Police.

You can instantly review the messages you receive and configure which Information Providers can see your information by clicking [here](#), or you can [unsubscribe](#) completely, (you can also review our terms and conditions and Privacy Policy from these links).

This e-mail communication makes use of a "Clear Image" (gif) to track results of the e-mail campaign. If you wish to turn off this tracking for future e-mails, you can do so by not downloading the images in the e-mail itself.