



## Horsham Bulletin

**Tuesday 11th February 2020**

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### Crime Summary

#### Burglary

There have been no burglary dwellings or burglary other than dwellings i.e. sheds or garages to report this week.

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### News articles

#### Sussex Police 'good' at reducing crime and keeping people safe

Sussex Police has welcomed an annual inspection report published today by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The report reflects an inspection from nearly a year ago, in April 2019, and HMICFRS recognise the progress the force has already made against their findings.

The Inspectorate found that Sussex Police is effective at reducing crime and keeping people safe and in how it treats the public and its workforce.

While the report acknowledges that Sussex Police has improved its ability to identify vulnerable people and that officers and staff assess vulnerability well, it has asked for further improvements in this area and in its efficiency overall.

The inspection team found that the force:

has a clear plan for neighbourhood policing with on-going investment in increasing its presence in local communities and in its investigative capabilities

has a good understanding of public demand, including uncovering 'hidden demand', and at planning future demand using innovative technology but could do more to address current lower risk issues

is ethical and good at treating its employees and the public fairly

Responding to the report, Chief Constable Giles York said: "We are absolutely committed to delivering the highest possible quality of policing to our local

communities in Sussex.

"The report recognises the overall quality of the service we provide but, being published almost a year after the inspection, does not reflect the huge strides that have been made since.

"During this period we have significantly reinvested in our neighborhood policing presence and in our investigative capacity, as well as launching new rural crime and proactive policing teams, both of which will be expanded further.

"We have reduced 101 call waiting times by more than 70%, to an average of under five minutes, and cut the number of callers who hang up before getting through by more than 60%. This is all making a difference now.

"In the coming weeks and months we will be further enhancing our service to victims of domestic abuse and the specialist support available for victims of sexual violence, among a range of growth plans.

"The recent and long overdue investment in policing is beginning to ease the pressure and lead to better outcomes for victims and for our local communities and we will build upon this.

"We welcome independent scrutiny for HMICFRS and recognise there is always more we can do. I remain incredibly proud of the work that our officers, staff and volunteers do every day to keep the people in Sussex safe."

The full report is available here.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-good-at-reducing-crime-and-keeping-people-safe/>

### **Witnesses sought following ram-raid on Horsham shop**



Police are investigating a ram-raid at the Co-Op store, Tanfield Court, Guildford Road, Horsham, which took place around 4.30am on Thursday (6 February). A dark-coloured Land Rover Defender was reported to have been used to smash a way into the shop, where an attempt was made to remove a cash point. The

suspect vehicle was later found abandoned in Hill Mead, Horsham. Enquiries are continuing. Anyone who saw anything suspicious, who may have relevant CCTV or dash-cam footage or who has other information about the incident is asked to contact police online or by phoning 101, quoting serial 149 of 06/02. Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously, telephone 0800 555111.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/witnesses-sought-following-ram-raid-on-horsham-shop/>

### **Witness appeal after cyclist injured in Slinfold collision**



Police are appealing for witnesses after a cyclist was injured in a road traffic collision.

At 1.45pm on Saturday, 8 February, police received a report of a crash involving a vehicle and cyclist on Stane Street, Slinfold.

Officers arrived and found the car had failed to stop at the scene. A 36-year-old man, the cyclist, was taken to hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

Police traced the car through ANPR and the part number of a wing mirror cover left at the scene of the crash.

At 5.35pm that same day, a 65-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stop after a road traffic collision. He has been released under investigation.

PC Ben Henwood of the West Roads Policing Unit said: "We want any witnesses to this collision to come forward and assist with our enquiries.

"If you have any dash-cam footage or any information regarding this incident please get in touch by reporting online or calling 101, quoting serial 686 of 08/02."

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/witness-appeal-after-cyclist-injured-in-slinfold-collision/>

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

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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](mailto: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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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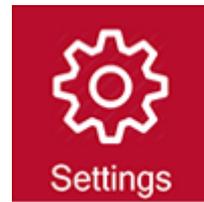
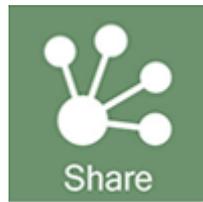
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