



## Adur, Worthing and Horsham District - Monthly Update What we did in November 2015

Welcome to the first joint newsletter for the recently formed Adur, Worthing and Horsham District.

This merger of District command forms part of longer term plans under the Local Policing Programme to deliver the most effective service possible - keeping the public safe and catching criminals while reducing costs. Improved technology coupled with more efficient and agile use of resources will enable the achievement of these aims and help build the capability to prevent crime.

In addition to this partnership working will continue to be improved to ensure that, where an issue is not a police matter, the public can be put in touch with the agency most appropriate to help.

I am honoured to be able to lead my team across both districts and I can give you my personal commitment that we will continue to deliver quality, responsive and intelligence lead policing which will focus on the vulnerable and the issues of greatest risk.

Our mission is to catch criminals and keep people safe; nothing more, nothing less.

I hope that you find this newsletter informative and I am looking forward to working further with, and for you all as we enter 2016.

### Crime and Community Safety

#### **Court result:**

A court result from late October sees two teenagers found guilty of criminal damage offences relating to a spree of vandalism in Billingshurst, Pulborough and West Chiltington in May.

Hamish McLeod-Miller, 19, from West Chiltington, and a 17-year-old boy who cannot be identified for legal reasons were found guilty of five counts of criminal damage. The case was heard at Chichester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday October 21.

McLeod-Miller was sentenced to a 12 month community order with 100 hours of unpaid work, and was ordered to pay £300 compensation and £310 costs. He was also ordered to pay a criminal courts charge of £520 and a victim surcharge of £60.

The 17-year-old was sentenced at Worthing Youth Court on Thursday 29 October and received a Youth Rehabilitation Order with 40 hours unpaid work, and was ordered to pay £100 compensation and £100 costs

The charges relate to damage caused to around 80 vehicles in the villages in the early hours of Monday May 4 and Tuesday May 5.

### **Operation Vanquish – Horsham Town Centre**

Operation Vanquish was held in Horsham Town Centre on Tuesday 24 November. Officers from the Sussex West Roads Policing Unit were assisted by members of Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team with representatives from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).

Op Vanquish is an enforcement operation run by roads policing officers with local officers in conjunction with partner agencies. These operations are set up in response to concerns from the local community and from intelligence gathered by local policing teams. The purpose is to conduct high profile operations in local communities in order to improve awareness and compliance with road safety legislation and to reduce the number of casualties on the roads of Sussex.

During the operation penalty tickets were issued to:

- 6 people for seat belt offences
- 1 person for mobile phone offences
- 4 people for having defective tyres on their vehicles
- 1 person for having no MOT on their vehicle
- 1 person for having a misrepresented number plate on their vehicle
- 1 person for having incorrectly tinted windows on their vehicle.

DVSA officers also issued 4 x prohibitions for vehicle defects.

### **Christmas campaign**

Sussex Police is working hard to keep you and your family safe during the Christmas and New Year period, and is delivering a series of crime prevention messages and guidance on social media. The advice includes tips on personal safety, online safety, home security and protecting yourself from fraud. We can all do our bit to make it harder for criminals to operate and ensure Sussex is a safe place to celebrate this season.

Seasonal trends show an increase in 'crimes of opportunity' at this time of year including the theft of wallets, purses and bags and other unattended property, as well as those gifts purchased for family and friends. Make sure Christmas presents are not left visible in your car, in unattended shopping bags or visible to passers-by in a window under your Christmas tree. For more details please click [here](#)

### **December sees Christmas drink/drug driving campaign**

Drivers taking to the road under the influence of drugs as well as drink will be targeted in the Christmas drink/drug driving campaign.

As part of Operation Dragonfly - Sussex and Surrey police forces' year-round strategy to deal with drink and drug-drivers - road policing unit officers will be on dedicated patrols looking for offenders.

The campaign is being run jointly by Sussex Police and Surrey Police alongside Sussex Safer Roads Partnership, Drive Smart in Surrey and the independent charity Crimestoppers.

### **Drugs warrants have been executed at three addresses in Horsham.**

Police carried out the misuse of drugs act warrants at properties in Crawley Road, Forest Road and Honeysuckle Walk on Thursday 26 November.

At Forest Road and at Crawley Road a quantity of drugs were found as well as a pepper spray.

As a result, three people were arrested - a 26-year-old woman, a 39-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy all from Horsham.

They were all arrested on suspicion of possession of cannabis and cocaine, possession of a weapon which discharges a noxious liquid/gas/electricity and money laundering. They have all been bailed until February 5 while investigations continue.

No arrests were made at Honeysuckle Walk.

## **Public Confidence**

### **Recognition of Good Work from PS Burgess to PCSO's Green, Rushworth and Lynch**

CI Hodges,

I would like to let you know about a man that the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) have been helping for the last few weeks and really focusing on safeguarding people.

The man in question is a very vulnerable confused man, who likes to see the good in people but unfortunately appears to have fallen foul to those who prey on vulnerable people. Being a trusting person this has allowed the perpetrator to do the vulnerable man's shopping and given him access to his bank card, the perpetrator has also allowed other people to have use of his bank card to get things for him. Unfortunately it would appear

that while getting shopping the perpetrator may have helped themselves to other items and have also withdrawn money from his bank account.

Local PCSO's were concerned how little food the man had and arranged on going deliveries from a food bank, they have also been visiting him on a daily basis to ensure that there were no unwanted persons in the property. They have also contacted Social Services with a strong case that action needed to be taken to move the vulnerable man to a place of safety.

The three PCSO's have all worked hard to achieve this result but PCSO Green in particular has been like a dog with a bone in terms of making sure this man was safe. She even said she would be able to sleep easier knowing that this person was now safe.

## **Volunteer Police Cadets Awards Ceremony**

On Friday 20 November Sussex Police celebrated an awards evening with its 180 cadets supported by Lord Lieutenant Peter Field, Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, ACC Robin Smith, Chief Superintendent Steve Whitton, Temporary Chief Superintendent Di Roskilly and Superintendent James Collis and District Commanders along with their family and friends.



The award ceremony is an opportunity for Sussex Police to show its gratitude and appreciation for the huge commitment shown by all of our volunteer cadets who support the organisation keeping Sussex safe.

The Team of the Year award went to Adur and Worthing cadets. Among their many achievements was their commitment to providing crime prevention advice to vulnerable people within the community and for their support in setting up the Junior Neighbourhood Watch Campaign.

ACC Robin Smith said “Wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our cadet units across Sussex. This is a positive reflection of the work that our young people are doing with the support of dedicated police staff/leaders. Well done to all of you for your hard work and commitment.”

The Volunteer Cadets scheme provides a fantastic training ground for young people in Sussex who want to give something back to their local community. I was delighted to be asked to speak at the event about the work of another group of young volunteers – the

Sussex Youth Commission – and my commitment to developing volunteering opportunities to help keep Sussex safe.”

### **An update on the continued crackdown on anti-social behaviour in Worthing**

Police in Worthing are continuing to crackdown on alcohol-fuelled anti-social behaviour.

From 30 June to 1 September 2016, a number of Section 35 Orders were issued which gave officers the power to move individuals from a specific area if they were behaving anti-socially. A dispersal zone was set up between West Street and the Splashpoint Leisure Centre and included Montague Street. The exclusion meant that those people moved on could not return to that area for 48 hours and if anyone breached its terms they could be arrested.

Throughout this time 70 members of the street community were arrested for offences including drunk and disorderly, failing to leave the dispersal zone and shoplifting.

Since then the Police and the Borough Council's Safer Communities team have been able to gather evidence on a number of offenders and three people have recently been charged. As well as custodial sentences, two of them have been served with Criminal Behaviour Orders and another has been issued an Anti-Social Behaviour Order. If the conditions of these are breached, they can be sent back to prison.

Councillor Val Turner, Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing at Worthing Borough Council said: "We have listened to the residents and businesses who have been blighted by repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour and are confident that through our partnership work, we can continue to target those individuals who have a negative impact on the town."

PC Marvin Lucas said: "Whilst there are currently no plans to reintroduce further dispersal orders, we want to assure local residents that we will continue to target offenders with a range of enforcement action.

"The work with our partners has had a huge impact in reducing incidents of crime and disorder in the town centre and some of our most prolific offenders are now serving custodial sentences.

"I would urge anyone to report any incidents or concerns as that helps us to establish where we need to concentrate our resources and which individuals in particular we need to target."

Regards

**Chief Inspector Howard Hodges**

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