

PCSO Alan Harffey, Ward update for Moulsecoomb and Bevendean.

This month included a week dedicated to 'Burglary Awareness' with several engagements conducted across the Brighton & Hove division including the Universities at Moulsecoomb and Falmer and the city centre. The campaign was to raise promote home safety advice and to encourage reporting.

We conducted a school engagement to meet some Year 6 school children at Moulsecoomb Primary School. We had a very good question and answer session about policing and emergency services in general and the pupils got to try on some police uniform, much to their delight.

On the BATES Estate, local residents and police have worked with the Council to arrange for a Council operated CCTV camera to go up covering an area which has seen some fly-tipping recently.

There has been an increasing amount of graffiti on the side wall of a house in Natal Road. If anyone has witnesses this or has cctv of the perpetrators, we would be grateful if you could report it on Sussex Police website or call 101.

Regarding the anti-social riding/driving, we have had support from other policing teams such as the Roads Policing Team and Rural Crime Team. We did manage to apprehend one of the riders recently and he was reported for driving offences. Another bike was recovered from a property after being tracked by its tracker.

If anyone has information on the home location of motorbikes that are causing alarm or distress, please contact Sussex Police on our website or 101 phone line. Alternatively, you can report anonymously on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or on the OP CRACKDOWN website www.OperationCrackdown.org, which is dedicated to reports of stolen/abandoned or anti-social vehicle incidents.

One of our largest crime types generally, is Scams and Frauds. Every year the British Public loses billions of pounds to fraudsters, quite often organised crime groups based abroad who bombard us with on-line, mail, door-to-door and phone scams. They are very clever and ingenious, and any unsuspecting person can be caught out. Sussex Police have developed Operation Signature to help vulnerable victims of fraud. Police or PCSOs will attend and offer awareness and safeguarding advice.