

## Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

### Saturday 31st January 2026

*With January been and gone, and the festive season behind us, we're ready to start the year with fresh energy. We're looking forward to another exciting and productive year here on division in Brighton and Hove.*

#### **Op Limit**

*I wanted to update you on Operation Limit. Following a month of intensive roads enforcement in December, Sussex Police saw a significant increase in action taken against drink and drug driving.*

*In total, officers made a record 279 arrests across the county.*

*We are committed to keeping our roads safer and will continue to target those who drive under the influence and put others at risk. Our message remains clear: Think you won't get caught? Think again.*

*It has been a busy start to the year for our PCSOs, with planning and attending community meetings across their wards. These meetings are a fantastic opportunity for PCSOs to meet local residents and gain a better understanding of any issues or concerns within their communities.*

*Information about upcoming meetings can be found in your local ward updates via Sussex Alerts.*

*If you would like to get in touch with your PCSO or arrange a meeting in your ward, you can contact us here: [\(add link\)](#)*

*We have plenty planned for the year ahead in Brighton and Hove and look forward to meeting more of you at the many events taking place across the city. If you see us out and about, please do come over and say hello — we always enjoy meeting members of our community.*

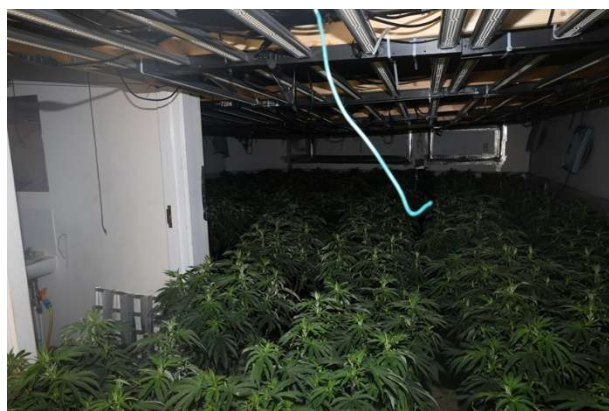
*That's it from me for the time being, wishing you a belated Happy New Year!*

*Si Marchant*

*Chief Inspector*

## **News**

### **Men charged after cannabis factories are discovered in Portslade**



Two men have been charged following the discovery of cannabis factories in Portslade.

On Thursday, January 8, police received a report concerning suspicions that two units in Gordon Mews were operating as cannabis factories.

Read more about this here - [Men charged after cannabis factories are discovered in Portslade | Sussex Police](#)

#### **Man charged after a vehicle is stolen from a woman in Hove**



Following a report that a woman was injured during the theft of her car in Hove, a man has been charged.

Emergency services were called to Blatchington Road at around 5.30pm on January 12, where an 82-year-old woman was located, having been reportedly assaulted by a man before he fled the scene in her vehicle.

Read more here - [Man charged after a vehicle is stolen from a woman in Hove | Sussex Police](#)

#### **Information and advice**

##### **Protect your home this winter**



Burglary can have a real and lasting impact on your wellbeing and sense of safety.

We are here to keep the community safe, but we can't be everywhere all of the time.

Your vigilance and simple security steps can make a big difference in keeping you, your home, and your neighbours safe.

Top 3 tips to stay secure!



Lock up - always lock doors and windows when you go out, even for a moment, and regularly update key safe codes.



Make your home look occupied - consider using light timer switches and, if possible, install an alarm or CCTV.



Keep valuables out of sight and hide car keys - don't make it easy for thieves.

If you see or hear anything suspicious or spot unusual activity, please report it to us right away.

A few minutes spent securing your home, and one quick call if something doesn't feel right, can make all the difference.

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

## Mental Health Services



Shorter days, cold weather and the shift back into routine can make this time of year particularly hard.

If you are finding things difficult, support is available 24/7:

- Call NHS 111, and select the mental health option.
- Call the Samaritans on 116 123.
- Text the word SUSSEX to 85258.

## Road Safety



Drink or Drug Driving? It's NEVER worth it.

We're still out and about 24/7. If you drive under the influence, you're risking lives, your licence, and your freedom.



Plan ahead, book a taxi or arrange a lift.



Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Your choice. Your responsibility. Don't risk it.

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](http://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.**