

# Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police

## Responding to your road related concerns



This week, officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team joined partners from our Sussex Police Road Safety Team to conduct road safety checks in areas of Seaford following concerns raised by local residents around both ASB driving, and excess speeding.

Already this week areas covered include; Grand Avenue, Princess Drive, Chyngton Estate, Sutton Avenue and Marine Parade, as reported by residents as seeing an increase in both anti-social driving, and speeding.

Any offences recorded by the Road Safety Team will be processed, and drivers will be alerted via the post.

We continue to commit to road safety patrols across the district as part of our continued work to tackle the 'fatal 5' driving offences under Operation Downsway.

Checks, enforcement and educational days will continue into the Summer months, and as always we continue to thank and encourage residents to report incidents to us at the time.

All community reports help to direct these types of activities in areas which could potentially lead to serious or fatal road traffic collisions as a result of those driving inappropriately, whilst distracted, at speed or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Report online www.sussex.police.uk

### A long walk home...



Whilst on a patrol earlier this week, officers in Seaford were alert to a vehicle being driven in an unsafe manner.

After being safely stopped and spoken to, it was quickly apparent the vehicles tyres were not fit for the road; it also transpired the driver held no tax, no insurance and was also disqualified from driving!

As a result the vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act, and the driver will now be summonsed to Court for the offences of no insurance and driving whilst disqualified.

Drivers are reminded of their responsibility to not only ensure their vehicle is road safe, but also that all documents are in order; continued patrols and stop checks will continue throughout the Summer months as part of our road safety patrols under Operation Downway.

## Partnership youth engagements

Late last month we joined other Police Forces across the Country to mark Sceptre week, a week of action and awareness around serious and violent crime; including knife crime.

During the week officers from your Lewes and Seahaven Neighbourhood Policing Teams held a number of events to raise awareness of knife crime, its consequences and where to seek help.



At just one of these, Police were joined by ESFRS in Lewes, where officers held a youth engagement 'pop-up' day to talk to youngsters at the skatepark in Malling around the dangers and consequences of knife crime.

Neighbourhood Youth Officers; who regularly work with youngsters in the community also spoke to a number of older teens and those of an age often targeted or influenced by older groups to become involved in serious crime around the realities of knife crime, as well as where they can find help and support.

Let's keep the conversation going - throughout the year continue to engage with, and encourage youngsters to speak up about knife crime - passing on information to Police, or organisations such as Crimestoppers or Fearless can not only help after a crime or incident, but can stop something from happening.

### What 3 Words - stay safe this Summer

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#### **Contact Us**

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click <u>www.sussex.police.uk</u>, (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 <a href="https://www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area">www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area</a>.

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.

