

Friday 25th July 2025

Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police



Meet your local beat officer upcoming events

Town Centre:

Monday 4th August, 1000-1200, scam awareness session being held in the Eastbourne Police POD on Terminus Road, meet your local PCSOs for the town and obtain the latest advice and support around all things scams and frauds.

Saturday 9th August from 1700-1900pm at our Eastbourne Police POD for an evening of awareness, support and reporting around all things serious violence, including VAWG and knife crime. Hear from police about what work is being conducted with partners such as Eastbourne Night Safety Marshalls (NSM), and Eastbourne Street Pastors to help keep you safe.



Hampden Park:

Monday 28th July, 1000-1400, Hampden Park skate park, ASB partner day, with local Police, East Sussex Fire Rescue and Local Council representatives from Eastbourne Neighbourhood First. Day of action to tackle ASB in the area this Summer.

St Anthons / Langney:

Friday the 1st August from 12 – 14:00, officers will be stationed up at Langney Community Centre, Etchingham Road, to join their Summer Activity Day – meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Meads:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025, 1900-2100 at Eastbourne College. Join officers at the Meads Neighbourhood Panel 3 monthly meeting, open to all Meads residents, local officers will give an update of the crimes and police action in the Meads and Lower Meads area for the past 3 months, opportunity for

communities to raise any concerns.

Sovereign Harbour:

Saturday 6th September, 1000-1100 community hour outside 4Seasons café, meeting with local PCSOs to update on recently report crime, offer advice and support to local residents and business in the area.

Contact us online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

Three men jailed for major multi-kilo drugs operation

Sussex & Surrey Serious and Organised Crime Unit have disrupted a UK-wide multi-kilo drug supply worth millions.

Three men have been jailed, a woman has been given a community order, and one man has been convicted in relation to the supply of over 100 kilograms (kg) of class A and B drugs as a result of the investigation.



The five defendants are linked to a major organised crime group believed to be responsible for a larger UK-wide supply of hundreds of kilos of drugs worth multi-millions of pounds, one of Sussex's biggest operations.

To date, 32 members of the wider organised crime group have been arrested, and a significant number of illegal drugs and weapons have been taken off the streets across Sussex from addresses in both Eastbourne and Lewes.

Read the full details of the investigation, findings and case online here:

www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/three-men-jailed-for-major-multi-kilo-drugs-operation

Fallen Eastbourne officer remembered with restored headstone, 113 years after his death

Sussex Police, together with Sussex Police Federation, the Friends of Ocklynge Cemetery, and Tookey Memorials, proudly unveiled the newly restored headstone of Inspector Arthur Walls at Ocklynge Cemetery in Eastbourne on Friday, July 18, marking 113 years since his tragic murder in the line of duty.

In October 1912, 44-year-old Inspector Walls—then Parade Inspector for Eastbourne Borough Police—responded alone to reports of a burglary at a residence on South Cliff Avenue, Eastbourne. When he confronted the intruder, he was shot twice and died at the scene. He left behind a widow and three children.

The headstone was formally unveiled by Sussex Police Federation Chair Raffaele Cioffi and Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Rosie Ross. The Mayor of Eastbourne and dignitaries from the local community were in attendance, along with serving officers, volunteers and members of the public. Kevin Gordon, Chair of Friends of Ocklynge Cemetery and retired British Transport Police officer, led the proceedings with a moving tribute to Inspector Walls.



Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Rosie Ross said: "Inspector Walls showed immense bravery in the line of duty, and today's ceremony was a powerful reminder of the risks police officers take every day to protect the public. It's our honour to preserve his memory and ensure that his sacrifice is never forgotten".

The original headstone had deteriorated over the decades. Restoration was made possible through joint funding by Sussex Police Federation

and Sussex Police, with project coordination and craftsmanship provided by the Friends of Ocklynge Cemetery and local stonemasons Tookey Memorials.

Inspector Walls was remembered as 'genial and kind towards his colleagues and the public'. His funeral in October 1912 drew a large procession through Eastbourne, supported by a police honour guard, and was followed by a community-led fund raising for his bereaved family.

This restoration ensures that Inspector Walls' memory and sacrifice remain honoured and visible to future generations.

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.

These dedicated patrols include those by Night Safety Marshalls in Brighton, Eastbourne, Worthing and Crawley who engage with vulnerable people and intervene to safeguard people.

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.

