



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Sussex Alerts – Hastings Police**

### **Safeguarding future generations**

In recent weeks, aiming to raise awareness, build resilience, and share vital information to help keep students and their friends safe, we've spent time with Year 9 at St Leonards Academy during Personal Development lessons, discussing knives, knife crime, and County Lines issues.

We covered the consequences and laws around knives and offensive weapons, including what counts as reasonable excuse and lawful authority. This included some lively, well-received role play. We also explored why someone might carry a knife and their motivations.



On County Lines, we looked at how criminal gangs groom and exploit vulnerable young people and adults, such as through 'cuckooing', using violence, coercion, and false narratives to glamourise such activity. We talked about the serious risks for young people involved, how ruthless gangs can be, and

the wider impact on parents, families, and the community.

Officers attending said, all ten Year 9 forms took part enthusiastically, joining in class discussions, asking thoughtful 'What if?' questions, and were a real credit to the Academy.

### **Repeat shoplifter charged and remanded**

A 42 year old woman from St Leonards On Sea has been remanded to court after pleading guilty this week to a string of shoplifting offences.

The offences took place at various of supermarkets in the Hastings and St Leonards area.

At Brighton and Hove Magistrates Court on the 28th May 2025, she pled guilty and was charged with 1 count of attempted shoplifting, and 2 counts of shoplifting, she was remanded in custody until the 4th June 2025.

Hastings Police continues to work hard to tackle business crime and bring offenders to justice.



This includes working closely with our Sussex Business Crime Reduction Partnerships in our collaborative efforts to prevent crime and catch those committing crimes against our businesses.

Supporting them around crime prevention and community safety, as well as assisting with training staff in businesses how to be aware of crimes and offending behaviour, obtaining of CCTV, identification of suspects, civil orders and liaising with businesses, local authorities, education and voluntary sector partners across day and night-time businesses.

### **Appeal for identification**

We have released these photos of two suspects involved in a burglary at Go Local Express in Hastings in a bid to identify them.



It was reported that two men entered the shop in Old London Road, between 1am and 1.45am, on Sunday, 20 April and stole a large quantity of tobacco and vape products, along with money and alcohol.

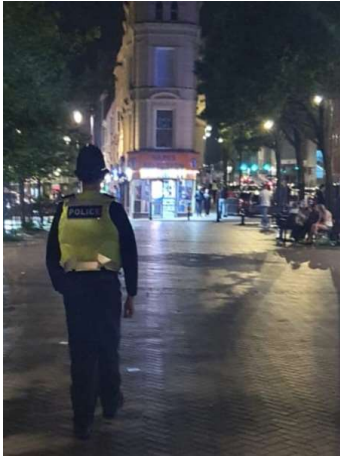
Both suspects had their faces covered, but one was wearing a distinctive jacket, which may help identify them.

If you have any information that could help, please contact Sussex Police online or by phoning 101, quoting serial 527 of 20/04.

### **Keeping you safe this weekend**

As we head into the weekend, the safety and welfare of our local communities remains a top priority.

Already this week a number of reassurance, enquiry led, and hi-visibility patrols have taken place across the district, both on foot and in marked cars.



This weekend again will see additional patrols under Operation Marble; dedicated night-time patrols aimed at keeping those on a night out safe from crime, as well as acting as a deterrent to those who use the night-time economy and hours of darkness to commit crime.

If you are out and about this weekend and see or hear anything we need to know about, please let us know at the time.

Contact us 24/365 online or by calling 101 – in an emergency/crime in action always call 999.

Support and report online: [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

## 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.

