

Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

Wednesday 31st January 2024

January has got off to a flying start here in Brighton and Hove and it has already thrown some challenges our way including a few storms to kick start the New Year. We have not let the weather deter us and it has been a busy month here on the division.

I would like to start by thanking our fantastic cadets as they have been working very hard recently and doing some excellent work out in the community.

They have been raising awareness and spreading information about fraud and scams. Their work has included attending events and also visiting residents across the city, to deliver advice around doorstep callers, phone scams and keeping your home safe from burglary.

Thank you Cadets, we are very proud of you all, please keep up the great work!

On 25th January the very first bleed trauma kits were installed at some key locations in the city. As we know, time is of the essence when dealing with any medical emergency, especially one involving catastrophic blood loss. These kits provide all the essential equipment to control a life-threatening injury, with external haemorrhaging, until medical help arrives. The 2 kits already in situ can be found at the Level and on West Street with more to follow. If you find yourself in a situation where you need access to the kits, please dial 999 and they will give you full instructions and support in using them.

We know knives are often responsible for the more serious and life-threatening injuries and our aim is to get them off the street, so they are not used in the first place! With that in mind, I would like to remind everyone that we have a knife amnesty bin at John Street Police Station. It is somewhere you can dispose of knives safely – no questions asked.

You can find your local police station/amnesty bin here: [Find a police station | Sussex Police](#)

The annual Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action took place between 22-28th January. The week of action gives us the opportunity just to highlight some of the work done out in our local communities by our Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). Work in neighbourhood policing is extremely varied; one day our PCSOs may be conducting patrols in their Ward but the next supporting the search for a high-risk missing person. No 2 days are the same. We hope you enjoy getting a glimpse into life in NPT and if you would like to speak with one of the team, please do get in touch - [Contact us | Sussex Police](#)

VAWG remains a priority for us here in Brighton & Hove and we believe that everyone should feel safe when out and about. We are dedicated to tackling violence against women and girls. To continue our efforts, we're running a [survey](#) so we can hear your experiences.

Sussex Police relies on your feedback to improve our services. The results will be used to further improve what we do with the aim of making Sussex safer for everyone. They will influence how we make decisions on where we prioritise our policing services and help us to provide better information to victims of crime about the services we provide.

Our monthly fraud newsletter is available for you now to read on our website or you can find it attached to this email. I would urge all our residents to stay vigilant and mindful of scams, the perpetrators of this crime are making it increasingly difficult to spot. Please share the newsletter

with any family or friends who may not have access to this information, it isn't always online, often these crimes are committed in person too.

Click-Call-Connect



We simply cannot stress enough the importance of reporting but your decision about how to report can be the difference between saving a life or not. It is vital phone lines are kept clear for people who need to contact police during a genuine emergency and need assistance urgently.

Our Click Call Connect campaign is designed to help you decide how best to report a non-emergency.

All reports made online are assessed by one of our skilled Contact Officers – the very same people who you would normally speak to if you called 101. 101 does receive a high level of calls and so by reporting online you do not have to spend your time queuing to speak with us, it also leaves the lines clear for anyone who does not have access to the internet.

🖱️ Click report online at <https://www.sussex.police.uk/reportcrime>

📞 Call 101 when you don't require an urgent response. In an emergency always call 999.

👮 Connect with us face-to-face at your nearest police station or contact point. Contact your local policing team for community matters.

Karen Osborn

Chief Inspector

News

Brighton teenager jailed for County Lines drug dealing



A teenager has been jailed for supplying crack cocaine and heroin in Brighton.

Charlie Angel was sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment after he was identified as running the 'Snupe' County Drug Line in the area. More [here](#).

Drug dealer sentenced after Brighton vehicle stop



A drug dealer has been sentenced after he was stopped by specialist officers in Brighton.

Asllan Hasbajrami was driving a vehicle without a valid licence or insurance in Preston Road. Details [here](#).

Man charged following incident in Hove



A man has been charged after a two people suffered serious injuries at an address in Hove.

Police were called to Farm Road on Sunday (January 14) at around 8am to reports of an altercation. Full details [here](#).

Second man charged and remanded after assault and robbery in Brighton



A second man has been charged in connection with an assault and robbery at a shop in Moulsecoomb.

Officers were called to the incident in The Highway at 9.45am on Wednesday 6 December. Read more [here](#).

Appeals

Appeal following dog attack in Brighton



Do you recognise this man?

We would like to speak to him in connection with a reported dog attack outside Prince Regent Swimming Pool, North Road, Brighton.

The incident took place between 5.30pm and 5.40pm on 11 January.

The victim – a 40-year-old woman – sustained injuries to her leg and hand.

If you have any information, recognise the man or witnessed the incident contact police online or call 101 quoting serial 995 of 11/01

Appeal for witnesses after boy assaulted in Brighton



Police are appealing for witnesses and relevant information after a teenage boy was assaulted in Brighton.

The 17-year-old victim was walking alone near St Peter's Church when he was approached at a crossing by a man who was unknown to him. More details [here](#).

Appeal after toddler is hit by a car in Brighton



We are appealing for witnesses after a toddler was left injured in Springfield Road, Brighton.

Police were called on Sunday (January 14) to reports that a child had been hit by a car. Details [here](#).

Information & Advice

Op Limit



Hundreds of motorists were stopped for drink and drug-driving as part of our winter crackdown last month.

We carried out nearly 6,000 stop checks, and made 261 arrests.

But despite the warnings, officers continued to find drivers putting themselves in danger, and our officers found behaviour including:

- ✗ One driver found asleep in his van at a busy roundabout 🤪
- ✗ A driver reaching for mouth wash as he approached one of our stop check sites 🤔
- ✗ A suspected drug driver in a blue car who failed to give way at a junction, causing the collision shown in our images 💣

Drink and drug-driving remain among the main reasons why people are killed or seriously injured on our roads.

Read more about the results of our campaign [here](#)

XL Bully

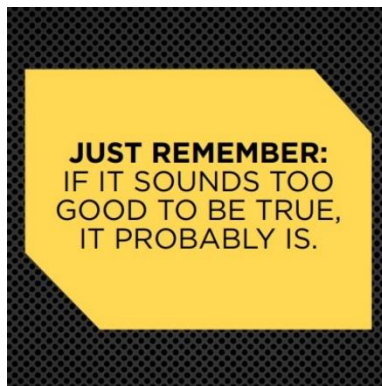


🚨 New legal restrictions on #XLBully type dogs are now in place 🚨

They must be kept on a lead and muzzled in public. It is also illegal to sell, advertise, gift, exchange and abandon these dogs, or let them stray. Read more on today's changes [here](#).

Owners wanting to keep an XL Bully should register their dog by applying for a Certificate of Exemption before 1 February 2024. Strict criteria apply. If you no longer wish to keep an XL Bully, owners can arrange for a vet to euthanise them and apply for compensation towards this. You do not need to take these steps if your dog is clearly identifiable as another breed, even if it meets some of the criteria of an XL Bully.

Little Book of BIG Scams



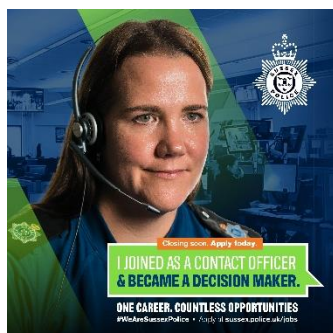
We've launched a more accessible version of The Little Book of Big Scams in celebration of World Braille Day which took place yesterday.

The booklet, which offers advice on how to protect yourself and others from fraud, is now available for blind and visually impaired people.

Find out [more](#).

Recruitment

999/101 Contact Handler



Sussex Police are open for 999/101 Contact Handler recruitment and are looking for compassionate, quick-thinking and driven individuals to join our busy Contact Centre in Lewes.

Contact Handlers respond to incoming reports from members of the public and must remain calm under pressure to determine the best course of action.

The role is fast-paced, fulfilling and diverse.

To find more information and how to register, visit the Sussex Police career pages [here](#).

Special Constable

Could you be a Special Constable? Sussex Police are looking for dedicated individuals to join the force to play a vital role in supporting the front line and help keep Sussex safe.

Volunteering as a Special Constable is a hugely rewarding thing to do. Our Specials have full police powers and work alongside police officers and PCSOs, so if you're looking to make a difference within your community and want to put your spare time to use this year, becoming a Special might be the right role for you.

To find more information and how to register, visit the Sussex Police career pages here, <https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/careers/jobs/special-constables/>

Please help us spread the word! If you know anyone who may like to become a Special, let them know we are recruiting and direct them to our career pages to find out more.

Protecting yourself against keyless car theft in Sussex



Motorists with keyless entry vehicles are being urged to take steps to keep their property secure and prevent thieves.

It follows a rise in organised crime groups who have targeted keyless often premium and prestige vehicle brands in Sussex.

The criminals target vehicles primarily on private driveways, but also in public car parks.

There are steps that owners can take to prevent theft of keyless entry vehicles.

These include storing their key fob in a Faraday bag to cut out any electronic signals being sent out of their home, and using a steering wheel crook lock to prevent criminals being able to use the vehicle easily.

Detective Chief Inspector Karrie Bohanna, from Surrey and Sussex Operations Command, said: "We have seen criminals targeting keyless entry vehicles for theft and use in their criminality.

"In December 29 vehicles were stolen in this way across Sussex, and in November there were 36 incidents.

"We are aware of the impact this criminality has and our teams are working hard to disrupt criminal groups using our roads to steal these vehicles.

"Owners can also take the simple steps such as keeping key fobs in Faraday bags and using a steering wheel lock to help prevent crime.

“We also ask communities to be vigilant to these kind of incidents, and to report any suspicious behaviour to us to inform our policing response.”

More advice is available on the [Sussex Police website](#).

Make Change Count



If you'd like to help people experiencing homelessness in Brighton & Hove this winter, you can do it through Make Change Count 2023!

As we face another year of economic challenges, your contribution helps local charities provide crucial support to vulnerable people, including rough sleepers.

Join our campaign to offer more than spare change – make a real impact by helping us reach our target of £20,000. #makechangeaccount

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/makechangeaccount2023>

Is This OK?



Now available in Sussex.

A free, anonymous, and confidential service, bringing trained professionals together to provide support to young people affected by exploitation through a chat service.

Everyday from 4pm- 11pm the chat support team provide expert support for young people.

Night Time Economy



What is spiking?

Spiking is when someone adds alcohol or drugs to another person's drink or body without their consent or knowledge.

It's an invasive crime that can happen to anyone, anywhere, and can be carried out by strangers or even people you know.

Spiking someone is a serious offence, which can carry sentences of up to ten years in prison, even if no other crime has happened.

If you or someone you know has been spiked, or if you see someone attempting to spike someone, alert staff or contact us immediately.

Your report is important to us – it helps ensure the safety of others.

Report online or call 101 in non-emergencies.

Remember - in an emergency always call 999.



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 don't require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Connect with 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, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

Follow your local Police team on social media, find us on  **and** 