

Friday 31st January 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police

Dear residents,

Please find attached this weeks Sussex Alerts for Lewes and Seahaven.

Out and about this week

Ringmer Primary and Nursery School visit

NYOs joined an assembly with years 3-4 at Ringmer Primary and Nursery School.



The assembly which was about the importance of keeping safe, also focussed on the role of police, and consequences when over the age of 10, as well as the school's values of compassion, courage, respect and responsibility.

After the assembly, youngsters were invited to take part in an activity around feelings and how we show them, using colours to express feelings, and helping to show that ALL feelings are OK, it's how we share them that is important; and how it is fine to feel angry, but not OK to behave or act in an angry way that may hurt other people.

Your Neighbourhood Youth Officers play a vital role within the Neighbourhood Policing Team, working with young children, young adults, partners and educational establishments.

Providing lessons to primary schools on a range of subjects including; online safety, the role of our Neighbourhood Youth Officers (NYO), drugs, the law, hate crime, anti-social behaviour and reporting crime; ensures we can help do our bit at crucial development ages to discuss any concerns and explain the effects of crime and how policing works.

We continue working with our young communities; finding ways to engage with children and young people, as well as working throughout the year with teachers and partners to help ensure children are provided with the best possible start.



Holocaust Memorial Day An absolute privilege to join residents in Lewes to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, and the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Local PCSOs Gubbins and Pollock attended a number of events organised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Group to mark the day.



Including dropping in at Trinity Church on Saturday, where residents could hear talks, stories, and live music; as well as an evening memorial vigil with reflections, readings and speeches on Cliffe High Street on the 27th January.

Attending officers said it was a privilege to join communities and

local residents at these memorial events to not only mark the day, but to remember, honour and commemorate the millions of victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

ASB driving in Peacehaven

You said: continued anti-social driving in Peacehaven and surrounding areas, including excessive speed and dangerous driving.

We did:



- Deployed to affected areas during peak reporting times
- Conducted additional vehicle patrols in the area
- Responded to concerns raised by residents
- Committed a number of hours to road safety checks

In the last few weeks as a result a number of drivers in the area have been stopped, resulting in four vehicle seizures, including the seizure of a vehicle under Section 59 (of the Police Reform Act 2002) as well as offences of driving whilst disqualified, and that of driving without valid insurance.

Lewes Police are committed to keeping the roads of our towns safe, and continue to commit resources to tackling road related offences and responding to concerns raised by communities.

As always we continue to encourage communities to report offences to us at the time, either by calling 101, or reporting online.

In an emergency always call 999.

Two former Seaford teachers charged with child sex offences

Two former teachers at a private school in Seaford have been charged with dozens of child sex offences.

Police launched two separate investigations into allegations made by former pupils at the preparatory and sixth form of Newlands School in Seaford during the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.



David Clarke, 81, of Main Road in Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk, taught religious education at Newlands Preparatory School between 1978 and 1989.

He has been charged with 17 counts of indecently assaulting a boy under 16; 15 counts of indecently assaulting a boy under 14; seven counts of inciting a boy under 14 to commit gross indecency and one count each of buggery of a boy under 16, attempted buggery of a boy under 16 and making an indecent photograph of a child.

The charges relate to 12 victims.

He has been remanded in custody.

Following an investigation into separate allegations from 11 victims, former English and drama teacher George Haynes, 73, of Church Lane in Redmile, Leicestershire, was charged with 29 child sex offences.

Haynes, who taught at Newlands Manor School between 1986 and 1992, is charged with 20 counts of indecently assaulting a male over 16; five counts of indecently assaulting a child under 16; three counts of attempted indecent assault on a boy under 16 and one count of buggery against a boy under 16.

He remains in custody.

Both defendants will appear at separate hearings at Lewes Crown Court on Monday, 24 February.

We are continuing to urge Ford Fiesta and other vehicle owners to be vigilant in East Sussex

It follows further reports of thefts in Eastbourne, Bexhill and Newhaven this week.

Earlier this month we received other reports of these type of vehicles being targeted by thieves.

In one incident, we made three arrests following a pursuit of a suspected stolen Ford Fiesta from Peacehaven to Litlington.

Owners are urged to review storage and parking, and our top tips include:



- Parking your vehicle in sight of your home or inside a garage; or where there is street lighting or CCTV.
- Using a steering lock, often highly visible from outside the vehicle, acting as a deterrent to potential car thieves, as well as preventing the steering wheel from being turned.
- Consider 'blocking' the vehicle in with the use of a second vehicle or fitting a ghost immobiliser.
- Reprogramming your keys if you buy a second hand car, or if buying second hand check that the key blade is cut and works, by testing it.

If you have been impacted by theft, or have any information about suspicious activity related to these vehicles, please report it to us, quoting Operation Mainland.

End of alert.