

Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

Saturday 28th February 2026

It's certainly been a rather wet month, hasn't it! The rain hasn't slowed us down here at John Street though - we've been as busy as ever.

Here's hoping March brings a bit of sunshine our way, and maybe even some warmer weather to go with it.

Romance Fraud

It was Valentine's Day earlier this month and you may have celebrated! Whether you love it or hate it, it is unfortunately a time when romance fraudsters target unsuspecting and vulnerable individuals.

Romance fraud is a serious crime with devastating and long-term impacts on it's victims and their loved ones.

Our monthly fraud newsletter is now available and includes important information about this type of crime. Please take a moment to read it - you will find it attached.

I urge all residents to remain vigilant and mindful of scams. Perpetrators are becoming increasingly sophisticated, making these crimes harder to detect. Please also consider sharing the newsletter with family members or friends who may not have access to this information. Remember, these scams do not only happen online - they can also occur in person.

Safer Streets Winter of Action

Our officers were busy supporting the Force's "Winter of Action" initiative which occurred between December and January. The initiative targeted town centre criminality, shop theft, street crime and anti-social behaviour. The operation has also addressed issues within the night-time economy, with a particular focus on tackling violence against women, alcohol-related disorder and spiking.

Working closely with Brighton and Hove City Council, retailers, Night Safety Marshals, Business Crime Reduction Partnership, health services and community groups, officers focused on early intervention, visible enforcement and problem-solving approaches.

There were significant prison sentences for prolific shoplifters, including 2 individuals earning themselves 38 weeks in jail collectively.

If you have any concerns in your area, please report it. It is so important that we get that information from you to direct our resources to where they are needed.

Stay safe everyone and remember, if you need us, please get in touch.

Emma Gee

Inspector

Neighbourhood Policing Team

News

Man remanded after Brighton arson threats



Police in Brighton have charged a man with stalking and weapons offences.

A woman in her 30s reported receiving repeated unwanted messages, videos and voice notes threatening her with serious violence and to burn down her home between 31 December, 2025, and Saturday, 7 February.

You can read more about this here - [Man remanded after Brighton arson threats | Sussex Police](#)

Man given indefinite hospital order following fatal Brighton incident



A 20-year-old man has received an indefinite hospital order following the death of a man and the serious injuries inflicted on two others.

On 1 April, 2025, emergency services responded to an address in Hartfield Avenue, Brighton, after it was reported that people had been injured inside the property.

Learn more about this here - [Man given indefinite hospital order following fatal Brighton incident | Sussex Police](#)

Information and advice

Keep in touch



Finding you miss more of our stories and updates than you see?

Good news! On Saturday 14 February, we're launching our new WhatsApp channel, bringing you a streamlined space to read our latest news.

To find our WhatsApp channel, search for 'Sussex Police' in the Updates tab.

To stay up-to-date with our updates, click into the channel and click on the crossed out bell icon in the top right corner to enable and unmute notifications.

Protect your home this winter



Thinking about getting away? Don't give burglars an easy way in.

- Lock your home before you leave.
- Ask neighbours to check your property.
- Use light timers to make your home look occupied.

Read more about burglary prevention here: [Protecting your home from crime | Crime prevention | Sussex Police](#)

Report online, via 101 or if there is an immediate emergency/crime in action, dial 999.

Mental Health Services



Mental health struggles can touch anyone, anytime.

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

[#YouAreNotAlone](#)

Road Safety



Going out this weekend?

Plan ahead and stay safe, never drink or drug drive.



Book a taxi



Arrange a designated driver



Stay at friends or use public transport

Let's make sure everyone gets home safely this festive season.

[#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.

Follow your local Police team on social media, find us on Facebook.