



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police**

### **Dangerous ASB driving in Peacehaven**

Following a number of concerns from local residents in Peacehaven of delivery drivers riding on the pavements, and causing alarm and distress to communities, officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted additional patrols in areas affected late last week.



Officers caught up with one rider who had been repeatedly reported by communities for anti-social driving, the rider was spoken to, and issued with a Section 59 warning notice.

A Section 59 warning is issued under the Police Reform Act 2002, and allows police to seize vehicles used in a manner causing alarm, distress, or annoyance.

Typically a two part process, a warning followed by seizure; the police must give a warning to the driver that their use of the vehicle is inappropriate and that it will be seized if the behaviour continues.

We hope that appropriate words and this warning will act as a deterrent to those riding in the area in a manner that causes alarm, distress and/or nuisance to local residents in the town.

### **Potentially stolen motorbike recovered**



Whilst on patrol in Seaford during the week, officers noticed a male leaving a local car park in a manner suggesting they were trying to avoid police.

Alerted by their suspicious behaviour, officers conducted checks around the back of the car park where they located an abandoned motorbike.

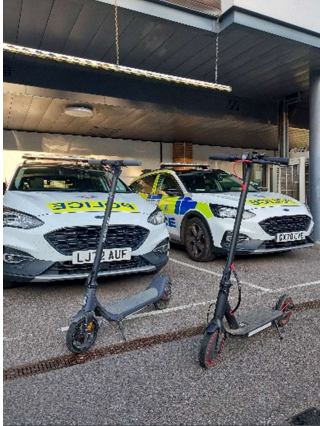
Believing it to be stolen, officers conducted an area search for the individual seen earlier, however no persons were located.

Enquiries made at the scene indicate the motorbike may be stolen and the bike has been recovered by police.

Further enquiries will now be made by the local team to identify its rightful owner, as well as enquiries into identifying any potential suspects.

### **Addressing community concerns on the coast**

Police in Peacehaven continue to receive reports from local residents around dangerous and ASB driving, as well as the use of e-scooters on public roads; as such officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted a number of additional patrols across the coast last weekend.



During the course of their evening patrols on Sunday in Peacehaven, officers stopped and seized 3 vehicles, including a scooter being driven on the road with no insurance or driving licence, as well as two further e-scooters which were seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

We understand the effects both dangerous and anti-social driving can, and does have on the lives of residents, and we hope that both recent results and our increased patrols of the town offers reassurances and piece of mind to local residents that community concerns are being heard.

Communities are encouraged to continue reporting concerns online or by calling 101.

### **Keeping teens safe**



Late last week, Neighbourhood Youth Officers for Lewes joined students at Chailey School as part of their 'Relationships Day' awareness day.

Officers delivered a presentation, and Q&A session to year 10s covering a number of topics, comprising of advice around 'sex and the law', including consent, sexting and images, as well as support and advice around safe/healthy relationships, and explaining the future consequences of what might happen if they, or someone they know are involved in sexual offences.

Delivery of such talks to teens and young adults in local schools and colleges ensures we can help do our bit at crucial development ages, as well as working with teachers and partners to help ensure youngsters are provided with the best possible start to 'young adult' life.

Thank you again to teachers, and students for having us along and getting involved in the sessions, if you have further questions remember we can help, get in touch online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) where you can access a library of advice, support and information to help keep you safe.

## Rural patrols this week

Throughout the week officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team have been out and about conducting patrols of more rural areas of the district, following reports from both farm and barn owners of an increase in anti-social behaviour (ASB).



Officers have spent time in hotspot areas reported by communities around Ringmer, aimed at not only deterring crime and identifying those involved, but also offering reassurances, and a visible police presence across the area to help keep communities feeling safer.

Whilst on patrol officers also had the opportunity to update residents on recently reported crime, and hear directly from them on any issues they have been facing.

Contact your local policing team online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) to report any community concerns, local issues or anything the team need to know about – all reports help to direct patrols, enforcement and engagement days, and helps us to help keep you feeling safe.

## RTC appeal Firle

Did you witness a collision on the A27 at Firle?

We're appealing for witnesses and information after a serious collision on the A27 eastbound in Firle on Thursday (19 June).



The collision involving three vehicles took place at around 7.20am. Two people were taken to hospital with injuries.

The road was closed in both directions between the Drusillas roundabout and the Beddingham roundabout while the vehicles were recovered. The road has since reopened.

Officers are investigating and encourage anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any relevant information such as CCTV, mobile or dashcam footage to please email [collision.appeal@sussex.police.uk](mailto:collision.appeal@sussex.police.uk) quoting Operation Oldbeach.

## CSW Ditchling

Following concerns raised by residents, officers joined volunteers from a local Community SpeedWatch Group earlier this week who were conducting checks in the village to help see and hear first-hand where the most problem areas are.

Community SpeedWatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.



Those recorded exceeding the limit during the course of these checks will soon be hearing from officers.

We continue to thank local volunteers for their commitment to keeping local roads safe.

If you would like to join a local CSW Group, CSW is looking for volunteers to help join a local Community Scheme in your area.

This is a vital role in helping to reduce anti-social driving and helping to prevent death and injury on our roads, and full training will be given for this voluntary role by Sussex Police.

Find out more, and sign up to a local scheme and join online by visiting: <https://communityspeedwatch.org/>

## Weekend patrols

As the sun sets on another working week, our work out and about across the district to help keep communities safe continues into the weekend.

With a number of hours spent this week on various patrols, spending time with future generations, visiting local community groups, as well as meeting and updating both local business and residents on recently reported crime, Friday doesn't mean it stops there for officers from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).



Patrols conducted by your Lewes NPT continue into the weekend, aimed at offering reassurances, and a visible police presence across your town to help keep communities feeling safe; as well as additional patrols aimed at deterring and identifying those involved in ASB following an increase in anti-social behaviour reporting across the Lewes and Seahaven areas this week.

Have a great weekend, stay cool if you're out and about in the sunshine, and if you see or hear anything we need to know about, stop and let us know at the time; remember you can contact us 24/7, 365 online or by calling 101 (all non-emergencies) [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

Always call 999 in an emergency.

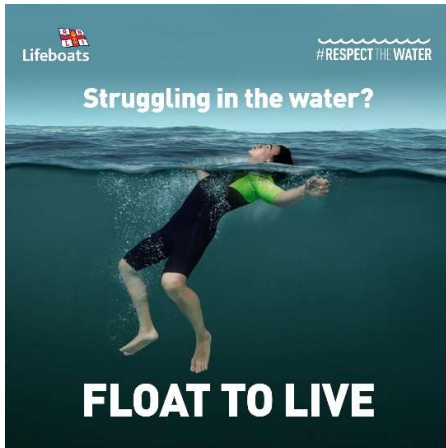
## Weekend weather advice

With hot weather across the country this week, make sure you keep hydrated. Babies, children and older adults are more at risk of dehydration

Don't forget your sunscreen, even if it's cloudy, UV rays can still cause sunburn.

Heading to the coast this weekend? Have fun, make memories — but please stay safe.

If you get into trouble in the water: Float to Live



- \* Tilt your head back, with your ears submerged
- \* Relax and try to breathe normally
- \* Move your hands and feet to help you stay afloat
- \* It's fine if your legs sink, we all float differently

In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Please swim between the red and yellow flags at a Lifeguarded beach and leave inflatables at home—offshore winds can whisk them away before you know it!

Find your nearest lifeguarded beach: <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>

## Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk), (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Speak to us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team at [www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area](http://www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

