



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 7th April 2020

Crime Summary

Burglary

There are no burglary dwellings to report this week.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 1415 3rd April

Location: West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 1600hrs 2nd April and 0700hrs 3rd April

Details: A shed door was forced open and a generator was stolen.

Other

Coronavirus (Covid-19):

We're asking you please to only call 999 if it's an emergency and 101 if it's urgent. If you can, use our online services. If you're looking for information about the government instruction to stay at home and how that may affect you, you'll find guidance on Gov.UK. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> . We'll be updating information on our services over the coming days, please check online for those updates.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/c19/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>

News and appeals

Businesses and residents urged to check security



Local businesses are being urged to ensure their premises are sufficiently protected during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Sussex Police believe there could be an increase in organised acquisitive crime across the county – including burglaries of business premises – and have increased police patrols and proactive targeting of known local criminals.

Two men, charged with stealing £80,000 worth of stock from Currys PC World in Hove, were arrested after a fast-moving intelligence-led operation saw them arrested after a black Audi A4 was stopped by officers on the M23 on March 17. They've been remanded in custody to re-appear in court on April. Officers are also advising residents to make sure that their valuables are secure, especially as warmer weather may well result in opportunistic crooks taking advantage of properties left insecure.

Detective Chief Inspector Alasdair Henry, burglary prevention lead for Sussex Police, said: "We take burglary very seriously. Staff across the force are working hard to prevent an increase in burglary and we are ready to respond to any spikes in such criminality.

"We are urging business owners to ensure that they have sufficient and robust security features in place and that they are in full working order. Security cameras should be checked and owners need to make sure that any service doors are both secure and locked. Don't store cash in premises whilst they are closed.

"Owners of high value jewellery are encouraged to ensure it is securely locked away in the house, ideally in a safe or similar secure storage, rather than being left in drawers or cupboards. Residents should ensure that doors to their homes are

kept locked, especially overnight, but also when they might be out enjoying their gardens, and that they have measures in place to keep their residence secure.

"It is vital that we all work together to disrupt organised crime and prevent opportunistic burglaries. Our Sussex Police website provides some excellent detailed advice on how to protect your property from crime.

"Please do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to us. This includes reporting people trying to sell items that you suspect are stolen. If you have any information concerning burglary or people selling stolen goods please get in touch with us immediately online or by calling 101. You can also report anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

"In an emergency, such as a crime in progress, please dial 999."

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

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/businesses-and-residents-urged-to-check-security/>

Horsham crash victim formally identified



A man who died in a crash near Horsham has been formally identified.

Around 4.20pm on Saturday 28 March, a white Ford Transit van towing a trailer left the A29 Bognor Road carriageway and collided with a tree.

The driver was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. He has since been identified as Christopher Willmer, 67, of Clemsfold, near Horsham.

Police are still seeking witnesses to the incident, which occurred just west of

Horsham, near to the junction of Rowhook Road.

Specifically, officers are keen to speak to the driver of a white Mini that was three cars behind the van when it crashed – they are not in any way involved, and this is purely to obtain a witness statement.

Anyone else who saw what happened, or anyone with any relevant dash cam footage, is asked to email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting Operation Dial.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/horsham-crash-victim-formally-identified/>

Many people in Sussex stayed home to save lives



Despite the high temperatures last weekend, many people in Sussex followed government advice to stay home, help protect the NHS and save lives.

Superintendent Graham Barnett said: “We are pleased to see that most of the public have listened to our appeals to stay home and avoid travelling to places where other people are gathering.

“We have been disappointed to get reports of people who are still continuing to flout the life-saving advice being given out from the government and our partners during this devastating pandemic.

“These reports have largely been around people holding house and street parties, meeting up to exercise in groups and congregating at beauty hotspots and some beaches.

“Our officers were out all weekend, continuing our day-to-day policing, including patrolling public areas. We engaged, explained and encouraged people to do the right thing in following the government’s guidance and where necessary we have taken enforcement action against those who have not complied.

“The forecast for this week and the coming Easter weekend is that the warm weather is set to be with us but we urge the public to continue being strong and resilient and avoid the temptation to ignore our advice.

"Our priority remains staying at home, avoiding contact with others and stopping the spread of Covid-19. We thank everyone for their continued patience at this challenging time."

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/many-people-in-sussex-stayed-home-to-save-lives/>

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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 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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