



Adur, Worthing, Horsham Monthly Update What we did in January 2016

Crime and Community Safety

- **Have you seen the Big Book of Little Scams?** Do you know someone that may need more information about protecting themselves from scams? Take a look and pass this on, this is the second edition with lots of useful information. [Click here](#)

Please also find attached the latest version for the fraud and scams newsletter. The newsletter covers information on the latest incidents across Sussex to help prevent other becoming a victim. It also highlights success stories such as the conviction of a group of prolific scammers last month. Please [click here](#) for full newsletter.

- **'Child Sexual Exploitation is never the child's fault', is a key message in the second phase of the Sussex Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) awareness campaign-** CSE is child abuse in which the victim is given something (food, money, drugs, alcohol or gifts) in exchange for sexual activity with the abuser. This is a crime that can affect any child; boys or girls, anytime, anywhere, regardless of their social or ethnic background.

Sussex Police are working with the independent Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) to deliver in partnership an understanding of how everyone has a part to play in helping to #StopCSE.

The second phase of this campaign, starting on 15 February, focuses on children aged 12-18 about what Child Sexual Exploitation could be. Sussex Police and partners want all children regardless of gender, sexual orientation, background or ethnicity to be equipped with the knowledge that should a relationship online or in the real world appear to be not quite what it seems, they know what to do and where to get guidance. For more information please [click here](#).

Highlights from the last month from Adur, Worthing and Horsham

Worthing Police officers rescue woman in sea

Two Worthing police officers and a firearms officer braved 'freezing' conditions to save a woman from the sea on Friday, 15 January.

They were called to Madeira Avenue at around 4pm following reports of a 20-year-old woman spotted in the water.

The officers arrived on the scene and despite the coastguard being notified, chose to enter the water for fear the woman could be swept further out by strong tides.

PC Duncan Slaney said: "When we got there I could see that her head was going under the water and knew something had to be done.

"We couldn't reach her initially, but luckily she got close enough to the shore for us to be able to get a lifeline to her and then get her out of the water."

PC Robert Annett added: "The water was absolutely freezing but she had been in the water for almost 10 minutes by the time we got there. We had to do something to help."

Inspector John Merrick said: "It is apparent that the selfless and swift actions of the officers saved the woman from being swept out to sea or being completely overcome by the cold.

"Although it is generally not advisable to enter the water in such conditions, the officers made a dynamic risk assessment and entered the water fearing for the immediate safety of the woman.

"All persons made it back to shore and although suffering from the effects of the cold were otherwise uninjured. The actions of all 3 officers are commendable."

Ever wondered what £25,000 worth of Cannabis looks like?

Pictured on the right is 5kg of Cannabis recovered from a property in Worthing amounting to roughly £25,000. One male was arrested on suspicion of the production of cannabis.



Three jailed for home burglaries in Devon and West Sussex



Three men were jailed for a total of 21 years at Exeter Crown Court on Tuesday 26 January after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglaries in Devon and Sussex.

Tomas Paulavicius, 36 (pictured left), was sentenced to eight years in prison, Dainius Gastilavicius, 39 (centre), was given seven years, and Arturas Malysovas, 21 (pictured right), was sentenced to six years in prison.

Devon and Cornwall Police led the lengthy investigation working closely with the West Sussex Priority Crime Team of Sussex Police, with offences being committed in South, Mid and East Devon, and West Sussex.

The investigation began in 2014 after a series of specific burglaries were identified by Devon and Cornwall Police, in which UPVC door locks were snapped to enable the offenders to get into the property.

Detective Constable James Brice, based in Totnes, said: "The offenders, who were all living in East London, were identified by local officers. It became clear that this was national problem as the three men were part of an organised criminal gang travelling across the country committing similar offences."

Twenty three victims of these specific types of burglaries were identified across Devon.

Once the offenders were identified, a joint investigation with Sussex Police began, resulting in the convictions and sentencings at Exeter Crown Court.

In June 2015 detectives launched a nationwide appeal to trace three potential victims of crime after memory cards were recovered during the investigation at Paulavicius' home.

Photographs taken on holiday in Koh Sumai, Thailand, were released of potential victims officers were keen to identify.

Following the successful appeal on social media, the woman in the photographs, from Lincolnshire, contacted police. She had been the victim of a burglary and was subsequently reunited with her stolen property.

The Sussex burglaries were;

Aug 2014 - Four in Bognor, two in Andrew Avenue, one in Drake Park and one in Mansfield Road;

Jan 2015 - **three in Horsham - Falklands Drive, Patchings, and Cootes Avenue;**

Feb 2015 - one in **Churchill Avenue, Horsham**

March 2015 - two in Burgess Hill, at The Warren and The Ridings, one in Farlington Avenue, Haywards Heath, and **three in Horsham, at Vale Drive, Rusper Road and Rushams Road.**

Detective Constable David Wadley of the Sussex Police Priority Crime Team added: "This was a complex and worthwhile investigation in which we worked closely with our colleagues in Devon and Cornwall Police. Identifying the owner of the memory card was key linking the offenders to the series of burglaries.

"This guilty verdict will bring some reassurance and peace of mind to the victims who suffered a very traumatic experience, and in some cases, lost sentimental valuables that have been irreplaceable."

Sussex Police have set up Operation Magpie to combat burglaries across the county. An 11% reduction in burglaries in Sussex in calendar year 2015, against the same period for 2014, has seen 290 fewer victims of burglaries in their homes and 640 fewer victims of other burglaries at businesses, garages and outbuildings.

Letters/Emails/Calls of thanks

Letter of thanks received by Superintendent Whitton for Police Enquiry Officer Saonie Wilkin, Horsham Front Office:

Dear Superintendent Whitton,

I would like to bring to your attention the exemplary service that I received from Police Enquiry Officer Saonie Wilkin, when I had lost my wallet on the Worthing – Midhurst bus.

A benefactor found the wallet thrown away in Storrington and took it to your station. PEO Saonie Wilkin took the trouble to track me down wrote me a letter and then handed me my wallet with a huge smile. Her comment was memorable, “I love reuniting members of the public with their lost property.”

Here you have an example of the very best in our Police Service that is often overlooked or disregarded.

I know that you will congratulate PEO Wilkin for upholding the high standards that you set your team of officers.

It only remains for me to wish you a Happy New Year and, through you, to thank your officers who work so hard to make our streets safe often at great personal risk to themselves.

We do not know how fortunate we are in this country to have such a good police service.

Telephone call received thanking PC Nick Wood, Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team:

“I would like to pass thanks to PC Wood who assisted my daughter and I on Thursday evening when our car keys were lost. He dropped us home and was very kind. I am 90 years old and have a chest infection. He was very helpful as we felt vulnerable due to the time of the evening. I was amazed by his help and understanding. He made me feel at ease.”

Your Voice Counts

Through Your Voice Counts available via our [website](#) where you can contact us. This could be a recent good or bad experience you have had with Sussex Police, any dealings you have had with police officers or staff, or any questions you may have or a story you have recently heard involving Sussex Police.

A thank you to PCSO Clodagh and colleagues:

One comment received recently was from a member of the public thanking PCSO Clodagh and colleagues for helping a man along Worthing sea front.

“Your officers were gentle, kind and patient with this man. He was very cold and they sat him up on the bench then one of them went and bought him hot tea - touching to see community policing at its best. Thank you to your officers for caring hundreds of us had passed by and not noticed or acted. So cheering to see that despite the sometimes bad

press and cuts the police get your officers have not lost their compassion or genuine concern, thank you”

Another ‘Your voice Counts’ has been received for PCs Muncey and Harman from Horsham Response Team:

Hi, I just wanted to say thank you to the two officers and their colleagues who helped me last night. I had a car accident on the Steyning - Ashurst Road due to black ice. I ended up stranded in a field. They got there quickly and were very helpful.

It turned out to be a complicated retrieval and they kept me calm and warm on a very cold night. They also got fairly muddy. I was also very grateful that they got me home, especially as their shifts probably should have ended. I am very grateful.

Your voice counts received for PC Wilson (Horsham Response Team), DC Chambers (Priority Crime Team) and CSI James Gartrell (Forensic Crime Scene Services):

I just wanted to give my positive feedback about the police officers who we met after our house was burgled. PC Wilson (Katie Wilson) was fantastic, taking lots of time to explain the process of making a statement and what would happen next. James Gartrell from the Forensic Investigation Team was extremely thorough, explaining what he was doing and giving crime prevention advice. Finally, Detective DC Julie Chambers rang up and was really helpful, explaining her role and the support that is on offer. I'm really impressed to have encountered such a swift and professional response. Thank you.

Police supporting the community

PC Rob Luff form Adur and Worthing has helped the Sussex Police Volleyball Team raise a total of £3225 for charity.

Every year Police Forces across the country take it in turn to host the inter-police volleyball tournament, which sees 14 teams made up of Police officers, Police staff and retired officers play a number matches throughout a weekend.

In September, Sussex Police hosted this event for the first time. The matches were played at the Triangle Leisure Centre, Burgess Hill. Traditionally, on the Saturday evening a gala charity night is held, which aims to raise money for a charity chosen by the hosting team. This year’s event was held at the Amex Stadium and the charity chosen was Chailey Heritage Foundation.

Chailey Heritage Foundation is a charity that offers services for children and young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs. Chailey Heritage Foundation is a pioneering charity providing education, care and transition services for children and young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs.

The charity encompasses Chailey Heritage School, Chailey Heritage Residential and Chailey Heritage Futures, and aims to provide a stimulating and inclusive environment where all young people are given every opportunity to make progress towards fulfilment and develop life skills in preparation for adulthood. As well as schooling and classroom

based lessons the Foundation also offers activities such as swimming and therapeutic horse riding. The charity has to raise money for a wide range of equipment, facilities and activities that it provides, many of which, are not readily available elsewhere.

Following the fundraising efforts Sussex Police presented a cheque to the Foundation where they received a tour of the facilities and an opportunity to meet some of the children that benefit from the charity. PC Rob Luff who presented the cheque to Joan Martin and Jenny Hanraads said “I am delighted that I was able to present this cheque, having been able to see the great work the charity does. Our donation will help fund “Digital Learning for Life” – a project to enhance the learning environment through the provision of specialist computer equipment.

Many of the children use Eye Gaze computers which enable them to control a computer screen using their eye movements instead of a mouse. I was lucky enough to be able to try one which is already in use, and was extremely impressed. The equipment enables children to play games and learn in the same way as any other child, and we feel this donation will make a big difference.”



If you would like to make a donation to Chailey Heritage Foundation you can contact the Fundraising Office on 01825 724752 or email fundraising@chf.org.uk.

Police donation to help Storrington responders deliver lifesaving treatment

Police have given a donation to the Storrington Area Response Team to help them buy new equipment.

Police Community Support Officer Carol Boniface presented a cheque from the Police Property Act Fund for £500. The response team is a group of volunteers who are trained to

deliver lifesaving treatment and can be alerted to go to the scene when a 999 call is received by the ambulance service, along with an ambulance crew.

Nikki Turner, team leader said: "I'd like to thank Sussex Police for their contribution. We hope to put the money towards buying a new defibrillator."

The donation comes from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), made up of monies received by the police from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold.

PCSO Boniface said: "The work of the Storrington responders is so valuable to the community of Storrington and Sullington. I am delighted that we have been able to support them to continue saving lives."



Pictured: PCSO Carol Boniface and Nikki Turner, StART team leader.

Horsham Police help fund new seating for The Phoenix Stroke Club

Horsham police has donated £250 to The Phoenix Stroke Club to help fund new outdoor seating.

Ann Wilson, Assistant Manager of The Phoenix Stroke Club said: "I would like to say how grateful we are for the kind donation, it will be used towards some garden furniture for our members to sit on in the garden in the summer. PCSO Tracy Bicknell is always very supportive and has recently visited to talk about scams in the area."

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Police Community Support Officer Tracy Bicknell said: "The Phoenix Stroke Club provides immense support to local residents who have suffered from a stroke and they have also

helped support Sussex Police campaigns and welcomed us to their facility to enable us to provide valuable crime prevention advice to their members. I am looking forward to visiting the club later in the spring and seeing their new garden furniture in situ.”



Pictured: PCSO Tracy Bicknell with staff and members of the Phoenix Stroke Club

Regards

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