

Friday 25th July 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



Crackdown on ASB driving following community reporting in Newhaven and Peacehaven

You said, anti-social behaviour and ASB driving in your towns, we did, targeted patrols in areas you've reported, focussed on ASB driving in areas of Newhaven and Peacehaven.

Following community reports, your local Neighbourhood Policing Team took to conducting proactive patrols of the coast and coastal roads this weekend.

During the course of their shift (20th July), officers were alerted to a number of vehicles being driven anti-socially; including 3 e-scooters being ridden in a dangerous manner, causing alarm, distress and annoyance to members of the community – as a result these were seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.



Later into the shift officers responded to reports of ASB and dangerous off-road bikes driving in and around the Big Park, Peacehaven (Centenary Park).

Officers conduct a search of the area, which led them to an address nearby where the reported off-road bike was located.

Whilst not only being linked to ASB and dangerous driving earlier that day, no proof of insurance could be provided; and as such the bike was seized under Section 165a of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance, and for being driven on the public highway (pavements and roads).

We continue to respond reactively to community concerns to help protect members of the public from further harm, as well as help reduce ASB across your towns to ensure everyone can enjoy Summer safely and without fear of ASB.

Officers hope too that these results offer some reassurance and respite to local communities, and sends a clear message to those involved in both ASB, and ASB driving that it will not be tolerated.

Three men jailed for major multi-kilo drugs operation

Sussex & Surrey Serious and Organised Crime Unit have disrupted a UK-wide multi-kilo drug supply worth millions.

Three men have been jailed, a woman has been given a community order, and one man has been convicted in relation to the supply of over 100 kilograms (kg) of class A and B drugs as a result of the investigation.



The five defendants are linked to a major organised crime group believed to be responsible for a larger UK-wide supply of hundreds of kilos of drugs worth multi-millions of pounds, one of Sussex's biggest operations.

To date, 32 members of the wider organised crime group have been arrested, and a significant number of illegal drugs and weapons have been taken off the streets across Sussex from addresses in both Lewes and Eastbourne.

Read the full details of the investigation, findings and case online here:

www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/three-men-jailed-for-major-multi-kilo-drugs-operation

ASB nuisance driving around Lewes



Following reports from local residents in Lewes around anti-social driving involving off road vehicles in residential areas, officers took to conducting additional patrols at peak reported times.

Earlier this week during the course of their patrols, officers caught up with one of the drivers who was stopped after being observed by police driving on a public road; aided by community reporting, officers were able to seize the vehicle under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act.

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See it, Report it, Stop it – if you see something, say something, if we aren't aware we can't act.

Contact 24/7: online at www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101 (all non-emergencies) and call 999 in an emergency.

Meet your local beat officer upcoming events



Monday 11/08/25 1100-1200hrs, meeting outside Village Hall, Wivelsfield.

Tuesday 09/09/25 1100-1200hrs, join us outside Village shop, Plumpton.

Thursday 25/09/25 1030-1130hrs – Stationed up in The Bull Pub car park, Ditchling.

Sunday 05/10/25 1100-1200hrs – Parked up in Lewes High Street outside Costa.

A chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

Contact us online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support) - in an emergency call 999.

Summer initiative cracks down on anti-social behaviour in your town centres



As Sussex gets busy this summer there will be increased activity by police and partners as Sussex joins the Safer Streets Summer town centre initiative.

This is a national campaign supported by the Home Office to tackle crime, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour in town centres throughout the summer and until the end of September.

Expect to see increased visible police patrols and officers working directly with businesses and the community to tackle issues.

Increased police presence, quick response times and targeted action will see police, councils and other partners targeting concerns that affect communities most.

The initiative to create safer, thriving town centres is supported by hotspot policing funding.

Safer Streets Summer follows on from the success of hotspot policing in Sussex, fully implemented a year ago after being piloted in the county.

The real positives are that hotspot policing has seen sustained reductions in serious violence and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas across Sussex.

From April to June hotspot policing has added 6,809 hours of additional dedicated patrols, complimenting the work of local teams across Sussex and strengthening connections. These extra patrols have led to engagement with 12,885 members of the public and led to 75 arrests across Sussex.

Continuing to report anti-social behaviour and shoplifting where you see it allows police to obtain a more accurate picture of the demand so that they can focus patrols at peak times to reduce harm caused to the community.

As well as patrols and partner activity to disrupt crime and provide reassurance, there is close working with partners to increase enforcement and prevention. These include public space protection orders that address street drinking and begging as well as support for the vulnerable.

Having built stronger relationships with local businesses there's a more efficient and effective response to business crime, shoplifting and assaults that is leading to successful outcomes and court results.

The last three months of targeted action in Sussex' hotspot areas is continuing to make a real difference to businesses and communities.

During the summer all town centre teams across Sussex, alongside partners, will be holding a number of engagement events in towns across Sussex to educate, enforce and protect the community from anti-social behaviour, violent crime and business-related offences.

There will also be diversionary activities for young people, using these areas in positive ways to help drive down crime and make the areas safe.

Chief Superintendent Katy Woolford said: "Sussex Police is committed to keeping town centres safe all year round and as we see the annual seasonal increases in criminality we will be concentrating resources over the summer period to reduce this in Sussex.

"Officers and partners across Sussex will be working hard to find and prosecute those who continue to commit crime and impact the communities who live and work in Sussex as well as working to prevent crime occurring in the first place.

"You'll also see officers patrolling the streets talking to those in the community. Please take the time to stop and speak to them and learn about what we're doing in your local area and how we can all work together to keep Sussex safe."

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.

