



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police**

### **Out and about this week**

Our Neighbourhood Police and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) play a vital role in our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT), in not only offering a visible police presence in your local communities, but also in building relationships with local businesses, community run groups and charities, as well as local schools, youth clubs and places of worship.

As well as supporting police officer colleagues from their NPT in supporting investigations, conducting house to house enquiries, conducting statements and visiting victims of crime, our PCSOs are also the eyes and ears of our communities, seeing and hearing first hand of the issues faced by local residents.



This weekend, Officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of joining residents at the All Saints Centre for a day of world food and music organised by Diversity Lewes, Community Chef, and Culture Connect Project CIC.



Celebrating multicultural communities through food and music, officers had the opportunity to not only catch up with communities and celebrate some of the rich diversities that bring us together; but also update on recently reported crimes, and hear first hand of any issues residents are facing in the town.

A huge thank you to everyone for having us along, as well as for your warm hospitality (and food) - we had a great time!

## Up coming events

Join us on 5th of June in **Lewes** along Nevil Road from 2:30-4:30pm, 6th June from 3-5pm at **Ringmer** Skate Park.



Officers will be parked up in the locations above to speak to youngsters, parents, cyclists and vulnerable road users as part of a National campaign of safety awareness around all things 'two-wheeled'.

Things such as, riding within the speed limit, making sure you give yourself and others enough space and time when overtaking.

As well as how to position yourself in the safest place to maximise visibility and essential vehicle checks before setting off on a journey; all of which can help to make the roads safer for everyone.

The NPCC 2 Wheel Operation which launches in June, is aimed at both engagement and awareness raising with local drivers and cyclists, focussing on safe behaviours and raising awareness of potential dangers and hazards facing two wheel riders, find out more by searching NPCC 2 Wheel Operation online.

## Road Safety



Earlier this week, officers conducted checks under Operation Downsway.

These checks follow reports of excess speed along Nevil Road, Lewes, conducting both enforcement and educational stops, reminding drivers of the dangers and potentially fatal consequences driving whilst distracted can have, and prompting drivers to keep an eye on their driving and speed ahead of the warmer months.

During the course of the morning a number of vehicles were safety stopped, with drivers spoken to on a number of topics, including driving whilst distracted, using a mobile and not wearing a seatbelt; with Police dealing with a small number of driving related offences.

Operation Downsway is our dedicated campaign (in addition to checks 365 days a year) to tackle both road and driving related offences, as well as to enforce and educate drivers around the 'fatal5' driving offences, and we continue to work alongside our partners to help promote road safety and reduce the number of serious and fatal collisions.

The fatal5 driving offences are so named as they are the main contributors to serious and fatal road traffic collisions on the roads of Sussex each year:

1. Excess speed
2. Not wearing a seatbelt
3. Distractions ie: using your mobile or a hand-held device
4. Drink and drug driving
5. Careless and inconsiderate driving

As always, communities are continually encouraged to report road or driving related offences to us either online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by calling 101.

In addition to being able to take action as a result of your reports, all reports help to provide Sussex Police with offence data and mapping which aids in directing our Operation Downsway activities in areas which have seen an increase in offences and collisions. In an emergency or serious collision always call 999.



Elsewhere on the coast officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team were out on patrol conducting road safety checks across areas of the coast following reports of ASB driving and speeding in the area late last week and into the weekend.

Whilst out and about in Seaford, officers were alerted to a vehicle being driven in an anti-social manner through the town.

Following enquiries, officers later caught up with the vehicle which had been found insecure and abandoned with no insurance held, as such the vehicle was seized under section 165 of the road traffic act.

We continue to thank and encourage residents to report ASB driving, including excess speed or use of mobile phone to us at the time either by calling 101 or reporting online at [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.

