

Friday 28th February 2025

## Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police

### Stay safe from scams!

Late last week officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team delivered a 'safe from scams' talk and get together with residents and members at the Lewes House of Friendship.

Speaking to members about the types of scams, the signs to spot, and the latest tips for avoiding scams, as well as giving out copies of '[The Little Book Of Big Scams](#)' to help protect those most commonly targeted by fraudsters and scammers.



Always remember if something seems too good to be true; it generally is – if in doubt check with a friend or family member, research the company/name provided, and remember never to give out any details or money to someone you do not know or trust.

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at [Action Fraud](#).

Call Police on 101 if you know the suspect or they're still in the area.

Reporting crime, including fraud, is important.

Do not be embarrassed - remember that if you're a victim of a scam or an attempted scam, however minor, there may be hundreds or thousands of others in a similar position, and your information may form part of one big jigsaw and be vital to completing the picture and protecting others from becoming a victim.

### A long walk home



Whilst on patrol in Newhaven late on Friday night, officers stopped a vehicle after it was flagged as driving on the road without a valid MOT.

Officers located the car to speak to the driver about their MOT status.

After speaking to the driver it also transpired they held no valid insurance, and were also driving whilst only holding a provisional driving licence.

As a result the vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, and the owner had no choice but to

travel home by foot.

Officers continue to provide high-visibility patrols across your towns, both during the day and late into the evening, if you see or hear anything we need to know about, let us know at the time.

### **Closure Order Granted**

We have secured a closure order on a flat in Eastside Place, Railway Road, Newhaven, which was linked to several anti-social behaviour, disorder and drug related incidents.

The application for the closure was heard at Brighton Magistrates' Court on 11 February and was granted in full. As a result, the address was closed on the same day as the court hearing and will remain closed for three months. The occupant was removed by police from the address and left to find alternative accommodation.

**Neighbourhood policing Inspector John Adams said:** "Residents had been subjected to anti-social and violent incidents for several months. We hope that the effect of the closure order will give residents much needed respite from the impact and intrusion these incidents have had on their lives.



"Officers would like to thank both the landlords of Eastside Place and the other residents who cooperated with police throughout.

"We would always encourage individuals to report anti-social behaviour, reports from the local community help to build a map of crime in localised areas, which assist when handling matters such as court closure orders, as well as our day-to-day patrols."

If anyone has any concerns or information about anti-social behaviour, report to police [online](#) or call 101.

### **Operation Downsway checks Ringmer**

Operation Downsway is our dedicated campaign (in addition to checks 365 days a year) to tackle both road and driving related offences, as well as to enforce and educate drivers around the fatal 5 driving offences.

Earlier this morning officers took to Ringmer to conduct both enforcement and educational stops following concerns from local residents; as well as taking the time to remind drivers of the dangers of current road conditions, and prompting drivers to keep an eye on their driving and speed ahead of more wet weather due this week.

During the course of the morning a number of vehicles were safety stopped, with drivers spoken

to and dealt with for a number of offences, including excess speed.

The fatal5 driving offences are so named as they are the main contributors to serious and fatal road traffic accidents on the roads of Sussex each year:



1. Excess speed
2. Not wearing a seatbelt
3. Distractions ie: using your mobile or a hand-held device
4. Drink and drug driving
5. Careless and inconsiderate driving

As always, communities are continually encouraged to report road or driving related offences to us either online or by calling 101.

In addition to being able to take action as a result of your reports, all reports help to provide Sussex Police with offence data and mapping which aids in directing our Operation Downsway activities in areas which have seen an increase in offences and collisions.