

Sussex Police

Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team

Weekly Update

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News summaries, advice and appeals

For the latest news please click on the link below to the Sussex Police news pages:

<http://www.sussex.police.uk/whats-happening/latest/news-stories>

A round-up of burglary alerts for the Horsham District 14/02/15 – 20/02/15:

Between 14 February and 20 February 4 burglary dwellings were reported in the Horsham District at Clivedale Gardens – Steyning, Glebelands – Pulborough, Mill Lane - Storrington & Nyetimber Copse - West Chiltington. These are being investigated by the Priority Crime Team. Separate burglary bulletins have been circulated to those areas concerned. Please remember to report any suspicious people or vehicles to Sussex Police.

Op Edisto – Telephone Fraudsters – Horsham Residents still receiving calls

Sussex Police are reminding residents, especially the elderly and anyone living alone, not to be taken in by a current wave of crime in which phone callers posing as police officers ask for bank and card details.

There has been a recent rise this month across West Sussex in this crime type. The fraudsters call the intended victim claiming to be from the Police. They tell the victim that their card details have been fraudulently used and that they need to act urgently to protect themselves. They suggest that they hang up and ring the police back to ensure that the call is genuine.

Don't be fooled - they stay on the line and pretend to be the police. They then tell the intended victim to key in or read out their PIN number.

They will then send a taxi or courier, who may know nothing about the crime, to collect the bank card. With this and the PIN they will then have full access to spend your money.

Some recent variations in the methods include;

- asking the victim to assist in a police investigation. The victim is requested to withdraw a large sum of cash and take it home, where it is then collected by a courier;
- telling the victim that there is a corrupt member of staff within the bank and asking for help in identifying them. The victim is told to withdraw a large sum of money which will be 'marked', with the purpose of it being placed back into the banking system. A taxi driver is sent round to collect the cash.
- introducing themselves as police officers and saying that they have detained two men who were trying to buy a Rolex watch and had in their possession various cloned credit/debit cards, some in the name of the intended victim. They say they need to confirm bank details for investigation purposes.

Chief Inspector Jon Hull said; Never give out your bank details to someone who has contacted you on your home phone unsolicited. The police will never call you and ask for money or ask you to withdraw cash. If you have any suspicions please do not use the phone you have just been called on to contact the police. If you are asked to call back to confirm their identity, ensure you don't do so for at least 20 seconds to ensure the phone line hasn't been kept open, and if possible use another phone to contact the police to report it, or to contact a friend to relative to alert them.

If you are a Taxi Driver and you are asked to collect a parcel from an address and you are unsure about the circumstances then please let the police know.

Anyone reading this message please ensure you pass it on to any friends and relatives who may not be aware of this particular type of targeted fraud, to prevent any vulnerable friends or family members from becoming victims.

Please continue to resist these callers, so if you have any information, whether you have received similar calls or know someone who has been a victim of this crime, contact Sussex Police via 101 or email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting Operation Edisto. You can also call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

For on-line advice on fraud prevention, go to <http://www.sussex.police.uk/help-centre/ask-us/fraud,-scams-and-financial-issues/what-can-i-do-to-prevent-fraud>

Make sure you and your family do not become a victim of this or any type of SCAM
<http://bit.ly/Mkaxnq>

Other Crimes/Incidents from across the Horsham District this week:

If you have seen or heard anything related to these incidents please contact Sussex Police [here](#), email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk, call **101** or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Area	Ref	Date	Details
Southwater	166	16/02	Treetops, Southwater Sometime between 6pm on Friday 13 February and 7:30am on Monday 16 February a VW Passat was broken into whilst parked in Treetops. The owner of the vehicle found the passenger door and boot open. A Sat Nav was stolen from the glove box.
Horsham	261	16/02	Victoria Street, Horsham Informant to police has noticed that the plastic handle to their shed has been broken off. Believed to have happened sometime between 8:45am on Wednesday 11 February and 2pm on 15 February. Shed is located in a communal area of sheds and no others have fresh damage. Nothing taken and no entry gained due to swollen door.
Rudgwick	261	16/02	Foxholes, Rudgwick Sometime between midday on Saturday 7 February and 9:30 on Sunday 8 February a Ford Fiesta parked in

			Foxholes was broken into. An untidy search was made of the vehicle and a walking stick was stolen. No forced entry was made to the vehicle, possibly due to it being left unlocked.
Washington	913	16/02	<p>Chanctonbury Close, Washington</p> <p>A suspicious caller knocked on the door of a house in Chanctonbury Close and asked the occupant if their caravan was for sale. The male left the property in a red Nissan D22 pick-up truck.</p>
Steyning	500	17/02	<p>Horsham Road, Steyning</p> <p>Sometime between 31 January and Monday 9 February some items were stolen from an unlocked workshop in Horsham Road including a Karcher pressure washer.</p>
Pulborough	297	17/02	<p>Blackgate Lane, Pulborough</p> <p>Overnight between 10pm on Monday 16 February and 5am on Tuesday 17 February a Kawasaki mule used as a farm vehicle was stolen from a locked container at a property in Blackgate Lane.</p>
Blackstone	204	18/02	<p>Blackstone Lane, Blackstone</p> <p>Informant to police reported that their tack room/stable had been broken into and numerous items of tack stolen.</p> <p>The informant called police again stating some items of tack had been located being offered for sale at another local farm.</p> <p>Officers attended and arrested a woman who has been bailed whilst further enquiries are carried out.</p>
Henfield	237	19/02	<p>Upper Station Road, Henfield</p> <p>A cement mixer was taken from the garden of a property in Upper Station Road, Henfield between 5pm on Wednesday 18 February and 8am on Thursday 19 February. The garden is accessed by a 6ft gate which was bolted both top and bottom. The owner was at the property between the above times. The cement mixer appears to be the only item taken at this time.</p> <p>Have you seen any suspicious vehicles in the area?</p>

Where are your officers this week?

For your local officer's contact details, information about local events and meetings and actions being taken regarding your priorities click on your ward below (Ctrl + click to follow the link):

<u>Billingshurst, Shipley, Pulborough and Coldwaltham</u>	<u>Broadbridge Heath and Southwater</u>	<u>Chantry and Thakeham</u>
<u>Cowfold, Shermanbury, West Grinstead and Henfield</u>	<u>Denne and Forest</u>	<u>Holbrook East and West</u>
<u>Horsham Park and Trafalgar</u>	<u>Roffey North and South</u>	<u>Rudgwick, Itchingfield and Slinfold</u>
<u>Rusper, Colegate and Nuthurst</u>	<u>Steyning, Bramber, Upper Beeding, Ashington and Woodmancote</u>	

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