

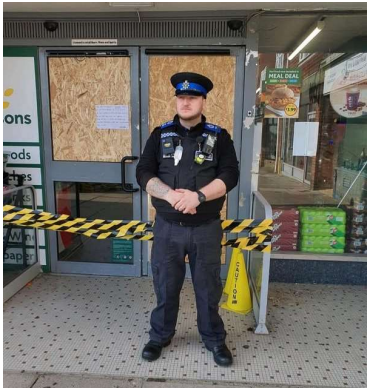
Friday 21st February 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police

Business burglary advice

Following a business break in at a local supermarket, Officers in Ringmer have been out and about this week conducting their enquiries and supporting victims, as well as visiting and offering valuable advice and support to other local businesses in the area.

From maintaining the building and employing staff, to advertising and purchasing stock; we know you have invested a great deal of time, energy and money into your business premises.



Sadly burglars make it their business to break in - to help keep your business safe, and reduce the likelihood of your business being targeted by criminals follow our latest advice and top tips; from helping to make your property more secure, recommendations for security and CCTV, as well as simple ‘checklists’ all aimed deterring individuals from targeting your premises can be found online [here](#).

The burglary pictured was reported in the small hours of the 17th, and occurred on Springett Avenue - any information or witnesses to the incident are asked to please report online or by calling 101, quoting serial 111 of 17/02.

Partnership working to help keep our roads safe



Earlier this week, officers were joined by East Sussex Fire and Rescue along Nevil Road in Lewes, who together took to 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 more cold and wet weather due in the coming weeks.

During the course of the morning a number of vehicles were safety stopped, with drivers spoken to by both Police and Fire Officers on a number of topics – inc. 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 'fatal 5' 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, these are: excess speed, not wearing a seatbelt, distractions eg: using your mobile or a hand-held device, drink and drug driving, and careless or inconsiderate driving

As always, communities are continually encouraged to report road or driving related offences to us either online 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.

Community Speed Watch



Last weekend, officers joined a local Community SpeedWatch Group in Ditchling, as part of our continued partnership work to help keep the roads of your community safe - if speeding is an issue in your area you can report online on the Sussex Police Website, or find out more about your local CSW group by visiting [CSW Sussex online](#).

What is CSW?

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution can follow.

Find out more and join a local group online [here](#).

As always we continue to thank CSW volunteers across the district for their support, time and the work they all carry out in helping to keep local communities safe from both anti-social and dangerous driving.

PCSO recruitment - join us and help make a difference, together

With no two days the same, our PCSOs are a key link with communities across Sussex, playing a critical and visible role in helping keep our communities safe, identifying and protecting the most vulnerable and helping to prevent harm.



Already this week PCSOs for Newhaven have responded to a number of reports, including visiting vulnerable victims of scams, conducting high-visibility patrols to help locate a missing person, as well as assisting keeping the traffic moving following a broken-down motor vehicle on a busy roundabout in the town.

Being a PCSO offers a challenging, yet incredibly rewarding career. Working alongside our policing prevention teams to prevent and tackle local issues; as well as being out and about on the streets of Sussex, building relationships within the community and winning the trust of the public.

Our PCSOs encounter a range of situations from dealing with anti-social behaviour, taking statements from victims of crimes, providing reassurance and helping resolve community challenges as the face of local policing for the community.

For more information on the role, shift pattern, salary and more please [click here](#). (applications for East Sussex close 23/02/2025).