Sussex Alerts-Brighton & Hove Police

Sunday 30th November 2025

Good morning, Brighton and Hove! Welcome to your November 2025 update.

It's been another very busy month for us here at John Street, so let's dive in and take a look at what's been happening!

We were busy again with week of actions and awareness weeks – Sceptre, Safer Business Action Week and Safeguarding Adults Week. I'm sure you can imagine it has been pretty non-stop!

Sceptre

Knife crime has tragic consequences to the victim, loved ones and the local community. Sussex is a safe place to live, but we recognise the importance of taking proactive action with our partners and other organisations to keep Sussex safe and feeling safe.

Sceptre was back again, taking place 17^{th} to 23^{rd} , with our officers supporting efforts to take knives off our streets and keep our communities safe. It is an annual national week of action to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying knives and to showcase our ongoing work with partners to keep people safe.

We had some excellent results across the week and these will be published on our website in due course. Once they are available we will ensure we share them here on Sussex Alerts.

You can learn more about the work we are doing - <u>Our response to violence and knife crime in Sussex |</u>
<u>Sussex Police</u>

Safer Business Action Week

Crime against businesses can take many forms - from shoplifting or diners leaving without paying, to staff theft and burglaries.

Alongside our regular patrols in town centres, we've been out visiting local businesses to offer support and help deter crime in the run-up to Christmas. In addition to this, we have also been using our online channels to share simple steps businesses can take to protect themselves even further.

Did you know there are several schemes designed to support businesses and help prevent crime?

From Business Improvement Districts (BID) Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP), to Pubwatch and Shopwatch, these initiatives have proven effective in helping reduce crime against businesses.

If you'd like to find out more, please visit our website: Schemes for businesses to prevent crime | Crime prevention | Sussex Police

I can't quite believe it's December tomorrow! I know we say it every year, but this one really has flown by. It's wonderful to see the festive lights going up around the city and to feel the Christmas countdown truly begin!

As usual, I would like to use this moment as a small reminder to be extra vigilant at this time of year, as we tend to see a rise in burglaries and theft during the festive season. You can find plenty of useful information, advice, and tips about how to keep your belongings and home safe on our Sussex Police website, as well as on our social media channels.

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Chief Inspector

<u>News</u>

Man charged with sexual assaults on Hove Lawns



Police have charged a man with multiple sexual assaults on women in Hove.

You can read more about this here - Man charged with sexual assaults on Hove Lawns | Sussex Police

Appeal after motorcyclist seriously injured in Hove collision



Police are appealing for witnesses after a motorcyclist was in a collision with a van in Kingsway, Hove, on Thursday (13 November).

The motorcyclist, a 21-year-old man, suffered serious injuries in the collision that took place at 5.12pm in Kingsway, junction with St Leonards Avenue.

PC Luke Thornton said: "We are seeking witnesses and dash cam footage of the collision and ask anyone with information to contact us on 101, quoting 1038 of 13/11."

Brighton man banned from owning a dog for two years



The owner of an American Bully dog, which attacked three dogs in Brighton city centre, has been banned from keeping a dog for two years.

You can learn more about this here - <u>Brighton man banned from owning a dog for two years | Sussex</u> Police

Information and advice

Shed and Garage burglary prevention advice



With the darker nights here, we are reminding residents to review their shed and garage security, especially when not in use. They often contain valuable tools, bikes, or gardening equipment that are attractive targets for thieves.



Crime Prevention Tips:

- Use robust padlocks or deadlocks on doors, consider a surface mounted garage door lock. Fit an alarm system or motion sensor lighting
- Keep expensive items secured inside using lockable cabinets, ground anchors, or chains.
- Avoid leaving tools or ladders outside they can be used to gain access to your property.
- Mark valuable items with your postcode using a UV pen or property marking system. DNA marking kits can be collected from Hastings or Battle Police stations free of charge.

• Register valuable equipment at https://orlo.uk/r1li0 to help police return stolen items if recovered.

Let's work together to make our sheds and garages as difficult to access and unattractive to criminals as possible.

Mental Heath Services



Mental health struggles can touch anyone, anytime, and particularly around the festive season.

Remember, if you or someone you know is struggling this Christmas, you are not alone, help us spread the work by sharing these posts.

Free, confidential Sussex support services are available 24/7. You'll be listened to & heard, so spread the word and support those who might need it.

Road Safety



One choice sure looks better to us



Getting caught drink-driving is far more expensive than a taxi. Don't take the risk.

#DrinkDrivingTogetherWeCanStopit

Call 101 when you don't require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Connect with 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.



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