

# Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police



### Tackling ASB in your communities

Late last week, officers from your Eastbourne Policing Teams held a community meeting open to all residents in Shinewater.

The meeting, which was an opportunity for locals to not only speak to their Shinewater officers and report any recent incidents; but also a chance for residents to hear firsthand from the officers who patrol their streets on the work being conducted to tackle ASB in the area; including updates from recent patrols and local policing activities over the Summer months.



As a result of community concerns raised on the day a number of actions have been agreed by local officers, including continued additional patrols and further community meetings.

Officers also continue to work alongside partners and residents in the area to help create a safe atmosphere where everyone can enjoy the area without unwanted anti-social behaviour.

After the meeting officers also stopped by Shinewater Primary at school leaving time, to catch up with both parents and youngsters heading home from school, to hear of any issues parents and carers may be experiencing around the area.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our meeting, your reports and information is key in supporting officer patrols and the work being conducted in the area to keep everyone safe.

We thank residents for their time and reports, and continue to encourage anyone to report incidents of ASB to police at the time either by calling 101 or reporting online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk).

### Two men have been charged with multiple offences, following excellent partnership work between Sussex Police and Kent Police.

Police were alerted to a report of a Toyota Hilux, on cloned plates, being driven through Horam, East Sussex, about 5.30pm on Tuesday 2 September.

The vehicle – confirmed stolen from Westham two days previously – was spotted a short time later and a pursuit ensued into Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Command was led by the Kent Police Force Incident Manager, and officers from the Sussex Police Roads Policing Unit and Specialist Enforcement Unit used tactics to attempt to stop the Toyota.

The vehicle was abandoned in Montacute Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, and the driver decamped, but was tracked by a Sussex Police Dog Unit and found hiding in a toilet cubicle of the nearby Sainsbury's store.



**Detective Chief Inspector Cath O'Connor said:** "This incident demonstrates how officers from neighbouring forces work together, often in fast-paced and dynamic situations, to keep the public safe from harm.

"I'd like to commend all staff and officers involved for bringing the pursuit to a safe and successful conclusion.

"While considerable damage was caused to a number of police vehicles and parked vehicles, thankfully no serious injuries were reported."

A 27yo male, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with aggravated vehicle taking, failing to stop when required by police, driving without valid insurance and driving without a valid licence.

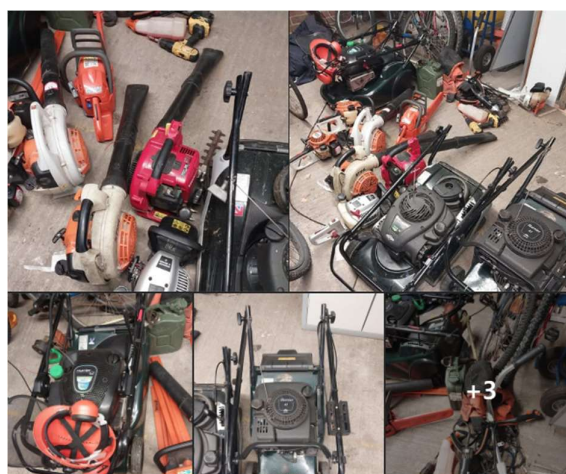
He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Brighton Magistrates' Court for trial on 10 October.

A second male, a 21yo, of Seaside Road, Eastbourne, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, two counts of driving while disqualified, failing to provide a specimen for analysis, two counts of theft of a motor vehicle, two counts of burglary and two counts of driving without valid insurance.

He pleaded guilty to all offences at Brighton Magistrates' Court on Friday 5 September and has been remanded in custody for sentencing on 3 October (further details can be found here:

[www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/two-men-charged-after-police-pursuit-between-kent-and-sussex/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/two-men-charged-after-police-pursuit-between-kent-and-sussex/))

### Appeal to reunite tools with their owners



Do any of these belong to you?

Police investigating rural burglaries across areas of Eastbourne and Wealden are looking to identify owners of the pictured tools and equipment.

If these items belong to you, please get in touch quoting reference number 47250104706.

Please provide details of ownership e.g: serial numbers or proof of purchase when calling or reporting online here: [www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/), thank you.

Two teenagers, one 17 year old boy, and one 19 year old man were arrested on the 1st June 2025 on suspicion of handling stolen goods. They have been bailed whilst our investigations continue.

Further images of the tools can be found here:

[www.facebook.com/EastbournePoliceUK/posts/1220283920134920](https://www.facebook.com/EastbournePoliceUK/posts/1220283920134920)

## Community meeting Sovereign Harbour



Last weekend (Saturday 6th September) officers from your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team held a community meeting outside The Waterfront to offer support and advice, as well as updates on recent patrols and activities being conducted in the past few months.

The meeting which was an opportunity for locals to not only speak to officers and report concerns; was also a chance to hear firsthand from the officers who patrol their area on the work being conducted to tackle recently reported crime and ASB.

Including updates on patrols over the Summer following youth related ASB & anti-social driving around the harbour, as well as the continued work with local businesses and harbour partners following reports of business crime at The Crumbles.

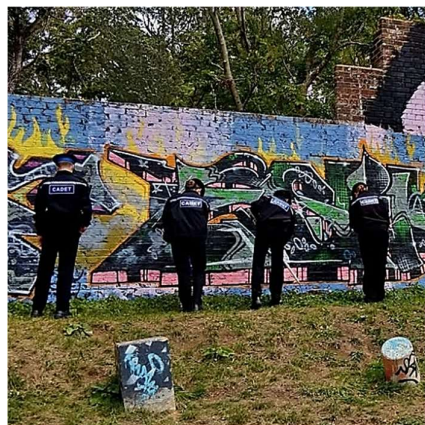
On the day officers were also joined by partners and local Councillors, including Sovereign Harbour Residents Association SHRA committee members, McDonalds Management, and the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Silver Strand; further giving local residents the opportunity to meet and speak to partners and coordinators about any current concerns in the area.

A huge thank you to both partners and residents for taking to time out to come along to speak with us; community reporting is key in supporting local officer patrols and the work being conducted in the area to keep everyone safe.

Remember you can contact us 24/7 either by calling 101 or reporting online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) (all non-emergency reporting and support), and by calling 999 in an emergency.

## Cadets take action to support tackling serious crime

On Monday 1 September, our Volunteer Police Cadets carried out sweeps across Eastbourne.



They covered a number of locations including Hampden Park Skate Park, Gildredge Park and the Sovereign Centre skate park, as part of our ongoing commitment to serious violence reduction.

From their searches as well as finding evidence of drugs, Cadets and their Leaders spoke with over 60 youngsters and parents in the parks around the work being conducted to keep them safe.

Many positive interactions had, with Cadets speaking to teens their age around the dangers and consequences of both drug use and becoming involved in crime.

A big thank you to all our Cadets for their continued hard work and for taking such an active role in crime prevention.



Find out more about our commitment to tackling serious violence online here: [www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/serious-violence/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/serious-violence/)

### Man sentenced following serious assault



A man has been sentenced after a violent assault in Eastbourne.

A 29 year old man, of The Sidings, Polegate, was found guilty at court this week of possessing an offensive weapon.

Police were called on the evening of 27 April 2024 to reports of an assault involving a weapon on Terminus Road, Eastbourne.

At the scene, officers found a golf club; and following enquiries, including reviewing CCTV and mobile phone footage, a man was identified and arrested; at custody he was further arrested for possession of class A drugs.

The victim was taken to hospital the same evening, where he was treated for his injuries, and was later discharged.

At Lewes Crown Court on the 4 September, he pleaded guilty to the offence of possession of an offensive weapon, and possession of a controlled substance.

He was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment, suspended for 24 months, along with 80 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay a £187 fine.

Further details can be found here :

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1221996589963653&set=a.305882228241765>

### Eastbourne Festival Of Accessible Sport

This weekend officers from your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of joining attendees, local partners and service providers at this year's annual Eastbourne Festival of Accessible Sport (EFAS).



The EFAS which was held at the Defiant Sports Inclusion Hub in Eastbourne on Saturday 6th, saw a number of providers showcase just some of the amazing accessibility-focused sports and activities on offer across your town for anyone with access needs, neurodivergence needs or disabilities.

We extend a huge thank you organisers for having us come along on the day, with thanks too to Loretta Lock (pictured) who is a Managing Director for Defiant Sports Inclusion Hub at Archery Recreation Ground, for all their work and the support on offer for local communities.

## Upcoming meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team events

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 13th September 10:00-11:00 Langney Shopping Centre, community hour with your ward PCSOs, report and obtain support and meet the team.

Saturday 13th September 16:00-17:00 at Longland Rec by the café, Old Town. Meet your local PCSO for crime updates, advice, support and reporting.



Sunday 14th September 16:00-17:00 inside The Tennis Café at Gildredge Park, community meeting with local PCSOs to update on recently report crime, offer advice and support to local residents and business in the area.

Sunday 14th September 15:00-16:00 join your ward officers in Tugwell Park to discuss any ASB and what actions are being taken.

Tuesday 16th September 13:00-14:00 at Langney Community Centre, Etchingham Road, join your ward officer for community hour, report, support and updates.

Saturday 20th September, from 10:00-14:00, outside the Beacon Shopping Centre/Eastbourne Police POD, meet your 'HotSpot Policing Team' Engagement Day, as well as hear first hand about the work conducted in the last 6 months to keep you safe.

All events are a chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

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

In an emergency call 999.

### Keeping you cyber safe – free cyber security webinars

You don't have to be a computer expert to get up-to-speed and protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

Every week our dedicated Cyber Protect team delivers free, engaging, and interactive online webinars every week on a variety of topics covering the latest in Cyber Security:

- Online Safety for Beginners
- Keeping Children Safe Online
- The Dangers of AI
- Cyber Security for Businesses: Threats you must address in 2025
- Online Safety for Women and Girls
- Cyber Security for Charities
- Special Sessions (i.e. Crypto-currencies)



With the UK Economy losing around £27bn a year from Cyber Crime, the sessions for businesses and charities are essential to learn the latest cyber security measures such as phishing awareness, protecting against ransomware and business continuity.

Parents and guardians can also learn all about keeping children safe online, with the sessions covering social media, parental controls, gaming, digital footprints, trackers, AI and much more.

**Each topic finishes with a Q and A providing the ideal time to answer any burning cyber security questions.**

You can discover more on each subject area webinar, along with a schedule of forthcoming webinars to sign-up for via our Event page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093?msocid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

## 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 have a hearing or speech impairment, or other forms of communication difficulties.

Those with textphone can text 18001 101, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service (here: <https://signvideo.co.uk/>), to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger please use the textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

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For more information on textphone and Relay UK please visit: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>.

