

Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

Thursday 31st July 2025

July has been and gone, and we have been as active as ever at Brighton and Hove Police.

County Lines Intensification Week

I wanted to start with the end of June! We, along with the rest of the country, took part in a national campaign – County Lines Intensification Week at the end of last month.

No one should live with the exploitative bonds from county lines which can have devastating consequences, especially for children and those who are most vulnerable. The week, which ran from 23rd June to 29th June, saw teams across the force working together with partners to target and disrupt county line drug dealing, cuckooing and associated criminality.

The week saw outstanding results, one in particular, officers stopped a suspected drugs vehicle and arrested a 22-year-old man on suspicion of possession with intent to supply.

You can read more about County Lines, including how to support people and how to report it here - [County lines | Sussex Police](#)

Emergency Services Engagement Day

We took to Hove Lawns on Saturday 5th July, along with our emergency services partners across the city, to meet you all!

It was a great day, and despite the fact that the weather meant that summer wasn't really "summering" that day, it was a busy one!

We met with plenty of people and spoke about the different avenues they could take to join Sussex Police, including someone who is currently in the process of applying to be a Special Constable!

We also met with a couple of young people who were interested in becoming Police Cadets, although a little too young right now! We can't wait to see them join up in a few years though!

If you are interested in learning more about the sort of roles we are recruiting for currently – please take a look here - [Careers - join us as an officer, staff member or volunteer | Sussex Police](#)

Finally, two of our officers received bravery awards earlier this month!

Sergeants Matthew Seekings and Craig Lees made the late night rescue more than 50 metres out to sea at Brighton in May last year.

They responded after a drone unit detected someone in the sea after police received a report of a vulnerable missing teenage girl.

The officers removed their kit and swam out in the very cold sea to rescue the girl, pulling her safely back to the beach.

They have been awarded regional winners of the National Police Bravery Awards and were among 70 officers from 38 police forces at a Police Federation ceremony in London.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them, what an incredible award!

August is shaping up to be another very busy month, enjoy the sunshine (fingers crossed!)

Si Marchant
Chief Inspector

News

Update: Man identified following hate crime appeal



We have identified a man we wished to speak to in relation to a report of racial abuse directed at a woman in Castle Square, Brighton, on 20 July.

This follows an appeal we issued on 22 July. Our enquiries are ongoing.

Anyone with further information about what happened is encouraged to contact us on 101, quoting serial 1208 of 20/07

Two teenagers remanded following Portslade stabbing



Two teenagers have been remanded in custody after it was reported that a 15-year-old was attacked with a sword in Portslade.

Read more here - [Two teenagers remanded following Portslade stabbing | Sussex Police](#)

Arrests made after women are injured in Brighton



Arrests have been made following a report that two women were injured in Brighton.

Officers responded to the incident on Saturday (July 26), at around 6pm, after the victims were reportedly hit by a glass bottle in Grand Parade.

Information and advice



Dogs die in hot cars!

This message is important all year round however is especially important in the warmer summer months. Some advice here from [@RSPCA](#) about what to do if you see a dog locked in a car on a hot day: <https://orlo.uk/X1KYZ>

Police will not hesitate to rescue a dog in distress from a hot car so please just don't take the risk.



Is your bike safe?

Now the weather is starting to warm up, you might want to start using your bikes to get out and about and enjoy the city!

We would like to remind owners to ensure they lock their bikes up, preferably to a stand (or similar) and to use at least 2 good quality locks.

You may only be popping into a shop for a minute, but it only takes seconds for someone to grab an unlocked bike and cycle off.

Click here for advice on keeping your bike safe: <https://orlo.uk/E1gG8>

Vehicle Safety



Out for the evening? Don't take the wrong exit and end the night in a cell.

If you're drinking, leave your car keys at home. Book a taxi, stay at a friend's or get public transport.

It's never okay to drink and drive.

You can learn more here - [Alcohol and drug driving | Sussex Police](#)

Call 101 when you don't require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

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



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