

Friday 18th July 2025

Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police



Operation Spotlight patrols this week

Operation Spotlight which runs through July is a targeted national operation to make our roads safer for everyone - sadly the month of July sees the highest number of people killed or seriously injured on UK roads.



Late last week officers from your Eastbourne Response Team took to late night patrols of areas of your town to conduct road safety checks into the small hours.

During the course of their weekend shifts, officers safety stopped and spoke to a number of drivers, including two drivers who were observed by officers using their mobile phone whilst driving.

As a result both drivers were issued with TORs (traffic offence reports) for the offence of driving whilst using a handheld device. Officers were also notified of a driver driving without a valid driving licence, and another driver driving whilst disqualified.

They too were stopped, and checks confirmed the drivers should not have been on the roads, as a result both vehicles were seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act.

Residents are encouraged to continue reporting road related incidents to us at the time, either by calling 101 or visiting www.sussex.police.uk – in an emergency always call 999.

Helping to support and safeguard local tradespeople



Late last week, officers stationed up outside B&Q in Eastbourne to meet and speak with local tradespeople about tool and equipment thefts, and offer DNA Selecta Kits to help owners mark their property and keep it safe from theft.

The kits; which have been funded by Sussex PCC Katy Bourne, are designed to help tradespeople to mark their equipment and protect it from theft with a unique synthetic DNA code which can only be identified through UV lights and specialist microscopes.

Police can then log each marked tool or piece of equipment in a secure register, meaning that, if theft occurs, police are able to identify the stolen goods and reunite them with their owner.

We know that tool theft continues to have a serious impact on tradespeople across the County, and we continue to work with

partners, and local businesses to offer advice and support to help tackle this issue.

Please keep an eye on our social media accounts or Sussex Alerts for details of future events across Eastbourne.

Tackling ASB this Summer



Whilst we continue to work hard all year round to keep communities safe, and help ensure our town is a welcoming place for everyone through a number of existing police and partner led initiatives; as we head into the Summer months, we often see an increase in reports of both ASB, and business related crime.

Already this week, Officers working alongside your Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been conducting additional patrols in the town centre and beyond, focussed on not only deterring anti-social behaviour and checking in on local businesses in the town, but also focussed on providing a reassuring presence in areas where communities have reported feeling most vulnerable.

Dedicated Hot Spot patrols continue throughout the Summer months to help ensure everyone can enjoy the Summer safely and without fear of anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB: See it, Report it, Stop it - Speak to officers at the time, report online or call 101 (non-emergency), in an emergency always call 999.

Keeping you safe from scams and frauds!

Earlier today, officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team joined residents and staff at Mortain Place Care Home on Pevensey Bay Road to deliver a crime prevention and awareness session on all things scam and fraud.



Our message remains the same, if something is too good to be true, then it usual is; always check with family, friends or carers if you are worried or visit our website for more support.

Scams and frauds are when a person lies to you, or 'scams' you, to gain an advantage, such as taking your money or learning private information about you; this could be via email, text, phone or in person, either on the street or on your doorstep.

Some adults may be especially vulnerable to fraud and financial abuse, particularly those who are vulnerable by age, if you're concerned about someone you know, or a family member please visit our Sussex Police website where you can access a library of crime prevention advice and support about fraud and the signs to spot to share with loved ones.

Thank you to residents and staff for having us along today, and we hope that with a little extra knowledge you can help protect yourself from fraudsters.

For more advice and support please visit our website: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/>

999 weekend - a huge thank you to everyone who came along!

Celebrating it's 38th consecutive year, last weekend saw officers, staff and volunteers from various areas of Policing come together to mark 'Emergency Services 999 Weekend' 2025.

This year your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team were joined by HotSpot Policing Officers and our Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC), together with officers from more specialist areas including both our drone and Police Dog units, as well as officers, staff and volunteers from our Sussex Police Roads Safety Team.



Also in attendance were a number of local partners including; Eastbourne Night Safety Marshalls, Eastbourne Street Pastors and Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch, all of whom we extend our continued thanks to for their support and hard work in helping to keep local residents safe.

Nick Dias, East Sussex Divisional Commander for Sussex Police said:

"The event is a massive opportunity for us to engage with the general public and show them who we are and what we do".

Speaking on not just the Police personnel in attendance he added; "all the emergency and volunteer services do a fantastic job, and there are so many of them in attendance over the two day event, they are all an incredibly important asset to the local community".

Your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team, all attending officers and staff thank everyone for their support in coming along over the weekend, with an extended thank you to ALL of the emergency services, teams and units in attendance across the two days!

We hope that you all had a wonderful weekend!

Shinewater Mini Police



This week Shinewater Mini Police had the opportunity to visit Eastbourne Police Station to meet and see different police departments in action!

Mini Police got to meet PDs from our Police Dogs Unit, who showcased some of their sniffing skills in locating hidden items, and youngsters got to ask lots of questions about our Police Dogs and the range of jobs they support Police Officers with.

The afternoon also saw Mini Police join our CSI team, where they dressed the part in forensics gear to dust and

lift fingerprints using our specialist equipment to uncover prints left by 'suspects'.

PCSO Ellie Clark who is running the scheme said:

"We're on the final week of the scheme and the kids have all done so well for which I am incredibly proud of all of them. We've really enjoyed building relationships together with youngsters in the area and will continue to do so".

A massive well done to all our Mini Police for their hard work, input, enthusiasm and keenness to participate!

Apprenticeship Roadshow 2025

Late last week Officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team joined a number of local and national employers and trainers at this year's Apprenticeship Roadshow, held at the Welcome Building, Eastbourne.

The afternoon gave officers the opportunity to speak about our current vacancies and provide information on our Police apprenticeships to East Sussex learners, youngsters, residents and jobseekers.

Thank you to everyone we spoke to, if you have any more questions please get in touch!

If you're looking to apply for one of our many current vacancies, but are not sure on which role is right for you...why not speak to one of our recruitment experts and find out where a career with Sussex Police could take you!



Whether you are interested in applying to become a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Call Handler or a Police Officer, book a 1:1 recruitment call with our team here in Sussex, who are there to help with any aspect of your recruitment journey.

Curious about the eligibility requirements, completing the application form, or want to find out more about what happens after you have submitted your application?

Book a 1:1 now to find out more careers@sussex.police.uk

Join us - Community meeting Hampden Park

As a result of recent patrols in Hampden Park, you've told us both issues with ASB and deliberate fire starting in the park area.



To identify and tackle this issue your local PCSO for Hampden Park has arranged a community get together with partners on Monday 28th July from 10am – 2pm.

Please join us starting at the Hampden Park café at 10am for a day of action and awareness with partners and local council representatives, to see and hear firsthand how we are tackling ASB in your area.

We have also invited along ESFRS who will be around to speak to youngsters about the dangers and consequences of fire starting, as well as both Police and council officers and staff who you can speak

to, to raise any issues, ask questions or share information with.

These extra steps this Summer are aimed at ensuring everyone can enjoy Summer safely without fear of ASB in their local communities; together we can have safer streets, less crime and a more confident community.

If you see something, say something - report online www.sussex.police.uk, in person or by calling 101, if we aren't aware we can't act.

In an emergency always call 999

Up coming community Police meetings

Town Centre

Monday 21st July, community hour from 1030-1130, meet local PCSOs who will be holding a stand located between HMV and Deichmann.

Monday 4th August, 1000-1200, scam awareness session being held in the Eastbourne Police POD on Terminus Road, meet your local PCSOs for the town and obtain the latest advice and support around all things scams and frauds.

Hampden Park

Monday 28th July, 1000-1400, Hampden Park skate park, ASB partner day, with local Police, East Sussex Fire Rescue and Local Council representatives from Eastbourne Neighbourhood First. Day of action to tackle ASB in the area this Summer.



Meads

Wednesday 3rd September 2025, 1900-2100 at Eastbourne College.

Meads Neighbourhood Panel 3 monthly meeting, open to all Meads residents, local officers will give an update of the crimes and police action in the Meads and Lower Meads area for the past 3 months, opportunity for communities to speak raise any concerns.

Sovereign Harbour

Saturday 6th September, 1000-1100 community hour outside 4Seasons café, meeting with local PCSOs to update on recently report crime, offer advice and support to local residents and business in the area.

Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click 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.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, contact us via TypeTalk on 18000 or by texting on 65999.

