

Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

Monday September 30th 2024

September has arrived – and with it, brings a new academic year!

As usual, it's been a busy month, with plenty going on. Our officers have been out and about in the city visiting the youngsters of the community at various nurseries, schools, and colleges as well as their usual patrols in areas such as The Level, Brighton seafront and even attended the London to Brighton bike ride which took place on Sunday 15th!

Anti-spiking week

National spiking intensification week, led by the NPCC, took place between 16th September and 22nd September.

During the week, we worked with our partners to engage with the public by:

Raising awareness about the dangers of spiking, including how to spot the signs and encourage reporting.

Providing reassurance on the range of action Sussex Police undertakes to tackle spiking.

Highlighting our proactive work to pursue perpetrators.

Dispelling myths about spiking.

Carrying out high visibility patrols in the night-time economy across the county with the use of the drone and drugs dogs outside venues. -

A large proportion of our work has been aimed at the new and returning students to Brighton, using our engagement van as a location for partygoers to chat with us about any issues they have, as well as using it as a tool to speak about spiking. We work very closely with the licensed venues of the city to ensure extra safeguarding and security measures take place, so that people can enjoy their nights out safely.

In addition, a number of our officers took part in anti-spiking training with the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. This training was strongly focused on anti-spiking activism, specialising in universities and the night-time economy.

Our efforts to tackle spiking are not restricted to this single week of activity. By addressing spiking and working with our partners to help create safer spaces, our aim is to protect our communities and ensure that people can enjoy going out in Sussex without fear or harm.

Freshers

The new university year has begun, and we are pleased to welcome back students, old and new to the city! We hope they have been enjoying the start of year celebrations and the Welcome Week activities on campus that have been taking place over the last week. Our officers have been out supporting the many events, and speaking to students about personal safety when they are out.

Recruitment

We have attended a number of job fairs this month including Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, as well as The Bevy in Moulscumb. These are always great events to attend, it is fantastic meeting

everyone and hearing about their aspirations, whilst chatting about police work with the various roles and opportunities we have within the organisation.

If you are interested in a career with us, please take a look at our website www.sussex.police.uk and select the Careers section, alternatively you can request a chat with one of our recruitment experts. Please book in a 1-1 phone call by emailing careers@sussex.police.uk.

Sussex Alerts

As per last month, and worth mentioning again, we are aiming to grow and develop our communications with our communities and we are increasing our use of Sussex Alerts to share important messages. Crime prevention advice, scam alerts, witness appeals, news, area updates....just some of the information we are beginning to send out and would like to provide more of to keep people informed about our work.

In order to make this effective and useful we want to increase the number of people signed up to the Sussex Alerts system.

Can you help us? Please share the link with your families and friends locally and help us to reach everyone in the community with the information that matters to them - <https://sussexalerts.co.uk/>.

Finally, I just wanted to take a moment to mention Emergency Services Day which took place on Monday 9th September. We have said it before and we will say it again, we are proud to keep Sussex safe. Whether it is behind the scenes, or on the frontline, our staff, officers and volunteers all have one thing in common – the sense of responsibility they feel towards protecting our city and community.

Thank you.

Simon Marchant

Chief Inspector

News

Three boys arrested after a teenager is threatened with a knife in Patcham



On September 23, it was reported that an altercation took place in Wilmington Parade, Patcham and a teenager was threatened with a knife.

Three boys were arrested in connection with the report, with two 16-year-olds arrested on suspicion of possessing an offensive weapon in a public place and for possession of a Class B drug. One of the 16-year-olds was further arrested on suspicion of making threats to kill and for affray. Additionally, a 14-year-old was arrested on suspicion of affray.

Read more here - <https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/three-boys-arrested-after-a-teenager-is-threatened-with-a-knife-in-patcham/>

Appeal following collision between a bike and electric scooter in Roedean



Police are appealing for information following a collision involving a bike and an electric scooter in Marine Drive at the junction of Roedean Road on September 11 at around 9.40pm.

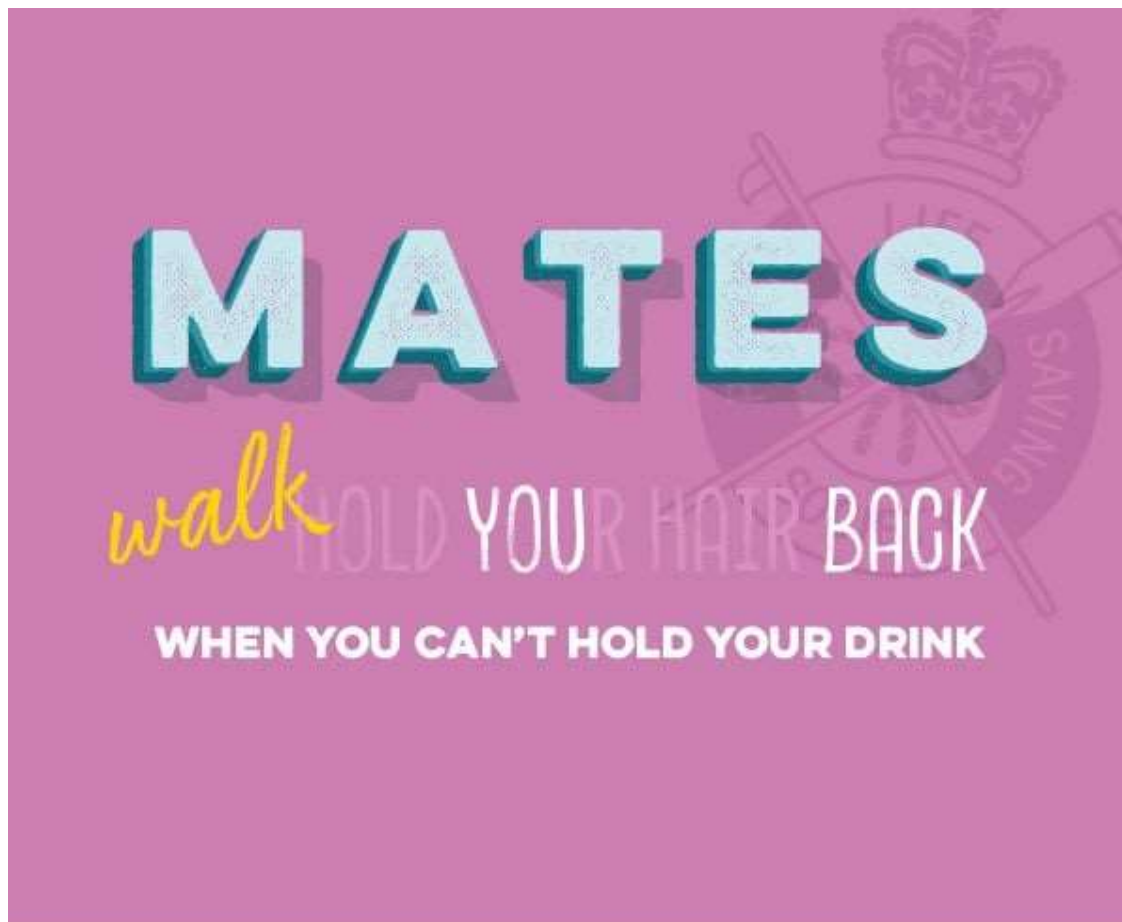
The incident was reported to have happened on the cycle path with both riders attending hospital for serious injuries.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has dash cam footage is asked to contact police by emailing collision.appeal@sussex.police.uk, using our [online reporting form](#), or by calling 101 quoting reference 461 of 12/09.

Information & Advice

Water Safety

RLSS Don't Drink and Drown Week – 16-22 September



#BEAMATE
DON'T DRINK AND DROWN

September was a week of water safety 16th to 22nd.

Did you know that 46% of accidental drownings of those aged between 18-25 involve alcohol and/or drugs in the last 6 years?

The focus this campaign was on new and returning students for Freshers Week, and providing valuable advice and statistics.

You can follow Royal Life Saving Society UK on Facebook and take a look at their #DontDrinkandDrown campaign to learn more about how you can stay safe.

The next campaign will be taking place 12-20 December.

#drinkresponsibly

#BeAMate

Crimestoppers



Did you know vapes can also be spiked?

If you know about or have witnessed someone who spikes drinks or vapes, contact our charity.

We never ask for your personal details, just what you know about the crime. You stay 100% anonymous. Always.

Speak up here: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/news-campaigns/news/2024/sep/spiking-warning-for-students>

Community Speedwatch Survey

👏 Can you help to reduce death and injury on our roads? 🙏

Community Speedwatch is looking for volunteers in your area!

This is a vital role in helping to reduce anti-social driving and helping to prevent death and injury on our roads and full training will be given by Sussex Police.

☑ Sign up to a local scheme here 📄 spkl.io/2148 or contact Steve O'Connell, via email CSW@sussex.police.uk or phone 07773486265 for more information.

[#Fatal5](#) [#SlowDown](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Please find information about how to find your local scheme below! 😊

Using their map tool, you can check out where your nearest local scheme is before registering as a member to make a difference in your community!

You can find the scheme map to join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme near you here:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/get-involved/find-my-local-scheme>

Home Security



Is your home secure?

Autumn has arrived and the nights are drawing in. Opportunist burglars could see this as the perfect time to try their luck and look for potential security risks to gain entry to homes!

Small changes to your daily routine like taking an extra minute to check, and double check your doors and windows are closed and locked can help with keeping your home secure from burglaries.

More tips and advice can be found here: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/>



If you witness concerning behaviour, or become a victim yourself, we are here for you.

Report  online or via  101

If it is an emergency then dial 999

Online Safety



 You can see and register for upcoming webinars here. [Online Safety and Cyber Security Webinars | Eventbrite](#) 

Our Cyber Security for business session is 1 hour of engaging, accessible and not needlessly technical content designed to help your business become Cyber Resilient. This session covers key topics such as phishing awareness, ransomware, business continuity plans as well as the huge array of free resources and software the police can offer you on your Cyber journey.

Details of free mental health services in Sussex for anyone who needs help or support. Remember, you are not alone. Please reach out if you need to speak to someone.



In an emergency, call 999.

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 don't require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Connect with 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, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.



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