



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 26th May 2020

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0517 19th May

Location: Coolham Road, West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 1040hrs and 1140hrs 19th May

Details: A door was broken and a jewellery box was stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling – there are no shed or garage breaks to report this week.

News and appeals

Man arrested after assault on 70-year-old woman in Horsham



A 70-year-old woman was assaulted by a man in Horsham on Thursday evening (May 14).

The woman was walking along Kings Road about 7.20pm when the man approached her and tried to push a sandwich he was eating into her mouth before punching her on the cheek. The assault appears to have been totally unprovoked and completely random.

The victim remembers a jogger running past at the time who may have been witness to the incident.

The incident is being linked to another incident on April 22, when a man randomly assaulted a 55-year-old woman walking her dog in Coltsfoot Drive, kicking her several times to the leg resulting in heavy swelling and bruising.

If you were witness to or have any information regarding the above incidents, please report online or call 101 quoting reference 1232 of 14/05.

A 66-year-old man from Horsham has been arrested on suspicion of two counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He has been released under investigation.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/man-arrested-after-assault-on-70-year-old-woman-in-horsham/>

Sussex Police gives £60,000 to good causes during Covid-19 lockdown



Sussex Police has given more than £60,000 to charities and good causes in the county during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The money has come from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) - a pot of money made up from the sale of found property and from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold.

The main aim of the fund is to support local projects undertaken by voluntary and charitable organisations that solely benefit the communities of Sussex.

Since April 13, Sussex Police has dished out £60,000 to 78 groups that have been providing support for people during the coronavirus pandemic.

One of those to benefit is Brighton-based Volunteering Matters, which has been supporting the elderly community during lockdown by doing their shopping and keeping them entertained.

The group, which received a £1,000 grant from Sussex Police, also runs regular sing-along sessions which have been described as 'the highlight of the week' and 'an escape from day-to-day life' by those who take part.

To see who else has benefitted from the money and to read the full story please click on the link or go to our website.

To view the Sussex Police eBay Store, visit <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/sussexpolicepropertydisposals> .

To find out more about the Police Property Act Fund, or to make an application for funds, visit <https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/au/about-us/charity-and-community/police-property-act-fund-ppaf/>.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/sussex-police-gives-60000-to-good-causes-during-covid-19-lockdown/>

Message to motorists after video appears to show car travelling at 201mph



Police are reminding all motorists to drive safely and responsibly, after a video emerged which appears to show a car travelling at 201mph in Sussex.

The shocking footage, which was posted on social media, was captured on the M23 southbound between Gatwick and Crawley.

While no date has been provided, the incident is believed to have occurred at some point during the coronavirus lockdown.

As enquiries to identify the driver and bring them to justice continue, police are urging all road users to stay safe.

Chief Inspector Michael Hodder, of the Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing Unit, said: "This is one of the most appalling examples of dangerous and irresponsible driving we have ever seen in Sussex.

"Driving at such grossly excessive speeds hugely increases the chances of being involved in a collision, and it's extremely fortunate the driver has not killed or seriously injured themselves or someone else.

"We have a team of specialist roads policing officers who will fully investigate this footage with a view to identifying and bringing the driver to justice."

Last year in Sussex, a total of 1,393 speed-related collisions were recorded –

the highest number in the county since 2009. Of these, 315 resulted in serious injuries and **18** in fatalities.

Chief Insp Hodder added: “While the vast majority of motorists stay within the speed limits, there is a small minority who put themselves and others at risk. There is no excuse for speeding at any time.

“We urge drivers and motorcyclists to ditch the excuses and remind them we will be enforcing speed limits at high priority locations, targeting those who present themselves to be a danger on the roads.

“It only takes a minor lapse in concentration or a slight error of judgement to cause a collision. Speed kills, it’s as simple as that.”

Surrey Police and Sussex Police have invested more money into the roads policing unit over the last year, enabling officers to take proactive action to reduce the impact of ‘fatal four’ offences – speeding, drink and drug-driving, mobile phone use and not wearing a seatbelt – during this crisis and beyond.

The forces are supporting the National Police Chiefs’ Council’s nationwide speeding campaign, which runs throughout May. Find out more here. Police have received a number of reports of speeding drivers since the lockdown began, and anyone with any information about offences committed in Sussex is urged to report on the Operation Crackdown website, quoting Operation Checkmate.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it online.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/message-to-motorists-after-video-appears-to-show-car-travelling-at-201mph/>

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

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