



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

## **Sussex Alerts Eastbourne Police**

### **Closure order for Eastbourne property**

Police have secured a closure order on a flat in Saddlers Mews, Bourne Street, Eastbourne which was linked to several anti-social behaviour, disorder and drug related incidents.



The application for the closure was heard at Brighton Magistrates' Court on 16th May and was granted in full. As a result, the address was closed on the same day as the court hearing and will remain closed for three months.

The occupant was removed by police from the address and left to find alternative accommodation.

Neighbourhood policing Sergeant Adam said: "Residents had been subjected to anti-social and violent incidents for several months, and we hope that the effect of the closure order can now give residents much needed respite from the impact and intrusion these incidents have had on their lives".

"Officers would like to thank residents who reported, and helped cooperate with police throughout".

"We would always encourage individuals to report anti-social behaviour, reports from the local community help to build a map of crime in localised areas, which assist when handling matters such as court closure orders, as well as our day-to-day patrols."

If anyone has any concerns or information about anti-social behaviour, report to police [online](#) or call 101.

### **Two men involved in the cultivation of hundreds of cannabis plants have been jailed as part of a national operational targeting organised crime groups**

On Wednesday, 19 February, officers carried out a warrant at an industrial property in Maple Road, Eastbourne, based on intelligence linking it to drug production.

Inside were around 500 cannabis plants spread across multiple rooms, as well as living quarters that appeared to have been regularly used.

Officers also found two 22 year old males.

The pair were arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis plants and subsequently charged.

They pleaded guilty to the offences at Brighton Magistrates' Court on 20 February and were remanded in custody to await sentencing.

At Lewes Crown Court on Friday (16 May), they were both sentenced to 14 months in prison.



Their arrests were part of a wider operation at the beginning of the year targeting organised crime groups suspect of involvement in drug supply and wider exploitation.

Sussex officers joined national and regional partners to carry out warrants at 19 addresses across the county, acting on intelligence developed over months of investigation.

In total, 17 people were arrested and 1,740 cannabis plants were seized, with an estimated value of £1,740,000 across Sussex.

More than £15,000 cash was also seized, as well as quantities of Class A drugs and £2,000 of criminal property.

Detective Inspector Patch said: "The illegal drug trade has a devastating impact on our communities.

"It is not just about the substances – the trade itself fuels violence, exploitation and a whole host of other crimes linked to the sale of, and addiction to, drugs.

"Sussex Police is committed to working with our partners to identify those involved in the sale of illicit substances and hold them to account while safeguarding their victims."

If you know of anyone involved in the supply of drugs or know where cannabis is being grown, you can report to police in confidence [online](#) or via 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Day of action following community reporting**

Police in Eastbourne carried out a targeted Day of Action across the town centre and Devonshire Ward on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - focusing on hotspot areas and concerns raised by the community.

Officers covered many miles by foot and made multiple searches, resulting in two arrests for Class A drug possession.

Arrests made include that of a 36 year old male, of no fixed address, who was also found in possession of an offensive weapon. He has been charged and bailed to appear at Hastings Magistrates' Court on 2 July.



Throughout the day of action, officers also successfully located two high-risk missing persons, ensuring their safety and completing the necessary paperwork, including the submission of seven intelligence logs.

Chief Inspector Evans said: "We hope to send a clear message: criminal activity in our town will not be tolerated."

"Thanks to all residents who continue reporting concerns—these patrols clearly demonstrate the importance of this information. We are listening to your concerns and are actively tackling the issues these issues."

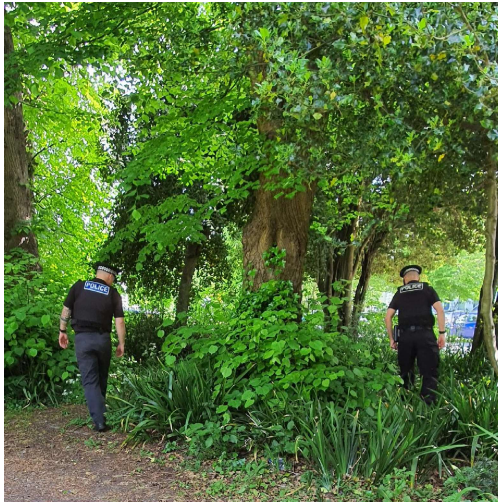
### **Sceptre week – knife crime awareness week**

As part of our continued work to help keep communities safe from serious and violent crime; including knife crime, officers from your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team have been out this week as part of Sceptre week, conducting various 'sweeps' of parks and open public spaces looking for concealed or discarded potential weapons/knives.

Patrols, and sweeps were conducted across areas of the town, including in areas of Hyde gardens, Lushington lane and Cornfield Road, as well as around The Avenue, Upperton Gardens, St Annes Park and Eversfield Road.

We are pleased to report no hidden or discarded knives or potential weapons were found during the course of our checks.

Whilst conducting patrols throughout the week, officers spoke to many residents about the work being conducted in Sussex to keep towns safe.



This includes the work Sussex Police carries out across educational establishments, the outreach work in schools and local communities, the work with Border Force agencies across the County to prevent knives from being imported, proactive checks throughout the year of local businesses, ensuring they are aware of the Challenge 25 policies and their responsibility around the sale of knives, as well as the continued work with both partners and parents of repeat or prolific offenders to help prevent further harm.

Sceptre week, which runs twice a year, supports the work conducted all year round to help ensure knife crime remains relatively low in Sussex and we continue to work hard to keep your communities safe from harm.

If you have information or you're worried about your own safety or the safety of a friend or family member – speak up.

Passing on information to Police, or organisations such as [Crimestoppers](#) or [Fearless](#) can not only help after a crime or incident, but can stop something from happening.

Always call 999 in an emergency.

## Court results following vehicle break-ins

Following a spate of vehicle break-ins in the town overnight on 17 May, two men have now been sentenced in connection with the incidents.



Thanks to swift police enquiries and CCTV analysis, local officers identified and arrested two suspects.

A 27yo male, of Lascelles Terrace, Eastbourne, admitted two counts of vehicle interference. He was fined at Brighton Magistrates' Court on 21 May.

A second male, aged 21, of Seaside Road, Eastbourne, pleaded guilty to vehicle interference and theft from a vehicle. He received an 8-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, and was ordered to pay £250 compensation.

We remain committed to tackling vehicle crime and keeping our communities safe, and thank residents for their reporting and to those who supported the investigation.

## Doorstep Crime, not everyone is who they say they are



We have received a small number of reports across areas of the town, of males reporting to be offering property cleaning services, including 'driveway power washing', males provide an estimated cost to the homeowner, work is carried out, however the final amount is considerably higher than originally quoted.

Whilst many services are genuine, criminals can use these types of tactics as excuses to target elderly or vulnerable persons to enter homes to steal or charge inflated prices for unnecessary 'repairs' or 'work'.

Please be wary of door to door traders.

Don't accept offers for house or garden work from unexpected visitors and never let someone pressure you into quick decisions about your home.

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

