Friday 7th March 2025

Sussex Alerts - Eastbourne Police

International Womens Day

Join Officers on Saturday 8th March, between 3-5pm at our Eastbourne Police POD.

Find PCSO Hadlow and PCSO Drew who will be at the Police Pod in town between 3 and 5pm, to talk about how we and our partners are protecting women and girls, and how everyone can play their part in tackling the issue.

This International Women's Day, it's important to remember that women's safety shouldn't only be seen as a woman's problem.

Most violence against women and girls is carried out by men, so it's a man's problem too.

Not all men are violent, but we need all men to help call out violence and harassment when they see it.

Change can happen if we all work together to call it out.

Partnership working this week

On Monday this week PCSO Gowing joined Eastbourne Business Crime Manager Adam Godden on a joint patrol and visit to the shops in The Beacon Shopping Centre.

The day was spent dropping in on as many businesses as they could to catch up and hear directly from shop owners and staff of any concerns they had, as well as offer valuable partnership crime prevention advice and support.

Our commitment to helping to keep shops and business in the town safe from crime continues, as does our determination to bring about justice for stores affected; and we continue to work with our partners on a regular basis to help keep our town both an enjoyable and safe places to

live, work and visit.

In working together regularly alongside partners, volunteers and town agencies, we have also been able to assist and respond to any concerns and address any inappropriate behaviour at the time, to help keep both our local communities, and businesses safe from crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

A big thanks to everyone we spoke to, the day was full of positive conversations and feedback; so much so the pair will be arranging another day real soon to get around to the other shops which they didn't get a chance to this week.

East Sussex drugs warrants lead to 11 arrests

An investigation into the large-scale supply of illegal drugs led to a further 11 arrests across East Sussex last week.

Sussex Police's Serious Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) previously arrested 13 people suspected of distributing cocaine as part of Operation Bowtie.

A week of intensification from Monday 24 to Friday 28 February – consisting of nine separate warrants – resulted in the further arrests, plus the seizure of significant quantities of cash, Class A drugs, stolen vehicles and weapons.

On Monday 24 February, a 39-year-old man, a 29-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman from Eastbourne were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of cocaine. A 31-year-old woman from Peacehaven was arrested on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle on false plates.

On Wednesday 26 February, a 58yo male, of Eastbourne Road, Halland, was arrested and charged with 21 offences including possession of a firearm, being concerned in the supply of Class A and Class B drugs, and participating in the criminal activities of an organised crime group.

He entered no plea and was remanded in custody ahead of a trial at Lewes Crown Court on 28 March.

A 37yo female, of Hailsham Road, Herstmonceux, was arrested and charged with six offences including acquiring criminal property, and possession of Class A and Class B drugs.

She also entered no plea and was remanded in custody to appear for trial at Lewes Crown Court on 27 March.

Further arrests include: a 33-year-old man from Hastings was arrested on suspicion of acquiring criminal property, being concerned in the supply of cocaine and causing unnecessary suffering to an animal.

A 39-year-old man from Eastbourne was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

A 28-year-old man from Ashford in Kent was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

And A 21-year-old woman and a 63-year-old man from Ashburnham who were both arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the production of cannabis.

All suspects who were not charged were bailed until late May, as the investigation continues.

Appeal

Police are appealing for information after a hit and run in Eastbourne.

Emergency services were called to Royal Parade, at the junction with Penhale Road, shortly after 6.30pm on Thursday (27 February) to a report of a car having collided with a pedestrian, a 35-year-old man was taken to hospital with serious injuries; the car left the scene without stopping and an investigation is ongoing to identify and locate those involved.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or believes they have information that could help with the investigation is urged to report online or call 101, quoting serial 1119 of 27/02.

Appeal

Police are appealing for further witnesses and information after a collision on Eastbourne seafront.

The incident in Royal Parade at the junction with Channel View Road at about 7pm on February 12.

It involved the drivers of a blue Vauxhall Corsa, a grey Volkswagen Polo, and a grey Vauxhall Insignia, and the rider of a Royal Enfield Interceptor motorcycle.

The motorcycle rider, a 21-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital. He has since been discharged.

Officers are investigating the circumstances, and have asked for any further witnesses or anyone with information such as CCTV, dashcam, doorbell or mobile phone footage to come forward.

Information can be reported to Sussex Police online, quoting serial 1109 of 12/02.

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.