

Friday 21st February 2025

Sussex Alerts - Eastbourne Police

Barclays Valentine's Fraud Awareness Event



As part of our fraud awareness raising last week in the run up to Valentine's Day, officers arranged a fraud awareness day in Barclays Bank on Friday 14th.

Staff from the bank joined officers in raising awareness of the different types of scams, focusing on romance scams and what steps residents can take to protect themselves, keep themselves or loved ones safe online, and the signs to spot in a potential 'romance fraudster'.

Did you know, over 600 cases of romance fraud were reported in Sussex last year, leading to losses of more than £7 million; whilst anyone can be a target, most victims are over 50, and nearly half are men.

For more advice, and the signs to spot please click [here](#).

Langney Primary Academy visit

Last week PCSOs from your Neighbourhood Team visited Langney Primary Academy to help inspire our future generations.

Officers had the opportunity to sit with children and talk about what the police do, and teach them of the all-important number they can ring in an emergency.

As well as showcasing what police do, officers also helped encourage children to be aware of spotting dangerous situations and what to do if they need help; the morning finished off nicely with a show and tell around the police van, and some trying on of police uniforms and equipment.



Dropping into primary schools to meet youngsters, and talk about a range of subjects including; personal safety, the role of our 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 and partners to help ensure children are provided with the best possible start.

Thank you again to teachers, and children for having us along, stay safe!

Keeping you safe this weekend

Every weekend your Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team head out on late evening patrols across the town to support our nighttime economy and help ensure everyone can enjoy their night out safely.

Out in our 'Op Wave' livery cars, officers continue to promote the work that teams across your town have been conducting to both tackle and raise awareness of VAWG (violence against women and girls) related offences, as well as offer advice and support around VAWG to those out and about over the weekend.



Op Wave sees patrols of areas of high footfall with dedicated cars and officers stopping outside local pubs and bars, aimed at helping those on a night out, particularly women and girls, have a safe night out without fear of unwanted sexual, threatening or violent behaviours.

Those who feel unsafe can reach out to officers, report suspicious activities, and seek a safe space, whilst officers can either then speak to, or look to identify those involved at the time.

Residents can join drop by our Police POD next Friday 7th of March from 20:30 where officers will be taking an hour off patrolling to work from the POD to offer those on a night out advice, support, and a safe space to report to should they feel unsafe on a night out before heading back out on patrol.

EVERYONE has the right to feel safe in a night out, if you feel unsafe, or feel threatened please report it at the time to venue staff, security or the police – in an emergency always call 999.

Remember too your Eastbourne Night Safety Marshall will also be out and about across the town again this weekend.



Working each Friday and Saturday night between 8pm and 4am, the NSM are made up of teams of individuals who have been trained in identifying and helping vulnerable people, and are there to help provide an extra level of support on top of the extensive work already being done by Sussex Police and partner agencies to keep people safe during the night-time economy.

The marshals also complement the work of the Eastbourne Street Pastors, and schemes such as Best Bar None, bringing businesses together to work together to promote the town in a positive light.

If you or someone you know are a victim of crime or need assistance on a night out, speak to a police officer, bar staff, Street Pastor or Night Safety Marshal.

Always call 999 in an emergency.