

Friday 15th August 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



Court result following animal deaths in Plumpton **(WARNING: sensitive reading)**

Two men charged with killing a sheep on the South Downs in 2023 have pleaded guilty at court.

The two men, one 31 years old and the other 20 years old, drove up to a field near Ditchling Beacon on the evening of Thursday, 2 November, 2023, and began chasing sheep.



The pair caught one sheep and violently assaulted it, using explosive ‘bangers’ to cause catastrophic injuries to the animal.

Footage of one of the males carrying out the attack was found on the others phone, as well as videos of an unidentified person attacking both live and deceased animals.

The sheep’s ear tags were also found in a property nearby, understood to have been taken from the scene by one of the males involved.

The attack was reported to Sussex Police on 6 November, 2023.

Both men were swiftly arrested on 8 November, 2023, and subsequently charged with causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal.

At Brighton Magistrates’ Court on Thursday (7 August), both men pleaded guilty and were released on bail pending sentencing in October.

Superintendent Rachel Swinney said: “This was an appalling act of cruelty on a defenceless animal, filmed by the perpetrators for their own gratification.

“A thorough investigation was conducted as soon as a report was received and we have worked with local farmers and the wider community to offer reassurance and advice.

“We remain committed to protecting our rural communities and will continue to work with our partners to clamp down on rural crime.”

Further details including names can be found on our Sussex Police Website here:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/two-men-plead-guilty-to-animal-cruelty-charge/>

A man has been charged following a theft in Newhaven

A 53-year-old man, from Newhaven has been charged following a theft at a cash machine outside Sainsbury's in Newhaven.



A woman in her 80s reported withdrawing cash on Sunday (10 August) when she was approached from behind and her money was taken. The suspect then left the scene on a bicycle.

Following an investigation the man was arrested the next day and subsequently charged with theft from a person and theft from a shop, in relation to a separate incident on 9 August.

At Brighton Magistrates' Court on the 12 August, he pleaded not guilty to both charges and was released on conditional court bail to appear for trial on 15 December.

Officers remain committed to catching offenders, preventing crime, and keeping Newhaven a safe place to live and work, and we thank those who already have, and encourage all residents to continue reporting incidents to police at the time.

Keeping you cyber safe – free cyber security webinars

You don't have to be a computer expert to get up-to-speed and protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

Every week our dedicated Cyber Protect team delivers free, engaging, and interactive online webinars every week on a variety of topics covering the latest in Cyber Security:

- Online Safety for Beginners
- Keeping Children Safe Online
- The Dangers of AI
- Cyber Security for Businesses: Threats you must address in 2025
- Online Safety for Women and Girls
- Cyber Security for Charities
- Special Sessions (i.e. Crypto-currencies)



With the UK Economy losing around £27bn a year from Cyber Crime, the sessions for businesses and charities are essential to learn the latest cyber security measures such as phishing awareness, protecting against ransomware and business continuity.

Parents and guardians can learn all about keeping children safe online, with the sessions covering social media, parental controls, gaming, digital footprints, trackers, AI and much more.

Each topic finishes with a Q and A providing the ideal time to answer any burning cyber security questions.

You can discover more on each subject area webinar, along with a schedule of forthcoming webinars to sign-up for via our Event page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093?msocid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

Out and about this weekend

Over the weekend, officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team met residents in Centenary Park, Peacehaven.

Aside from a windy afternoon, officers had a great time catching up with residents and 'future recruits' who all enjoyed trying on some police hats, and meeting their local officers, thank you to everyone who came along it was a pleasure to meet and hear from you all.



Elsewhere officers also held a community meeting at the Peacehaven Meridian Centre on Friday 15th. Residents were able to catch up with their ward PCSOs, and hear first-hand of the work being conducted to tackle topics such as ASB during the Summer months, and raise any concerns directly to the officers who work in the town.

Teams across Lewes and the Coast are holding a number of community meetings in the coming months, where you can meet your local ward officers, obtain the latest crime prevention advice and support, as well as hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted to help keep you safe.

Check out our pinned post on our Lewes Police Facebook page, or enter your postcode on the Sussex Police website here www.sussex.police.uk to find details of upcoming events and community meetings.

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 or by calling 101 (non-emergencies), and by calling 999 in an emergency.

Up coming police community meetings

AUGUST

Monday 18th August from 18:00-19:30 with our engagement van parked up in Glynde train station car park.

Tuesday 26th August, from 18:00-19:30 parked up in our engagement van along North Road in Ringmer.

Tuesday 26th August, 10:30-12:00, Nevill Recreational Grounds, Lewes, meet your local PCSO for advice, support and reporting.

Wednesday 27th August from 11:00-13:00 at Barcombe Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Saturday 30th August from 16:00-17:30 stationed up in the St John's Church car park in Piddinghoe.

Saturday 30th August, 1300-1500 at The Sidings in Newhaven event "Roots and Rhythms" organised by Culture Connect.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 9th September 11:00-12:00, join us outside Village shop, Plumpton, for a rural crime prevention advice and support day.

Monday 15th September from 11:00-13:00 at Newick Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Wednesday 17th September, from 10:00-11:30 at The View, Seaford Head Golf Course, Southdown Rd, Seaford for a morning of meeting teams, as well as fraud and scam awareness talk.

Thursday 18th September from 17:00-18:30 parked up in the Saltdean Park car park off Saltdean Park Road.

Thursday 25th September 10:30-11:30 – Stationed up in The Bull Pub car park, Ditchling.

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th October 11:00-12:00 – Parked up in Lewes High Street outside Costa's.

Wednesday 22nd October from 11:00-13:00 in Hamsey at the Beechwood Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

All events are a chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

Contact us online, or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

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 have a hearing or speech impairment, or other forms of communication difficulties.

Those with textphone can text 18001 101, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service (here: <https://signvideo.co.uk/>), to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger please use the textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

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For more information on textphone and Relay UK please visit: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>.

