



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Crime Summary **Burglary**

Reference: 0816 8th December

Location: Rookwood Park, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1600hrs 7th December and 1500hrs 8th December

Details: The rear French doors were broken and ornaments were stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0772 6th December

Location: West Chiltington, Pulborough

Date and time: At approx. 0300hrs 3rd December

Details: Items were stolen from the rear garden and an insecure garage.

Other

Officers, PCSO's and our Engagement Officer together with our Horsham Neighbourhood Wardens and Neighbourhood Watch will be in Horsham Town Centre at the Carfax on Saturday 14th December between 1pm and 3pm to speak to people about security and to give advice on crime prevention. If you are in the town centre at this time please do come and say hello. #OpTinsel #Horsham

Fraud Newsletter

Our latest fraud newsletter is available. This month we've seen people parking their cars targeted by criminals, and shockingly we've also seen one of our own Surrey Police phone numbers spoofed by fraudsters.

Fighting fraud is a team effort and you sharing our messages is with the vulnerable and elderly is invaluable, so thank you for your support this year.

The newsletter can be found on our website.

News and appeals

Sussex Police welcome first cohort of the degree apprentices



Sussex Police has welcomed their first cohort of officers under the new Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA).

On Wednesday (4 December), 24 new student officers were welcomed into the force at the final attestation of 2019.

Chief Constable Giles York, said: “I’m delighted to welcome these officers to Sussex and start them on their policing journey. They begin a career which offers diversity, challenge and great fulfilment; where together, they can make a real difference to our communities.

“They are also our first recruits on the police constable degree apprenticeship – an innovative programme which ensures the officers of the future have the skills and knowledge required to police today, while recognising the existing professionalism and expertise of all our staff and officers. I believe this ensures policing remains an attractive and competitive career choice and appeal to many who may not have considered policing as a career choice in the past.”

The new PCDA is one of the three new entry routes created by the College of Policing, to professionalise policing and enable those with different skills, knowledge and experience to be recruited into both officer and staff roles.

Student officers will initially spend nine-weeks undertaking intensive training at Sussex Police Headquarters, Lewes, before joining local policing teams across Sussex in February 2020. Here they will work in response teams, training on the job alongside their dedicated Coaching and Development Officer, responding to emergencies and other urgent issues.

The PCDA is a three-year vocational development programme which recognises the commitment, training and professional standards of policing. The programme uses innovative learning approaches with both on and off job training. It is supported by Universities and those embarking on this qualification will, upon successful completion, achieve a degree in Professional Policing Practice.

To see the full story and other photographs please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-welcome-first-cohort-of-the-degree-apprenticeships/>

Volunteers join Sussex Police to support victims of fraud



A Sussex Police scheme that will see volunteers help support fraud victims across the county was launched on Friday (December 6) by Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne (above centre).

With fraud being the fastest growing crime type, there are thousands of victims each year in Sussex.

Now some 23 volunteers will be officially joining Sussex Police and they'll work with officers to contact local individuals and businesses who have recently reported scams to Action Fraud.

Between April 2018 and March 2019, there were 13,779 scams reported to Action Fraud, (a 6 per cent increase compared with the same period the previous year) with a total of £28.2m stolen from Sussex residents, (a 16 per cent increase).

Many victims of fraud find themselves being re-targeted in the future.



Safe Space Sussex, the only local online directory of support services, has been updated to include specific advice and details of local fraud awareness events. Now victims will be proactively signposted to this website for help and support.

Sussex Police has been working over the last year with partners including local county councils and charities to put this scheme together. It is soon to begin in West Sussex and then will extend to East Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

Mrs Bourne adds: “Volunteers within policing are an essential cog in the workings of the force. Warranted officers and trained police staff can’t always fill these gaps in communication; it places too much strain on resources and takes them away from where they are needed most.

To read the full story, please click on the link below or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/volunteers-join-sussex-police-to-support-victims-of-fraud/>

Police urge continued vigilance over Christmas period



Help us keep everyone safe this festive season.

Counter Terrorism Policing has launched a campaign to help keep crowded places secure over the festive period.

Officers are calling on the public and those who work in our busy towns and cities to remain vigilant and report any concerns to staff, security or - in confidence - to the police at gov.uk/ACT.

This annual campaign asks everyone to be the extra eyes and ears of the police, so we can work together to tackle terrorism.

Assistant Chief Constable Dave Miller, Head of the Surrey and Sussex Police Operations Command, said: "We are asking everyone out and about enjoying the season to put security at the top of their festive list.

- We are asking everyone out and about over the festive period to be a good CT citizen – to remain vigilant and if they see something that concerns them to ACT.
- The chances of any one person being caught up in a terrorism incident are low but the national threat level remains Substantial, meaning an attack is likely. So we all must remain alert, not alarmed.
- We are also asking for businesses and other organisations that operate in crowded places across our region to support us by displaying our messages.
- We are particularly encouraging members of the public visiting busy towns and cities, or staff who work in crowded places, to be aware of our message.
- If you see something that doesn't look right, report it to local security, a member of staff or to police – in confidence – at gov.uk/ACT or by calling 999.

To read the full story please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/police-urge->

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

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.

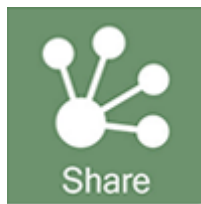
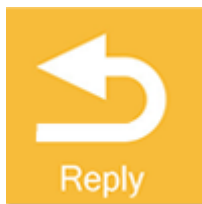
Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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