



Friday 25th July 2025

Sussex Alerts – Wealden Police

Police are appealing for information after a woman was seriously injured in a collision in Wadhurst

A grey Mitsubishi was travelling eastbound on the B2169 Furnace Lane about 1am on Monday 21 July when it left the nearside carriageway and overturned down an embankment.

The vehicle and its two occupants were recovered by the fire service; no other vehicles were involved.

The passenger – a 56-year-old woman from Tunbridge Wells – was extracted from the car and taken to hospital with potentially life-changing injuries.

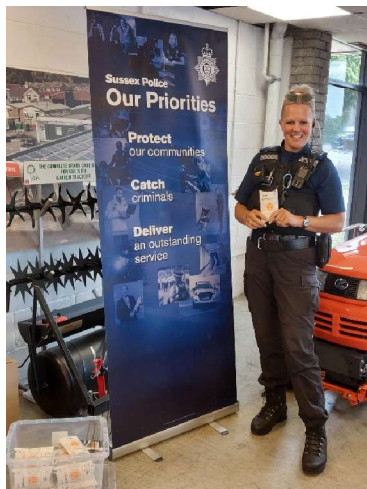


The driver – a 59-year-old man from Tunbridge Wells – was uninjured.

An investigation is underway, and officers are urging anyone who witnessed the collision or the moments leading up to it, or captured any relevant dash cam, CCTV or mobile footage, to email the collisions unit below.

Please email collision.appeal@sussex.police.uk quoting Operation Real.

Helping to support and safeguard local tradespeople



On Friday 18th, we held an event at Hugh Page, Heathfield, to meet and speak with local tradespeople about tool and equipment thefts, and offer out 'DNA Selecta Kits' to help owners mark their property and keep it safe from theft.

The kits; which have been funded by Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, are designed to help tradespeople to mark their equipment and protect it from theft with a unique synthetic DNA code which can only be identified through UV lights and specialist microscopes.

Police can then log each marked tool or piece of equipment in a secure register, meaning that, if theft occurs, police are able to identify the stolen goods and reunite them with their owner.

We know that tool theft continues to have a serious impact on tradespeople across the County, and we continue to work with partners, and local businesses to offer advice and support to help tackle this issue.

Please keep an eye on our social media accounts and Sussex Alerts for details of future events across Wealden.

Additional patrols in Hellingly following ASB and wildlife crime

Late last week officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted additional patrols in and around Hellingly Country Park following reports of individuals causing harm to wildlife.



Patrols of the park and the immediate area were conducted aimed at offering reassurances to communities as well as identifying those involved; during the patrols officers were able to engage with members of the public in the vicinity to provide reassurance on a number of concerns.

Officers will continue patrols throughout the area in order to deter and prevent such behaviour taking place, and we continue to encourage residents to report issues to us if you see or hear something police should know about.

Antisocial behaviour is defined as 'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person'

Find out more about how we classify antisocial behaviour, who to report to, and the many activities that it covers online here: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/what-is-antisocial-behaviour/>

Officers are appealing for witnesses after a man was seriously injured in a collision in Maresfield

At around 8.40am on Wednesday, July 23, a black classic Ford car, made in 1915, was travelling along the A272 eastbound and has entered the Batts Bridge Roundabout and overturned, close to the Batts Bridge junction.



The vehicle and its two occupants were recovered by emergency services; no other vehicles were involved.

The driver – an 83-year-old man from Middlesex – was taken to hospital with potentially life-changing injuries.

The passenger – a 69-year-old man from East Sussex – was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

An investigation is underway, and officers are urging anyone who witnessed the collision or the moments leading up to it, or captured any relevant dash cam, CCTV or mobile footage, to email collision.appeal@sussex.police.uk quoting serial 341 of 23/07.

Summer initiative cracks down on anti-social behaviour in your town centres



As Sussex gets busy this summer there will be increased activity by police and partners as Sussex joins the Safer Streets Summer town centre initiative.

This is a national campaign supported by the Home Office to tackle crime, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour in town centres throughout the summer and until the end of September.

Expect to see increased visible police patrols and officers working directly with businesses and the community to tackle issues.

Increased police presence, quick response times and targeted action will see police, councils and other partners targeting concerns that affect communities most.

The initiative to create safer, thriving town centres is supported by hotspot policing funding.

Safer Streets Summer follows on from the success of hotspot policing in Sussex, fully implemented a year ago after being piloted in the county.

The real positives are that hotspot policing has seen sustained reductions in serious violence and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas across Sussex.

From April to June hotspot policing has added 6,809 hours of additional dedicated patrols, complimenting the work of local teams across Sussex and strengthening connections. These extra patrols have led to engagement with 12,885 members of the public and led to 75 arrests across Sussex.

Continuing to report anti-social behaviour and shoplifting where you see it allows police to obtain a more accurate picture of the demand so that they can focus patrols at peak times to reduce harm caused to the community.

As well as patrols and partner activity to disrupt crime and provide reassurance, there is close working with partners to increase enforcement and prevention. These include public space protection orders that address street drinking and begging as well as support for the vulnerable.

Having built stronger relationships with local businesses there's a more efficient and effective response to business crime, shoplifting and assaults that is leading to successful outcomes and court results.

The last three months of targeted action in Sussex' hotspot areas is continuing to make a real difference to businesses and communities.

During the summer all town centre teams across Sussex, alongside partners, will be holding a number of engagement events in towns across Sussex to educate, enforce and protect the community from anti-social behaviour, violent crime and business-related offences.

There will also be diversionary activities for young people, using these areas in positive ways to help drive down crime and make the areas safe.

Chief Superintendent Katy Woolford said: “Sussex Police is committed to keeping town centres safe all year round and as we see the annual seasonal increases in criminality we will be concentrating resources over the summer period to reduce this in Sussex.

“Officers and partners across Sussex will be working hard to find and prosecute those who continue to commit crime and impact the communities who live and work in Sussex as well as working to prevent crime occurring in the first place.

“You’ll also see officers patrolling the streets talking to those in the community. Please take the time to stop and speak to them and learn about what we’re doing in your local area and how we can all work together to keep Sussex safe.”

Contact Us

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 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.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, contact us via TypeTalk on 18000 or by texting on 65999.

