



## **Horsham District Monthly Update**

### **What we did in October 2015**

#### **Crime and Community Safety**

##### **A selection of October Court Results from Crawley, Horsham, Chichester and Worthing magistrates courts:**

Neil Hunter, 42, of no fixed address, was jailed for six weeks, with £150 compensation, an £80 victim surcharge, and a £180 criminal courts charge. He had pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage to a front door, harassment, and two counts of breaching a non-molestation order, all in Horsham, and admitted breaching a conditional discharge for theft.

James High, 29, of Sandhills Road, Barns Green, was fined £290, with £50 compensation, a £29 victim surcharge, £400 costs, and a £150 criminal courts charge. He had pleaded guilty to common assault.

Kathryn Venning, 48, of Blenheim Road, Horsham, was given a one year conditional discharge, with a £15 victim surcharge, £40 costs, and a £150 criminal courts charge. She had pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer.

Elana Jones, 19, of Benson Road, Henfield, was given a one year conditional discharge, with a £15 victim surcharge, and a £180 criminal courts charge. She had pleaded guilty to possessing a bladed object in a public place.

Richard Grundy, 54, of The Grattons, Slinfold, was given a community order with six months of alcohol treatment, and fined £50, with a £150 criminal courts charge, and a £60 victim surcharge. He had pleaded guilty to theft from Boots and from Marks and Spencer in Horsham, and to failing to answer bail.

Thomas Tennant, 24, of Stane Street Close, Codmore Hill, was fined £250 and must pay £25 victim surcharge, £85 costs, £150 criminal courts charge, after admitting assault by beating in Pulborough on September 18, 2015.

Stephen Brewer, 43, of London Road, Watersfield, was fined £100 and must pay £20

victim surcharge, £85 costs, £150 criminal courts charge, after admitting driving over the 30mph speed limit in Pulborough Road, Storrington, on May 6, 2015. His driving record was endorsed with three points.

Michael Gillen, 53, of Harwood Close, Codmore Hill, was fined £230 and must pay £23 victim surcharge, £85 costs, £150 criminal courts charge, after admitting drink-driving (95mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath) in Gay Street Lane, Pulborough, on September 30, 2015. He was disqualified from driving for 22 months.

Richard Rowe, 28, of Blackgate Lane, Pulborough, was fined £660 and must pay £66 victim surcharge, £85 costs, £150 criminal courts charge, after being found guilty of driving without insurance in Rectory Road, Storrington, on May 17, 2015. His driving record was endorsed with six points.

### **Scam and fraud awareness work continues in the district**



Although the number of attempted frauds reported to us in the district out way the number of substantive frauds, both the Response Teams and Neighbourhood Policing Teams are continuing to engage heavily with local residents. Talks continue to be held at lunch clubs, care homes, sheltered housing, Age UK day centres, libraries and in conjunction with Trading Standards and local banks.

On 14 October Sussex Police received a call from a member of staff at a bank in Steyning who was concerned for an elderly man who had come into their branch asking to pay a large sum of money into his daughters account. The man seemed confused and was not a customer of that particular bank. He was reassured by staff, who asked him questions and learnt that he had received a telephone call telling him he needed to make a transfer for £16,000 into his daughters account. When the bank researched the account number he had been provided they found it to not be that belonging to his daughter but one belonging to suspected fraudsters. PCSO Clough attended and provided further reassurance to the man, his next of kin were contacted and safe guarding measures were put in place. No money was transferred. This is a great example of the positive partnership working between Sussex Police and banks.

## Disability Hate Crime Awareness Event – 14 October

Disability Engagement Officers attended a disability hate crime awareness event held on Wednesday 14 October at the Drill Hall in Denne Road, Horsham. The day was a fantastic opportunity for officers to meet people from a variety of organisations who provide support to people with disabilities. Peter Allan, Sussex Police Hate Crime Sergeant gave an informative presentation about what a hate crime and hate incident is as well as how to report them to Sussex Police. Presentations were also given by Victim Support and representatives from local disability groups. The Sunny Arts Drama Group also performed a play about a hate crime incident that had been reported to police. The play involved a huge amount of audience participation and was extremely thought provoking.



## Swan Walk Come and Meet Us week – 19 to 24 October

Members of Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team held a week long come and meet us event in Swan Walk Shopping Centre from Monday 19 to Saturday 24 October.

Public Engagement Officer Louisa Hull said: “The event was a great opportunity for us to talk to local residents face to face about our work in the district.

“Uniformed staff were on hand to discuss our autumn burglary campaign, Operation Magpie, which launched on Wednesday 21 October. We also discussed Rural Crime Awareness Week and Operation Signature which deals with scam and fraud awareness.”

Representatives from Trading Standards were present on Tuesday 20 October and discussed scams, issues regarding bogus callers and doorstep traders.

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) representatives supported our staff throughout the week and offered advice and created awareness on the benefits of joining NHW. We would also like to thank them for giving their time once again to attend and promote our event.

Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team is extremely grateful to Swan Walk Shopping Centre management for their continued support. Centre Manager Gill Buchanan said: "Customer safety is a priority for us at Swan Walk and we work very closely with the Neighbourhood Policing team in Horsham. We have also been proud to sponsor a Police car over many years and our customers will have seen it regularly in their communities.

"We were delighted to be able to host the team and their partners in the centre and I am confident that all the advice and support on offer was welcomed by our customers."



**Pictured: PCSOs Adrian Bell and Charlene Parson, Swan Walk Centre Manager Gill Buchanan and Horsham Neighbourhood Watch representative Valerie Pugh**

## **Operation Davos – 30 October**

On Friday 30 October officers from Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team were joined by youth workers from Horsham Matters and the Southwater Youth Project for our annual policing Op Davos. The core focus of the operation is to prevent/reduce anti-social behaviour across the district over the Hallowe'en period.

During the evening a variety of locations and hotspots for anti-social behaviour were visited. A number of young people were spoken to and the evening provided an excellent platform for engagement with local people and for information to be exchanged between the police and our partner agencies.

James Oxenham from the West Sussex County Times newspaper also accompanied the team to gain an insight in to our multi-agency work to tackle anti-social behaviour in the district.

We are pleased to report that the number of calls received during the evening in relation to anti-social behaviour was extremely low. The team covering the northern half of the district attended one call in relation to eggs being thrown at a vehicle in the Roffey area and one call about a nuisance group who had congregated in Swan Walk car park. The team patrolling the southern half of the district saw a group of young people running from a



location in Bramber where evidence of alcohol use was found and was cleared away by police. Another group remained in the area and were spoken to and a good rapport was formed with them. A stop search was carried out on one young person in Ashington after cannabis could be smelt but nothing was found.



**Pictured: Members of Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team and youth workers from across the district.  
Picture courtesy of James Oxenham**

## Public Confidence

### E-mails/Letters of thanks

#### **1/ Card of thanks received for Disability Engagement Officers PCSO Sue Poynter and PC Darren Worsfold:**

*Michael and I would like to thank you for what you did for us tonight and for the lovely photo. It was very nice of you to think of us. We were very pleased and happy. We like you very much and we think you are lovely, especially when you look out for us. We always look out for you. It is nice to know that we are safe with you all. See you soon.*

#### **2/ Telephone call of thanks received for PC Douglas Johnson, PC David Simpson and PS Mark Miller.**

*"Two years ago my husband collapsed in the garden and passed away. Three officers attended my address. One of the officers who attended stood at the bottom of the garden*

*with me and said some really kind words which have helped me through the last two years. I have been meaning to telephone ever since to speak with the officer and I would really like to attend the police station to shake his hand."*

**3/ Email sent to Chief Inspector Hodges from Acting Sergeant Moores regarding PC James Munden CM888 and PCSO Seb Turner**

*Sir,*

*Good morning. I hope this email finds you well. Just following on from the morning meeting regarding the good work done in relation to a shoplifting and drug related incident.*

*Following a report of shoplifting from a Horsham town centre store, PC Munden and PCSO Turner set about searching for the suspect as described over the shopwatch radio and via a member of the public they spoke to. Their efforts paid off in that they spotted the suspect and gave chase. PC Munden noticed he had a blue rucksack on him, but lost sight of the suspect through the park. When PC Munden apprehended the suspect the rucksack was gone.*

*Due to PC Munden's and PCSO Turner's keen observations, an area search was conducted for the bag and it was recovered; the bag contained 19 small bags of cannabis and grocery items stolen from the store. CCTV shows the suspect previously with the bag.*

*Perseverance, self-motivation and a keen eye seem to have been key in landing this good result from a 'simple' shoplifting. Excellent work from the officers involved.*

*Kind regards,*

*Matt*

*Matthew Moores  
A/Police Sergeant CM606*

Regards

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