



Friday 23rd May 2025

Sussex Alerts Wealden Police

Rural Crime Team attending Heathfield Agricultural Show

Meet Your Local Rural Crime Team at this year's Heathfield Agricultural Show on Saturday 24th May.

Doors open 08:15-17:15, and officers from our Rural Crime Team will be on hand to offer advice, support, crime prevention tools, and updates on recently report rural crimes in the area, as well as meeting officers, this is a chance to raise any concerns, ask questions, or simply say hello.



The Rural Crime Team was formed in 2020, following the precept increase acquired by Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and aims to serve the rural community, increase confidence and encourage reporting through preventing crime and carrying out proactive investigations.

With 62% of Sussex's area dedicated to farming and a significant proportion being in the South Downs National Park, Sussex is defined as 'significantly rural' by DEFRA (2011).

The team specialises in agricultural, environmental, heritage and wildlife crime and dog theft, and takes a targeted approach to tackling rural crime based on the needs of each of the three policing divisions of Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex.

Teams are made up of one Inspector, two Sergeants, twelve Police Constables and six Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), operating out of bases in Midhurst (West Sussex) and Heathfield (East Sussex) to serve the county.

Patrols this week

Earlier this week officers from your Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted patrols and enquiries around Pevensey Castle following reports of anti-social behaviour in the area.



Patrols aimed at deterring ASB and identifying any individuals involved followed reports of people climbing the walls and attempting to access the site after hours; not only is this dangerous as the site has varying heights and uneven surfaces, behaviours such as these also increase the erosion of the building itself.

This is a site of historical significance and encourages visitors to learn more about the history of the local area, and whilst patrols in areas of historic or heritage across the district continue into the Summer months, we continue to encourage members of public to report any ASB or criminality around these types of locations.

If anti-social behaviour is observed in the castle or in the surrounding areas, please report to police by calling 101, or reporting online.

In an emergency or crime in action always call 999.

Elsewhere your new local PCSO for Willingdon, Jevington and Longman had the pleasure of joining residents last week at the Longman Parish meeting held inside the Village Hall.



As well as joining as part of our commitment to attending local and parish meetings, officers had the opportunity to meet lots of local residents, and hear firsthand of any issues faced within the community, as well as update on recently report crimes and incidents in the area.

As always, if you have any local concerns, or if you want to get in touch with your local Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team, you can contact us online where you can not only report, but also access a library of crime prevention advice, support, and more on a range of crime types.

Visit: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area/>

Helping to keep future generations safe



A number of visits this week including to both Uckfield 4th Girl Guides and Summerfields Nursery in Hailsham earlier this week, where officers from your Neighbourhood Policing teams had the opportunity to meet with youngsters and talk about what the police do, keeping safe on the roads, and what to do in a 'real life' emergency, as well as treating them to a show and tell around the police car.

Visiting local schools, children's groups and clubs to meet youngsters, and talk about a range of subjects including; personal and road safety, the role of our local policing teams, and what to do in an emergency; ensures we can help do our bit at crucial development ages as well as working with teachers, organisers and partners to help ensure children are provided with the best possible start.

Can you help us solve this burglary?



We're asking for information after around £50,000 worth of designer handbags and watches were reported stolen from a home in Maresfield, Uckfield.

It was reported that on Thursday 1 May at 1pm, two men snuck into the garden of the house.

The first suspect was wearing a black balaclava, black coat with a hood, black gloves, blue jeans and navy trainers with a

white trim.

The second suspect was wearing a black balaclava, white t-shirt with a black undershirt, black jeans, shoes and gloves, and carried a black rucksack.

The two men were seen on CCTV heading toward a vehicle carrying a large black handbag, a large tan handbag and a medium light grey handbag. These bags are reported to also contain additional designer handbags and watches.

Please report any information you think will help our investigation to Sussex Police www.sussex.police.uk or by dialling 101, quoting serial 783 of 01/05.

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

