

Friday 31st October 2025

Sussex Alerts – Hastings and Rother Police



Dear residents,

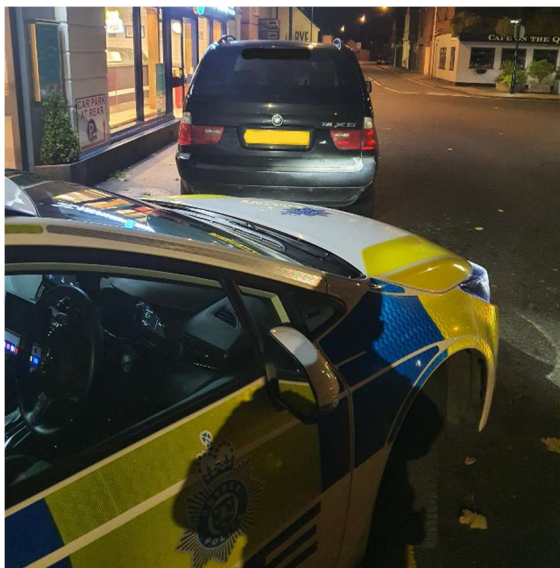
Please find below this week's Sussex Alerts from Hastings and Rother Police.

Roads policing

Last weekend (Saturday 25/10), emergency services responded to a single-vehicle collision on Whitebread Lane near Northiam.

The Roads Policing Unit was first on scene and found the driver had already exited the vehicle and was being cared for by nearby residents.

The car lost control on a right-hand bend, struck a BT pole, snapping it at the base, and rolled over. The driver sustained minor injuries but failed a roadside breath test, registering nearly three times over the legal limit.



He was taken to hospital for treatment, where blood samples were collected for laboratory analysis to determine the exact amount of alcohol in his blood. He was discharged later that evening, to be interviewed at a later date.

Elsewhere during the week in Rye, Officers received reports of a man driving in breach of licence conditions, and no insurance, we spotted the said vehicle at a roundabout in Rye.

On speaking with the driver, it was confirmed he was driving on a provisional licence, without L plates, supervision, or valid insurance.

The male was reported for summons to court for driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and for having no insurance. The vehicle was seized at the scene.

A motorcycle rider who caused a serious collision in SLOS has been disqualified

The 19yo, rode at speeds of up to 70mph in a 30mph zone in St Leonards.

Footage showed him attempting dangerous overtakes before he collided with a car.

The collision caused his pillion passenger a serious injury.

At Lewes Crown Court on 2 October, the 19-year-old admitted aggravated vehicle taking and causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

The court was told how the incident happened at 1.35pm on 28 June last year on the A259 in St Leonards, after he made off from police in the area at speed, reaching 70mph in London Road.



He attempted to overtake a vehicle turning right at the junction with North Road, but crashed into a vehicle which caused serious injuries to the passenger.

The male, who is of Frobisher Close, Sittingbourne, Kent, did not hold a licence and was not undergoing motorcycle training at the time of the crash.

Read more <https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/motorcycle-rider-disqualified-over-st-leonards-collision/>

Watch the footage online here
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/853579593903510> (sensitive warning).

Her Digital Shield: Cyber for Women and Girls 5th November free webinar

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)



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>

Keep your home safe this Autumn

Daily security:

- Are all your valuables out of sight and out of reach?
- Do you have a burglar alarm or video doorbell installed?
- Are your valuables registered with www.immobilise.com?
- Do you lock all your doors and windows when you leave your home?

Front door security:

- Does your front door have a security chain or bar?
- Do you know your visitors? Always ask officials or tradespeople for their ID.



After dark:

- Do you leave a light on when leaving your home after dark, to act as a deterrent?
- Does your home have security lighting, either motion-activated or on a timer?

In the garden:

- Are gates and rear access to your home locked and/or secure?
- Are there tools and ladders left out that would aid a break-in?; secure items in a shed.
- Are the obvious hiding places at the rear of your home?

Up coming Police community events

NOVEMBER:

Silverhill - Friday 10th October 6:00pm – 7:30pm St Matthews Church Hall, St Leonards.



West St Leonards / Maze Hill - Wednesday 15th October
5:30pm - 7pm The Combe Valley Cafe and discovery Centre,
Freshfields, St Leonards.

St Helens - Sunday 19th October 5:30pm – 6:30pm St Helens
Road, Junction Parkstone Road.

Castle - Saturday 1st November 10am - 11am Hastings
Police Pod, Hastings Town Centre

Old Town Hastings - Saturday 29th November 11am - 12pm The Stade Rock a Nore Road, Hastings

A chance to not only meet your local 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

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.

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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>.

Help setting up Relay APP: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/help/how-to-videos.html> [Contact 999 using Relay UK - How to use Relay UK | Relay UK](#)