



Horsham Area

District Burglary Dwelling and Vehicle Crime Alert

24/08/2026 – 06/09/2026

Introduction

Your Sussex Alert each two weeks also now includes this burglary and vehicle crime summary to help inform residents, raise awareness of recently reported crimes, and help keep our communities safe.

The information is provided to help you stay informed, remain vigilant, and take practical steps to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime, and has been sent to you as a member of the Sussex Alerts system.

Please find below details of burglary and vehicle crime alerts.

Local crime data from the Power BI dashboard provides an overview of key patterns including heat maps that highlight hotspot areas, trends showing the most common days and times offences occur, and specific locations where crime is repeatedly reported.

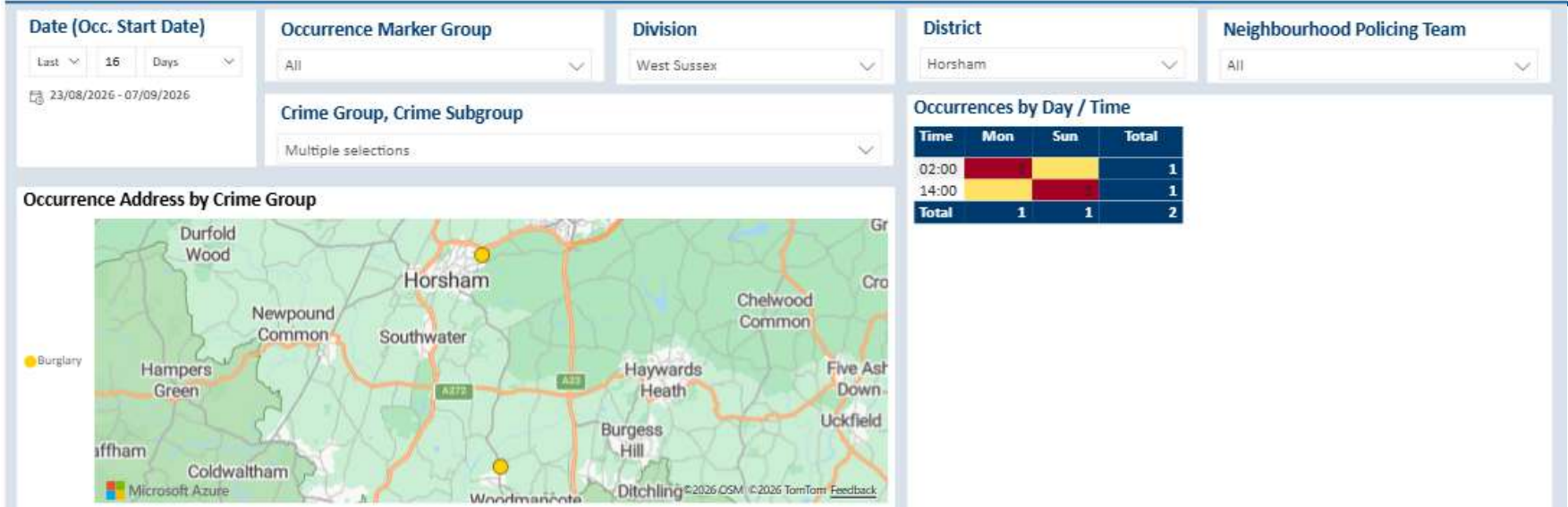
It also includes information on Modus Operandi (MO), meaning *how the crime was carried out*, such as the offender's methods or approach.

Included with this attachment under the crime summary you can also find the latest crime prevention advice, support, and useful resources to help you protect yourself and reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

***Some data may be removed from this report where there is an operational need, or where there is a risk that personal information may be identified.**



Burglary Dwelling Overview



Occurrence Locations & Modus Operandi

Start Date	Start Time	Occurrence Summary	Occurrence Address	Occurrence MO
26 Aug 2026	0028	Attempted Burglary	Conifers Close, Horsham	2 males attempt to gain entry to property, CCTV obscured by suspects. No entry gained and nothing stolen from property.

We are continuing to investigate these burglaries and if you see anyone acting suspiciously around a property, please report it to



us on 101 or 999 if you are witnessing a burglary in progress.

Burglary Prevention

As autumn approaches, there are a few seasonal steps that can help reduce the risk of burglary. Shorter daylight hours, fallen leaves, and people spending more time away from home during school breaks and holidays can create opportunities for criminals.

Autumn Burglary Prevention Tips

1. Use lighting effectively

Install motion-activated security lights around entrances and vulnerable areas.

Set indoor lights on timers to make the property appear occupied when you're out.

Ensure pathways and side access points are well lit.

2. Secure doors and windows

Check that all door and window locks are working properly.

Repair any damaged frames, hinges, or locking mechanisms.

3. Maintain your garden

Trim hedges and shrubs that could provide cover for intruders.

Clear fallen leaves from paths and around entrances to maintain visibility.

Lock away ladders, garden tools, and other items that could be used to gain entry.

4. Protect valuables



Keep keys, wallets, handbags, and car keys out of sight, especially near doors and windows.

Mark and register valuable items where possible.

Avoid leaving expensive purchases visible from outside.

5. Make your home look occupied

Ask a trusted neighbour to collect post if you're away.

Use timers for lights, radios, or smart devices.

Avoid advertising holidays or absences on social media until you return.

6. Check security systems

Test burglar alarms, cameras, and doorbell cameras regularly.

Ensure batteries are charged and software is up to date.

Display alarm and CCTV signage where appropriate.

7. Strengthen community awareness

Get to know your neighbours and encourage reporting of suspicious activity.

Consider joining or supporting a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Key Message

As evenings become darker earlier, review your home security before winter arrives. Simple measures such as good lighting, secure locks, and making your home appear occupied can significantly reduce burglary opportunities.

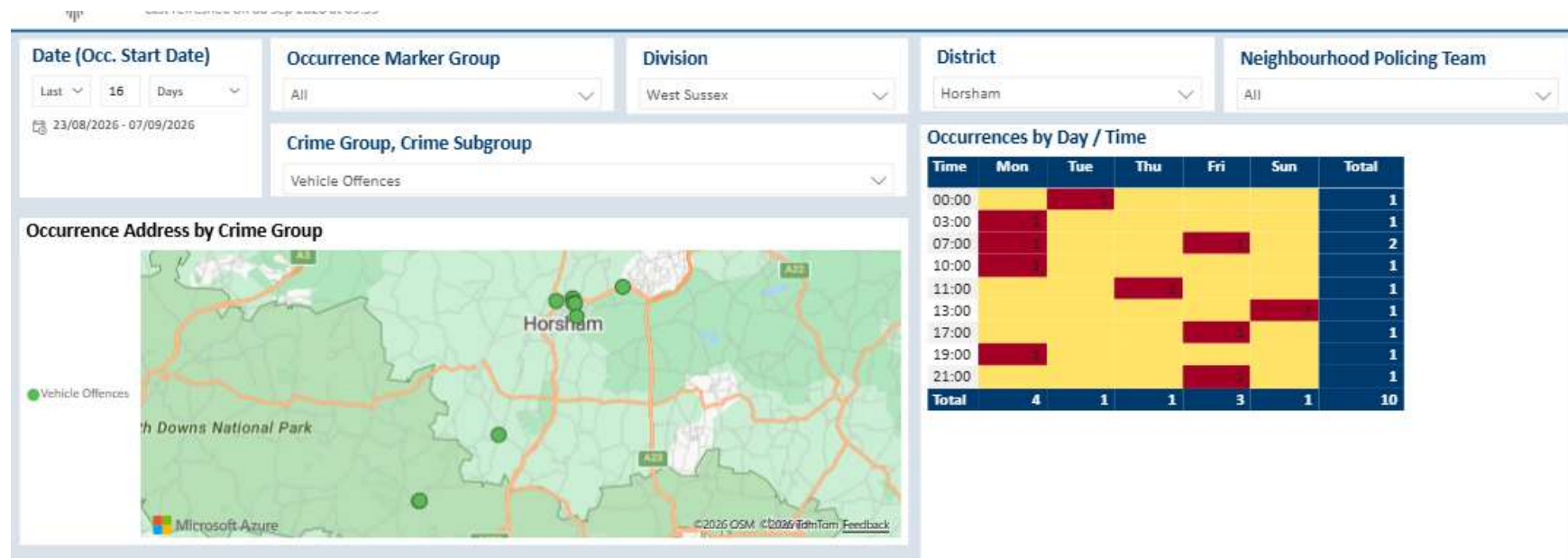
Support



If you have been a victim of burglary, you can contact Victim Support who can give you the emotional support and advice you need. It doesn't matter how long ago the crime took place – they are always on hand to support you.

You can find out more here <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

Vehicle Crime Overview



Occurrence Locations & Modus Operandi



Start Date	Start Time	Occurrence Summary	Occurrence Address	Occurrence MO
24 Aug 2026	0345	Vehicle Interference	Beaver Close, Horsham	No further details available at this time.
25 Aug 2026	1900	Missing Vehicle	Rookfield Road, Faygate	No further details available at this time.
31 Aug 2026	0700	Stolen Motor Vehicle	Haybarn Drive, Horsham	No further details available at this time.
01 Sept 2026	0010	Theft from a Van	Coolham Road, West Chilmington	No further details available at this time.
05 Sept 2026	2100	Stolen Motor Vehicle	Coleridge Close, Horsham	No further details available at this time.

[Autumn Car Security and Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice](#)

As the days get shorter and evenings become darker, it's important to take extra steps to protect your vehicle from theft.

Top Tips to Keep Your Vehicle Safe This Autumn:

- Always lock your vehicle and close all windows, even when parked outside your home.
- Remove valuables from sight, including bags, mobile phones, sat navs, and charging cables.
- Take your keys with you and never leave them in the ignition, even for a short time.
- Protect keyless vehicles by storing keys in a signal-blocking pouch (Faraday pouch) and away from doors and windows.
- Park in well-lit areas where possible, preferably in secure car parks or on driveways covered by lighting or CCTV.
- Consider additional security devices such as steering wheel locks, trackers, or immobilisers.
- Check your vehicle before leaving it, ensuring doors, boot, and sunroof are fully secured.
- Do not leave the engine running unattended to warm up the vehicle on colder mornings.
- Report suspicious behaviour around parked vehicles to the police and share concerns with neighbours.



Remember

Vehicle thieves often look for easy opportunities. A few simple precautions can make your vehicle a much less attractive target and help keep it secure throughout the autumn and winter months.

More information on how to keep vehicles safe from theft or damage can be found here <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Reports of a crime in progress should be made via 999, or to report non-emergency incidents you can 101 or report online <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/>

We continue to urge residents to report crime to us via the channels below or via Crimestoppers at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or by calling 0800 555 111.

Reporting and contact us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, visit www.sussex.police.uk (all online reports are triaged and assessed in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response, and in an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Visit us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team online www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area where you can also find locations and opening hours for local stations/contact points.

Use the '**Contact Your Neighbourhood Policing Team**' form within the *Your Area* section of our website above to get in touch with your local policing team*.

We aim to respond to neighbourhood enquiries from residents, community groups and businesses within **72 hours**.

(*Please do not use this form to report crime or anti-social behaviour (ASB))



If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using the TypeTalk service (to register visit <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/>) on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

News



One arrested following Horsham drugs warrant

A drugs warrant has been executed in Horsham. Read more [here](#).



[Man sadly dies in incident at Big Church Festival](#)

A man has sadly died following an incident at Big Church Festival, near Steyning. More [here](#).

[Appeals](#)





[Witnesses sought after serious collision in Steyning](#)

We are appealing for witnesses and information after a serious collision on Wednesday 26 August. Read more [here](#).

[Advice](#)

[Fraud](#)



The August edition of the Sussex and Surrey Fraud Newsletter can be found [here](#).



£51M was stolen from pensioners through fraud by Abuse of Position.



Find out more about how to protect yourself and others from fraud by Abuse of Position [here](#).

Road Safety



A reminder as we start to move into autumn...



Today's wet weather is a reminder that the driving conditions we've enjoyed over the summer won't be around forever.

As the seasons change, roads can become more challenging with rain, standing water, fallen leaves and reduced visibility, particularly during early mornings and evenings.

A few simple checks and adjustments can help keep everyone safe:

-  Leave a little more space between vehicles
-  Check tyres, lights and windscreen wipers are in good condition
-  Allow extra time for journeys when conditions are poor
-  Drive to the conditions, not just the speed limit
-  Use your headlights when visibility is reduced. Don't rely solely on daytime running lights, as these may not illuminate your rear lights.

While today's weather may be short-lived, autumn is just around the corner and now is a good time to get back into those seasonal driving habits.

If you come across flooding, fallen trees or other road hazards, report them to the relevant local authority. In an emergency, or if you witness a serious collision, call 999.

