



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 21st April 2020

Crime Summary

Burglary

There are no burglary to dwellings to report this week.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0185 18th April

Location: Peppers Lane, Ashurst

Date and time: Between 2300hrs 17th April and 0200hrs 18th April

Details: An in secure garage and an insecure car were both entered and items were stolen.

Other

Coronavirus (Covid-19): We're asking you please to only call 999 if it is an emergency and 101 if it's urgent. If you can, use our online services. Please only contact us about breaches of the 'stay at home' measures if you feel there is a significant issue or serious breach of the restrictions.

Please click on the links below for further information.

<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/>

or, go to the GOV.UK website for up-to-date information.

News and appeals

Support for stalking victims to mark national awareness campaign



Stalking Awareness Week

Stalkers are fixated and obsessive offenders who will not stop.

Statistics show that one in six women and one in 12 men will experience stalking nationally, but this is believed to be grossly underestimated.

And when they become victims, they tend not to report to the police until the 100th incident.

Sussex Police and the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner are reminding people of assistance and advice available in addition to expert investigation, in support of National Stalking Awareness Week, 20-24 April, 'See Stalking Clearly', which has an added focus on cyber and online stalking, especially during the current #Covid-19 pandemic.

For those affected by stalking, current isolation as a result of #Covid-19 may mean an increase in stalking online and special advice has been issued by Sussex Police.

The Sussex-based stalking support agency Veritas Justice has seen an increase in reports of online stalking over the past few weeks, which is thought to relate to the current lockdown and isolation as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak. Help and support from Veritas is available online and on the phone at 01273 234773. For details of a new online chat facility, funded by the Sussex Police Crime and Commissioner (SPCC) and delivered by Veritas Justice for victims of stalking to easily reach out for help and advice during this time, go to the Veritas website and to the SPCC website.

But always report stalking to the police, who are ready to respond to calls and help victims.

Police are already advising and supporting more stalking victims than ever. As the second highest recorder of stalking offences after the Metropolitan Police, reports in Sussex are up by more than 100% in just three years, with more victims feeling confident to come forward to report offences.

As soon as a new law came into effect in January this year, Sussex was the first force in the country to secure court Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs), which run for a minimum of two years. The force has already secured eight SPOs and applications for a further five are due to be heard by courts in Sussex by the end of April. These Orders equip police with valuable powers to better protect victims or anyone connected with them in stalking cases. Significantly, SPOs enable police to enforce both prohibitions and/or specific requirements.

Mick Richards adds; "During the current #Covid-19 pandemic your safety online is particularly important and there are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself.

"In particular, don't be tempted to 'block' your caller, delete messages or throw away gifts as they could be used as evidence later on. This might include audio recordings, films or pictures, copies of emails, text messages, screenshots and similar material. You can also keep a log of all the incidents that have occurred.

"Always report it. Getting help early will assist in protecting you. This can be done by contacting us online, by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency.

#NSAW2020 #SeeStalkingClearly"

Claudia Ortiz, founder of Veritas Justice, says: "For this National Stalking Awareness Week we are focusing on "Seeing Stalking Clearly". More than ever it is important that stalking victims remain a visible priority during this crisis by enabling them to access the support and advice they need during these challenging times.

"Stalkers will continue stalking during lockdown and we will continue working with clients and partners to adapt to the changing landscape. We want to reassure victims that we are still here for them, you don't have to suffer in silence, check out website and chat to us <https://veritas-justice.co.uk>

Background and detailed advice;

If you are being stalked or harassed it is important that you report it. Stalkers are fixated and obsessive offenders who will not stop.

Stalking is when someone shows repeated and unwanted attention towards another person. Often when individual incidents are put together they can reveal a pattern of obsessive behaviour.

Stalking is a crime that is distressing and malicious and is something no one should have to put up with.

Think FOUR. Is the behaviour;

F – fixated

O – obsessive

U – unwanted

R - repeated

Visit the Sussex Police website to learn more about stalking and harassment and how to report this dangerous and debilitating crime.

For further information on local support services go to Safe Space Sussex
You can report stalking or harassment online or by calling 101 or in person at your local police station.

But always call 999 if you are in danger. Our officers and staff will undertake a risk assessment and focus on keeping you safe.

If you would like further information about stalking or harassment, there are

several organisations that specialise in providing advice and support to victims. Veritas is a local organisation which provides advocacy and support for victims of stalking.

The National Stalking Helpline provides advice and guidance to current or previous victims of stalking or harassment and can be contacted on 0808 802 0300.

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust provides practical personal safety advice - call them on 020 7091 0014.

To see the full report please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/support-for-stalking-victims-to-mark-national-awareness-campaign/>

Police warn against fraudsters amid coronavirus pandemic



Police are warning against fraudsters claiming to be collecting on-the-spot fines for breaches of the government's coronavirus guidelines.

Officers were made aware of a teenage man being approached by three men in Ditchling Road, Brighton, around 11pm on Saturday 11 April. They claimed to be undercover police officers and issuing him with an on-the-spot fine for being out during the coronavirus lockdown. The men also had a device which took the payment on-the-spot.

The suspects are described as white men, all around 6ft and with no facial hair. One was wearing a black hooded jumper and another was wearing a grey hooded jumper with a baseball cap.

Chief Superintendent Nick May said: "It's incredibly disappointing to see people using these unprecedented times as an opportunity to commit fraud.

"While we have the powers to issue fixed penalty notices to those who are 18 and over, individuals who are given fixed penalty notices will always receive

confirmation of this by mail at which stage they will be provided with details on how to make payment.

“Our police officers and police community support officers will always be able to provide identification to verify who they are. If you are approached by anyone claiming to be an officer, please ask to see proof of their identity which genuine officers will be more than happy to show you.”

Any witnesses to the above incident, or anyone with any information, is asked to contact Sussex Police online or by calling 101 quoting serial 208 of 11/04. For further advice on protecting yourself from fraud, please visit the Action Fraud website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-warn-against-fraudsters-amid-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Identity sought after burglary at Pulborough church



Police would like to speak to this man in connection with a burglary at a church in Pulborough.

Between 10:15 and 10:30am on Friday (April 10), St Mary's Church was broken into with damage caused to a stained glass window and a door. A small amount of cash was stolen from the collection plate.

Officers believe the man pictured could help them with their enquiries. He is described as white, 25-35 years old, 5' 6" – 5' 8", of slim build with short brown hair and wearing dark clothing.

Anyone who knows this man, or who may have any other information about the burglary, is asked to contact police online or call 101 quoting serial 932 of 10/04.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/identity-sought-after-burglary-at-pulborough-church/>

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.

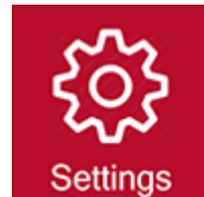
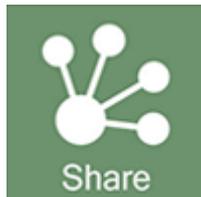
Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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