

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

## **Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police**



### **Out and about this month!**

In the last few weeks officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team have had the pleasure of attending many events across the district, including this year's Newhaven Lifeboat Summer Fayre, Wivelsfield Village Day and Peacehaven Summer Fayre!

As well as joining in on some of the fun family activities on offer over the Summer holidays; officers have had the opportunity to catch up and meet with many local residents, offer support and crime prevention advice, and be on hand at a number of local events these past few months to update local communities on recently report crimes and the work being conducted in the area to keep them safe.



Our PCSOs play a vital role in our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT); in not only offering a visible and recognisable 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.

If you see us out and about be sure to stop us and say hello, we're here for you.

Contact us 24/7, 365, online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by calling 101 (non-emergencies), and by calling 999 in an emergency.

### **Supporting the first ever National Community Speedwatch (CSW) 'all out day'**

Late last week officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team joined residents out and about in communities to support Community Speedwatch first ever 'all out day'.

The day which saw CSW groups across the county come together to take part in a Nationwide day of action and awareness on the roads across the Country; locally officers joined established CSW sites in both Ringmer and Newick.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds.

The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them. The aim is to:



- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Community Speedwatch does not result in prosecution itself; however, if a persistent speeding driver is identified through the scheme, police can use this evidence to take action against them if required. If there is a persistent general speeding issue where highway improvements are required (eg speedbumps), the relevant agency will be contacted.

Find out more and sign up to a group in your area: [http://sussex.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-CSW\\_Online.php](http://sussex.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-CSW_Online.php).

As always we continue to thank volunteers for their continued commitment and time in helping to keep the roads of Sussex safe for all road users.

### Keeping an eye out for trouble

As we head into the weekend, the welfare and safety of local communities remains a top priority for officers across the Lewes and Seahaven districts - Our goal? Safer streets, less crime and a more confident community.



Already this week a number of patrols have taken place across the district, with officers paying close attention to areas of concern reported by local residents to help keep communities feeling safe.

This includes additional anti-social behaviour (ASB) patrols across the coast following reports from residents in Seaford and Newhaven; as well as a number of hours spent in your town centres keeping an eye on your local businesses as we head into the busier Summer months.

Community reporting plays a huge part in how we police your communities, all reports help to direct patrols in areas which have seen an increase in both crime and anti-social behaviour, and we continue to thank and encourage residents to report incidents to police at the time.

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### E-fit Appeal

Police have released an e-fit of a man they wish to speak to in connection with a knife-point robbery in Lewes.

The incident occurred between 10.30pm and 10.45pm on Monday (June 30) on the footpath between Pelham Terrace and Landport Road, near the Pells footbridge.

The victim, a woman in her 20s, was approached by a man who was in possession of a knife and demanded

that she empty her bag and purse. She dropped her belongings and fled the scene.

Items including cash and personal belongings were taken.



An e-fit of the suspect has been issued to assist with the investigation.

The suspect pictured is described as tall, around 6'5", of slim build with a bald head, no facial hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a grey Adidas hoodie with the three-stripe logo on one of the sleeves, a blue tracksuit, grey/black trainers and black gloves.

Anyone who recognises the individual or has information that may help officers with their enquiries is asked to contact police online or by calling 101, quoting serial 779 of 01/07.

## 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, contact us via TypeTalk on 18000 or by texting on 65999.

