

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

### Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police



#### Mini Police in action!



Earlier this week, supported by your Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, Police Officers and PCSO Clark, the Shinewater Primary School Mini Police session saw children conducting 'speed checks' outside their school as part of their community impact piece.

As part of the scheme, the children were asked what things can impact their safety on the streets and roads outside of school; suggestions included drivers using their phones while driving and not looking where they are going, people driving too fast past the school, and people who double park outside making it hard for them to see what is coming when trying to cross the road.

For their community impact piece Mini Police choose speeding as their topic, and today officers bought along one of their speed detection devices to show the children how they work in recording the speeds of vehicles, as well as giving the Mini Police a chance to handle and test out the device for themselves.

Back in the classroom Mini Police were taught about the 'Fatal Five', and had the chance to make posters and leaflets about speeding and what they had learned to raise awareness in their neighbourhood and around the school.

Thumbs up and cheers of thanks from the children were given to drivers passing the school who were driving within the speed limit – a big well done to all our Mini Police for their hard work, input, enthusiasm and keenness to participate!

#### Celebrating Eid Ul-Adha!



Last weekend officers from your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of joining communities and residents at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre to mark and celebrate Eid Ul-Adha.

In addition to special prayers and sermons, the afternoon was packed with a host of activities, from fantastic food and henna painting to bouncy castles and fun family happenings for everyone to enjoy.

A special thanks to Eastbourne Islamic Cultural Centre for inviting officers along on the day to join you in celebration.

## Operation Signature visits

This week, officers from your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team visited residents at The Hawthorns to give a presentation on scam awareness and fraud prevention.



Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, and all too often we sadly see much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

Operation Signature is aimed at not only sharing advice and tips on the signs to spot in scams or frauds, but works to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities, in arming them with the tools to help prevent them from becoming victims of frauds or subject to any further financial loss.

Preventative measures to support and protect potential victims can include, helping them to change their phone number to an ex-directory number, contacting family to suggest power of attorney, assisting with mail re-direction or offering them advice on call blocking devices and referring them to other support services.

More information on Operation Signature, and the signs to spot in scams and frauds to share with loved ones, or elderly or vulnerable family and friends can be found on our Sussex Police website below:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/os/operation-signature/>

## Burglary advice during the hot weather



We're expecting very warm temperatures this weekend, please be sure to keep cool, but remember to always lock windows and doors if you're going out.

Following a small number of reports this week of opportunist burglaries where suspects have reached in or entered through windows left open when homeowners have gone out, we are reminding residents to please check doors and windows are fully closed, and locked before going out.

Keeping cool in the summer can be hard, as tempting as it is to leave windows open, try instead leaving curtains or blinds down to stop rooms warming up, or leaving internal doors open to allow air to circulate.

## VAWG meeting this weekend at the POD

Meet the officers that patrol and keep you safe each weekend.

Hear directly from them about our commitment and work around violence against women and girls in your town, at the POD in the town centre this Saturday evening.



Stop by to hear about our weekly weekend patrols across the town to support the nighttime economy how we help ensure everyone can enjoy their night out safely, as well as obtain advice and support around VAWG if you are heading out this weekend.

You can also hear how we use our 'Op Wave' livery cars, to promote the work that teams across your town do to both tackle and raise awareness of VAWG related offences.

Op Wave sees patrols of areas of high footfall with dedicated cars and officers stopping outside local pubs and bars, aimed at helping those on a night out, partially women

and girls, have a safe night out without fear of unwanted sexual, threatening or violent behaviours.

Those who feel unsafe can reach out to officers, report suspicious activities, and seek a safe space, whilst officers can either then speak to, or look to identify those involved at the time.

EVERYONE has the right to feel safe in a night out, if you feel unsafe, or feel threatened please report it at the time to venue staff, security or the police – in an emergency always call 999.

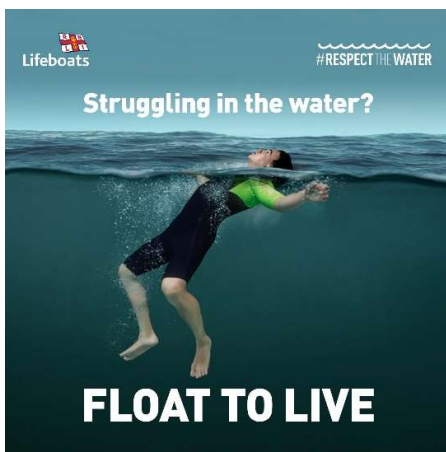
### Weekend weather advice

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 suncream, 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>

## Feeling unsafe on a night out?

Everyone has the right to feel safe on a night out.



Your Eastbourne Night Safety Marshals (NSM), continue to work alongside Police and local partners to help keep people safe.

Working each Friday and Saturday night between 8pm and 4am, the NSM are made up of teams of individuals who have been trained in identifying and helping vulnerable people, and are there to help provide an extra level of support on top of the extensive work already being done by Sussex Police and partner agencies to keep people safe during the night-time economy.

The marshals also complement the work of the Eastbourne Street Pastors, and schemes such as Best Bar None, bringing businesses together to work together to promote the town in a positive light.

If you or someone you know are a victim of crime or need assistance on a night out, speak to a police officer, bar staff, Street Pastor or Night Safety Marshal.

Always call 999 in an emergency!

## Upcoming Police event for Fraud and Scams



Scam and Fraud talk Friday 11th July, 2:30-4:30pm.

Join PC Small at St George's Church Hall, Eastbourne Road, Polegate who will be holding a talk around recent scams and frauds doing the rounds in your community.

The talk, which will cover different types of fraud, what to look out for, how to report fraud, as well as what to expect from the police when it is reported, tips and advice on how to stay safe, and an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Please help share this message with those who may be particularly vulnerable to being targeted, for example elderly members of family, or persons living on their own.

Whether you yourself have been a victim, or if you would like some more information on fraud and scams we look forward to seeing you on the day.

## 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.

