

Friday 4th July 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



County lines intensification week.

Last week, officers across the district worked with partners in the fight against county lines and organised drug supply as part of a National week of action.

In addition to conducting patrols, and engagements across the district aimed at educating and raising awareness of county lines and the signs to spot; officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing joined forces with British Transport Police (BTP) for a day of enforcement action on the rail network.



During the afternoon of action, officers worked collaboratively with BTP and a passive drugs dogs at Lewes railway station to identify criminality on the train network - a number of positive stop checks and searches were conducted (where grounds were present), as well as officers identifying and safeguarding 3 young males.

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs.

If you have information about drug supply, you can report it to us on 101 or online.

You can also make reports anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111.

Engagements this week

Earlier this month, officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team joined youngsters, parents, friends and families at Seaford Primary School for their 2025 Summer Fayre!



As well as joining in on some of the fun family activities on offer, including a variety of stalls, inflatables, a circus workshop, and more; officers had the opportunity to catch up with local residents, offer support and crime prevention advice ahead of the Summer months, as well as be on hand to update local communities on recently report crimes and the work being conducted in the area to keep them safe.

Our PCSOs play a vital role in our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT); in not only offering a visible and recognisable police presence

in your local communities, but also in building relationships with local businesses, community run groups and charities, as well as local schools, youth clubs and places of worship.

As well as supporting police officer colleagues from their NPT in supporting investigations, conducting house to house enquiries, conducting statements and visiting victims of crime, our PCSOs are also the eyes and ears of our communities, seeing and hearing first hand of the issues faced by local residents.

If you see or hear anything you think we need to know about, let us know at the time; remember too you can contact us 24/7 online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101 (non-emergencies), and by calling 999 in an emergency.

Community initiative to clean up graffiti

In the last few weeks local officers for Lewes town centre have been along to meet and show support to the community members undertaking a project along the underpass walls under the Phoenix Causeway, where a new mural is being designed.



The project which is being delivered by 'U Can Spray' in partnership with Culture Shift and Street Art Initiative Lewes (SAIL), and is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and the Chalk Cliff Trust; showcases public art submissions and a focus on natural imagery including the River Ouse itself, biodiversity, and local wildlife as key themes.

A big well done to everyone involved it's looking great!

This is an area often reported by local residents as an area of anti-social behaviour (ASB); this Summer we're taking extra steps to tackle ASB in your town, including increased patrols in areas where you've told us you feel less safe.

If you see us out and about – say hello or share your concerns, we're here for you.

Report ASB to us in person, online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101, in an emergency always call 999

Witness appeal A27 Falmer



We are appealing for witnesses and information after a report of an assault on the A27.

The incident happened on the eastbound slip road at Falmer at about 2.30pm on 20 June.

The victim, a local man aged 45, was driving a blue BMW and said damage was caused to his vehicle deliberately.

He reported later being threatened and assaulted by a man driving a blue van driving towards Lewes.

The man had a tattoo on his right arm and was wearing sunglasses, with a dog travelling with him in the van.

Officers are investigating and want anyone who saw what happened, or anyone with relevant dashcam footage in the area at the time, to come forward quoting serial 962 of 20/06 online www.sussex.police.uk.

Weekend hot weather advice

With hot weather across the country this week, make sure you keep hydrated, remember babies, children and older adults are more at risk of dehydration, and don't forget your suncream, even if it's cloudy, UV rays can still cause sunburn.



Heading to the coast this weekend? Have fun, make memories — but please stay safe, if you get into trouble in the water: Float to Live

- * Tilt your head back, with your ears submerged
- * Relax and try to breathe normally
- * Move your hands and feet to help you stay afloat
- * It's fine if your legs sink, we all float differently

In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Please swim between the red and yellow flags at a Lifeguarded beach and leave inflatables at home—offshore winds can whisk them away before you know it!

Find your nearest lifeguarded beach: <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>

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.

