

Sussex Alerts Update – Saltdean, Rottingdean & Ovingdean

From your local PCSO

Hello everyone!

Welcome to March's ward update for Saltdean, Rottingdean & Ovingdean! The sun is out and spring is well and truly on its way! The clocks changing has certainly made the world of difference with the brighter evenings!

Recent Burglaries

If you read last month's ward update, or have heard from locals in the area, you may be aware that there was an increase in burglaries. Thankfully this string of incidents has stopped, and we have seen a reduction in reports. I appreciate the burglaries last month have caused a lot of anxiety within the area. If you have any concerns over the security of your property, please feel free to get in contact with 101 where we can assist with advice on keeping your property safe. A heightened number of patrols are being completed within the area, including monitoring suspicious behaviours. I would like to thank those who have made reports via the correct reporting channels to make Sussex Police aware of suspicious behaviours, because of this quick-thinking, I believe the community have helped deter any further burglaries.

I am aware in my last update I covered a large amount of advice regarding burglaries and will insert it again as the advice can be exceptionally useful.

When it comes to burglaries and when you first become aware you may be a victim of a burglary or may have witnessed someone's property being burgled, please call 999 immediately. Our investigating officers will prioritise forensic opportunity in search for linked suspects. If possible, please do not touch anything, leave your belongings in their original position you found them and call 999. Our call handlers are trained to help guide and support you through the process until investigating officers can arrive on scene.

For advice to deter burglaries, please have a read below and consider implementing some of the target hardening -

- Ensure door and windows are locked – even if you're still at home!

- Bolts on exterior doors are another way to ensure you are safe, keeping another layer of protection.

- Consider motion sensor lights outside of your property, and lights inside your property on a timer – this is recommended for when you leave your property for an extended amount of time or on holiday.
- Where possible, install CCTV cameras, Ring doorbells or fake cameras covering your property - these alone can be a great deterrent for suspects targeting your property. Please be aware of filming laws when installing cameras. If you are confused about these, please don't hesitate to get in contact with myself and I will assist with giving advice regarding your property.
- If you're going on holiday, you may feel inclined to post some holiday photos online on social media – please be aware that this in turn advertises to the online world that your property is vacant. We advise against posting holiday photographs until you return home!
- Get to know your neighbours! Within the ward, there is a strong network with Neighbourhood watch. I work closely with neighbourhood watch with both organisations informing each other of any recent incidents and advice around certain topics.

Rogue traders

I have been made aware of some possible rogue traders in the area again. Sadly, we were unable to obtain a number plate from the vehicle involved from the report. I am aware that the area is one of the highest targeted by rogue traders. If you believe a rogue trader is in the area, or has knocked at your door, where possible if they have travelled in a vehicle, please try to ascertain the VRM of their vehicle. From this, officers can perform checks to ID and investigate those involved.

Top 3 Ward Priorities

For the meantime, my main priorities for the area are -

- Targeted patrols around residential areas – Following an increase in the number of burglaries in the area, I have been targeting patrols around residential areas to help deter and prevent any suspicious activity. I will continue to monitor ongoing within the area. If you see or hear something that doesn't look right, please do phone this in via 999 or 101 depending on the situation. We are always here to help where we can – please remember without reports, it's hard to know what is always going on without reports.

- Rogue traders – I have been keeping an eye out for any suspicious activities regarding rogue traders, this has included CCTV trawls to help ID anyone involved.
- Anti-social behaviours – with the warmer weather on the horizon, I think we can all agree it's much nicer to get outside and enjoy the lighter and drier weather! With this, can pair higher rates of anti-social behaviour! It's nice to enjoy the better weather, but with this, can come those individuals who may take it a little too far, weather this be consumption of alcohol, driving or general behaviours. We are here to keep everyone safe! Additional patrols will be carried out in hotspot areas. If you see something that doesn't look right, please phone this into us and we will help where we can.

Crime Statistics over the past month (Correct at time of typing)

- Anti-social behaviour reports – 1
- Burglary reports – 1
- Criminal damage reports – 0

Meet your ward PCSO

I have the following days booked for community beat over the coming months -

Thursday 7th May 2026 -

You can find me at Rottingdean Seniors Tea Club at 1000am-1200pm

Friday 29th May 2026 -

You can find me at Saltdean Seniors Tea Club at 1400pm-1600pm

Sunday 7th June 2026 -

General ward day

Monday 13th July 2026 -

You can find me at Saltdean Lido at 0930am-1230pm for advice and support

Over these dates, I will be around the area interacting with as much of the community as possible!




As always, if anyone would like to talk to myself over general queries, get advice or book me for visits, engagements or meetings, please call 101 or submit an online request on

the Sussex Police website. You can simply state your request - this will be passed on to myself, whereby I will respond when available.

And finally...

Stay in Touch

If you need to report anything or seek advice:

-  **Call 101** for non-emergency matters
-  **Report online** at www.sussex.police.uk
-  **Always call 999 in an emergency**

A big thank you for the continued support and warm welcomes received while on my travels around the area!

Many thanks,

PCSO Lottie Pullen

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