

Brunswick and Adelaide PCSO Monthly Update

Hello everyone! This is your current ward update for Brunswick and Adelaide, looking back at the month just gone, and offering current crime prevention advice.

Within the month of August:

- Reports of ASB decreased slightly from 71 reports in July to 68 reports in August.
- Burglary remained the same with 2 reports in August.
- An increase in criminal damage from 5 reports in July to 8 reports in August.

Patrols:

There were 15 separate directed patrols last month, with a combined duration of 1153 minutes of patrol.

Key Priorities:

- For a reduction of ASB/drug use/drug dealing in the green spaces.
- To see more patrols in hotspot areas

Crime Prevention Advice

I have noted a slight increase in bicycle theft and so this month's crime prevention advice will be based around keeping your bike safe.

Ten ways to protect your bike

Follow these 10 tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.

1. Double lock it

Using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible.

2. Lock the lot

Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand.

3. Secure it

Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

4. Take removable parts with you

Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently.

5. Park securely

Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.

6. Register it

Register your frame number on a [national bike registration database](#) approved by [Secured by Design](#). The frame number is usually found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in. If your bike is ever stolen and recovered by the police, it can be traced back to you.

7. Mark it

Get your bike security marked. It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested. Security marking products can be found at [Secured by Design](#).

8. Remember safety begins at home

Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street. Avoid advertising that you have a bike at home, for example, by removing car roof racks, and creating 'privacy zones' on apps like Strava to avoid disclosing your location.

9. Check ownership

Ask for proof of ownership and check the bike frame number on national bike registration databases approved by [Secured by Design](#).

10. Act fast

If your bike has been stolen, contact us as soon as possible by [reporting online](#). Give us your frame number, cycle database number, a photo and any other details and make sure you update the status on the cycle database where you registered it. The sooner we know, the sooner we can act, which might stop it being sold on.

What to do if your bike is stolen

It is worth posting a description and photo of your missing bike on the following forums:

- [Ride.cc Bike Forum](#)
- [Bikeradar](#)
- [CycleChat](#)

Meetings

The next LAT meetings are listed below:

Thursday 18th September 2025 – Holland Road Baptist Church – 6:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 - Cornerstone Community Centre on Church Road, between 7:15pm-9:15pm.

This is a great opportunity for local residents, businesses, councillors and police to get together to discuss concerns, improvements for the area, positive action etc. Please feel free to come along to a meeting if you would like!

How to contact Sussex Police

999 – emergency

101 – non-emergency

Sussex Police website online form – non-emergency

Crimestoppers – anonymous non-emergency

Reporting through the official channels is crucial, as we are then able to allocate the correct officer/department to make contact with you.

If you see me out and about, please feel free to say hello! Once again, thanks for reading 😊