Adur & Worthing Area

District Burglary Dwelling and Vehicle Crime Alert

02/11/2026 –15/11/2026

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.

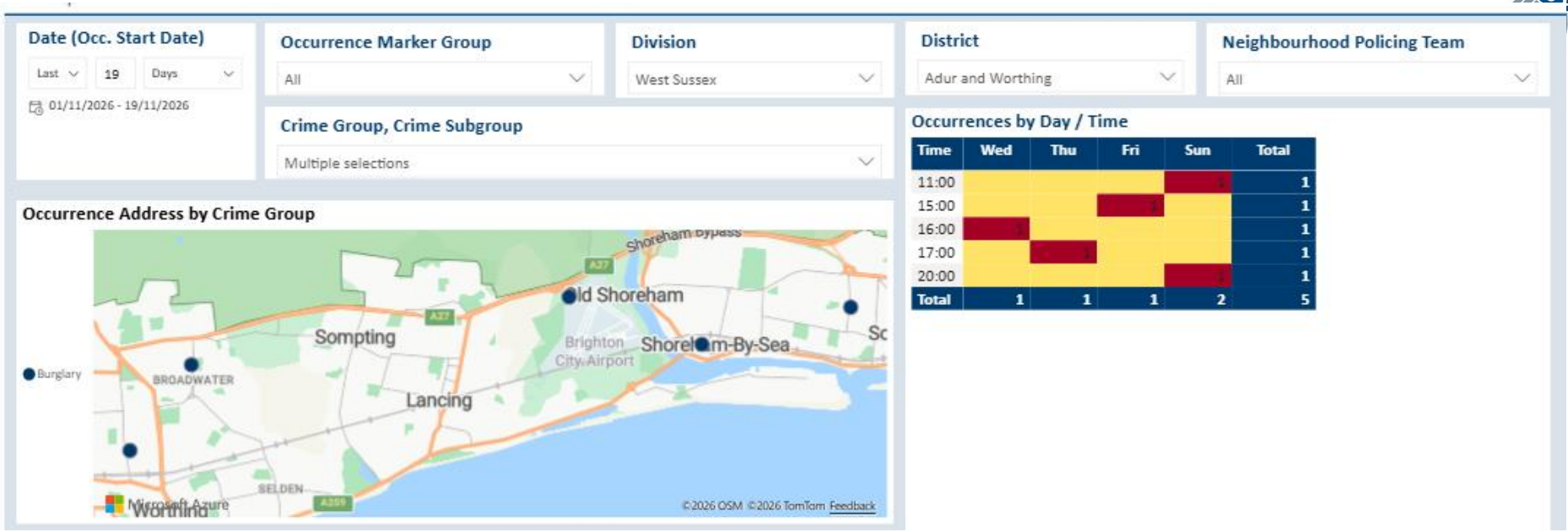
Please find below details of burglary and vehicle crime alerts.

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.

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 Details

Start Date	Start Time	Occurrence Summary	Occurrence Address
06 Nov 2026	15:00pm	Residential Burglary	North Street, Shoreham-By-Sea
15 Nov 2026	11:20am	Residential Burglary	Sompting Road, Worthing

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 Christmas approaches, there are a few seasonal steps that can help reduce the risk of burglary. Longer evenings out, festive shopping, gift deliveries, and visits to friends and family can create opportunities for criminals. Taking simple precautions can help keep your home and belongings safe during the festive period.

Christmas 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.
- Consider using smart lighting to vary lighting patterns when away from home.

2. Secure doors and windows

- Check that all doors and windows are locked before leaving the property, even for short periods.
- Ensure any gifts or valuables visible through windows are moved out of sight.
- Double-check garages, sheds, and side gates are secured.

3. Be mindful of deliveries

- Avoid leaving parcels unattended on doorsteps.
- Consider using a trusted neighbour, safe place, or collection point for deliveries.
- Dispose of packaging discreetly to avoid advertising expensive purchases.

4. Protect gifts and valuables

- Keep presents away from windows and out of sight of passers-by.
- Store wallets, handbags, keys, and electronic devices securely.
- Mark and register valuable items where possible.

5. Make your home look occupied

- Ask a trusted neighbour to collect post or move bins if you're away.
- Use timers for lights, radios, or smart devices.
- Avoid advertising holidays or festive plans on social media until after you return.

6. Check security systems

- Test burglar alarms, CCTV, 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.
- Look out for vulnerable neighbours who may need additional support during the festive period.

Key Message

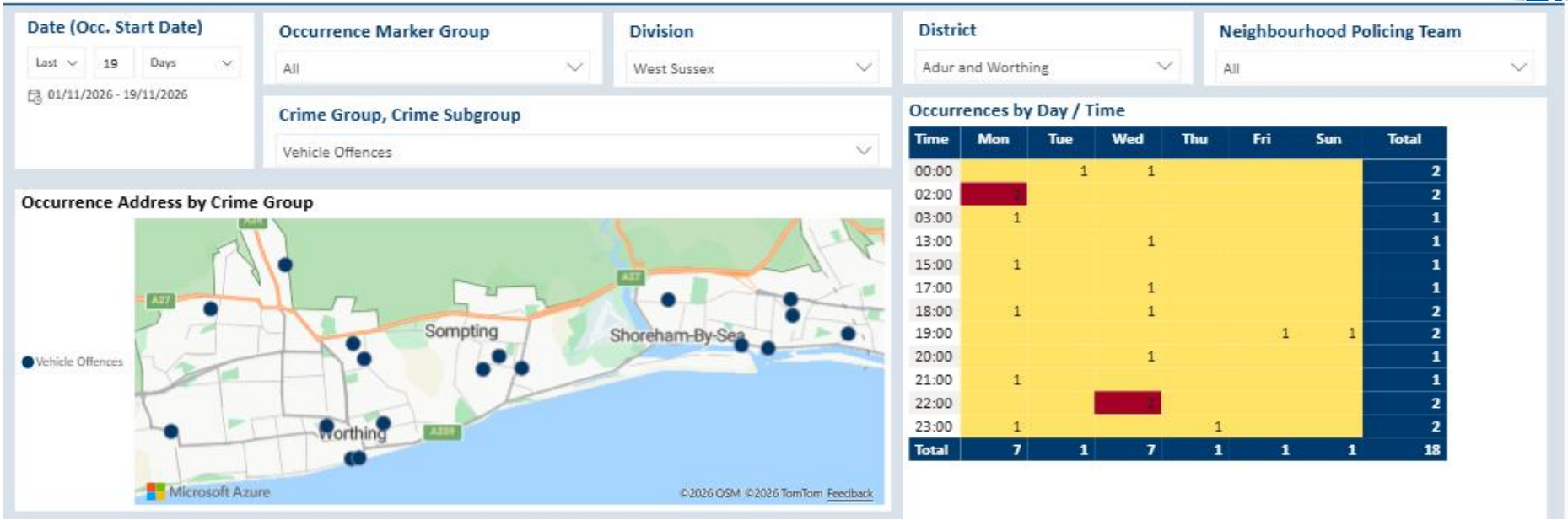
The Christmas period should be a time to relax and enjoy celebrations with family and friends. Simple measures such as securing doors and windows, protecting gifts from view, managing deliveries safely, and making your home appear occupied can significantly reduce burglary opportunities and help keep your property safe.

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



Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sun	Total
00:00		1	1				2
02:00	1						2
03:00	1						1
13:00			1				1
15:00	1						1
17:00			1				1
18:00	1		1				2
19:00					1	1	2
20:00			1				1
21:00	1						1
22:00			2				2
23:00	1			1			2
Total	7	1	7	1	1	1	18

Occurrence Details

Start Date	Start Time	Occurrence Summary	Occurrence Address
02 Nov 2026	02:00am	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Marine Place, Worthing
02 Nov 2026	15:32pm	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Goring Way, Worthing
03 Nov 2026	00:01am	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Brighton Road, Shoreham-By-Sea
05 Nov 2026	23:30pm	Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	Clifton Road, Worthing

11 Nov 2026	22:00pm	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Freshbrook Road, Lancing
11 Nov 2026	00:00am	Theft of Motor Vehicle	The Heights, Worthing
13 Nov 2026	19:30pm	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Myrtle Road, Lancing

Car Security and Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

The Christmas period often sees increased shopping, travel, and visits to family and friends, meaning vehicles may contain gifts, shopping bags, or valuable items. Taking a few simple precautions can help reduce the risk of theft from or of your vehicle.

Christmas Vehicle Security Tips

1. Remove valuables from sight

Never leave gifts, shopping bags, wallets, phones, or other valuables on display.
Place items in the boot before reaching your destination, or ideally before setting off.
Remember that sat navs, charging cables, and phone holders can also attract thieves.

2. Lock and secure your vehicle

Always lock doors and close windows, even if leaving the vehicle for only a short time.
Check the vehicle has locked properly before walking away.
Keep keys secure and away from doors and windows inside your home.

3. Choose parking locations carefully

Park in well-lit, busy areas where possible.

Use secure or monitored car parks when visiting shopping centres or Christmas events.
At home, park in a garage or on a driveway if available.

4. Protect your keys

Keep vehicle keys, including spare keys, out of sight and away from letterboxes.
Consider a signal-blocking pouch for keyless entry vehicles.
Never leave keys unattended in changing rooms, cafés, or public places while shopping.

5. Take extra care when travelling

If making multiple shopping trips, take purchases home rather than leaving them in your vehicle.
Avoid loading gifts into the car where you can be easily observed.
Plan rest stops carefully during longer festive journeys.

6. Make use of security features

Activate alarms, immobilisers, and tracking devices where fitted.
Ensure vehicle software and security systems are up to date.
Consider additional steering wheel locks or physical security devices for higher-risk vehicles.

Key Message

Criminals often look for easy opportunities, especially during the busy Christmas period. Removing valuables from sight, securing your vehicle, and protecting your keys can significantly reduce the risk of theft and help ensure the festive season remains enjoyable for everyone. 🎄🚗

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/Appeals



Man arrested for sexual assaults during fireworks display

Police investigating reports of sexual assaults on Worthing promenade during the annual fireworks display on 5 November are appealing for any victims to come forward. More here.

Prolific Worthing shop thief jailed and banned from stores

A prolific shoplifter who targeted stores in Worthing has been jailed. Read more here.

Burglar sentenced after breaking in to woman's flat

A burglar who broke into a woman's flat at night in Worthing has been sentenced. Find out more here.

Advice & Support



Book your space for this FREE webinar today 🎁🛒

Join this webinar hosted by @Report Fraud to learn how to spot online scams, avoid fraudsters, and recognise those 'too good to be true' offers, especially with #BlackFriday just around the corner.

Book a place here: https://orlo.uk/F4cMx (23 November, from 1000-1100am).



We're asking teenagers to think twice

A new campaign by Sussex Police launched earlier this month in a bid to encourage young people to stop and think before sharing an intimate photo with someone else.

The Think Twice initiative wants teenagers to pause before pressing send and hits home the message that they will no longer have control once the image has been shared.

A private photo could be forwarded on or even shared online - giving viewing access to unlimited people and having a devastating impact.

It is illegal for anyone to make, share, send or receive an image of a person under 18 years old. Think Twice aims to educate – not prosecute.

More than thirty schools across Sussex have signed up to the campaign. They will have access to resources including posters, digital content for display screens information to create their own lesson plans for pupils.

Award-winning designer Pedro Allevato, who has worked with Marvel Studios and Gorillaz, has collaborated with Sussex Police on the campaign– creating three animations to ensure the message hits home.

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Bates, child sexual exploitation lead, said: “There is a growing issue with children, particularly teenage girls, feeling pressured to send intimate photos of themselves to someone else. This could be for a number of reasons, sexual experimentation, or pressure from someone else – perhaps a boyfriend or someone they have met online.

“Unfortunately, that private image often does not stay private between those two people. We want to ensure young people are aware that the photo they’ve sent could end up being forwarded on to hundreds of others or even published online for anyone to see.

“Our message is Think Twice before you press send and always talk to an adult you trust, or the police, if you are at all concerned. We will listen to you and we will support you.”

Think Twice | Sussex Police a page where teens and parents can get advice and find other organisations who can help.



A wheelie good Black Friday deal... until it isn't!

With Christmas just around the corner, an e-scooter may seem like the perfect gift, but it's worth taking a moment to check the rules before you buy.

Many people are unaware that privately owned e-scooters cannot be ridden in public places, including roads, pavements, parks and town centres.

If they are ridden in public, they can be seized by police and destroyed.

Before spending your money, make sure you know the rules. It could save both expense and disappointment further down the line.



Let's be blunt.

Most kitchen knives are used for cooking. Some end up being used for something else.

Where there are concerns about violence, domestic abuse or weapon carrying, we may be able to provide safer kitchen knife replacements for households.

Taking one knife out of the equation won't solve everything. But it could stop a moment of anger or impulsive behaviour from becoming a tragedy.



Are you emergency ready? ⚠️

Most emergencies aren't dramatic, but they can still have a big impact on our daily lives.

Storms, flooding, power cuts and other disruptions can affect the services we rely on every day, including electricity, water, mobile phones and the internet.

The government has launched the new "Be Ready" website, offering simple, practical advice to help households prepare for emergencies.

✅ Find out what essentials to keep at home
✅ Learn how to prepare for power cuts and severe weather
✅ Get advice on making an emergency plan for your household
✅ Discover small steps that can make a big difference

Being prepared can help you and your family stay safe and comfortable, while emergency services focus on those most in need.

🔗 Visit the Be Ready website for more information and advice: https://orlo.uk/9kQDW



Road safety starts with clear vision.

90% of information a driver uses is visual, that's why motorists are required to meet minimum legal eyesight standards every time they get behind the wheel.

Regular eye tests, every two years unless advised otherwise by your optometrist, will help stop your eyesight becoming a road safety hazard that puts you and other road users at risk.



Are you, or do you know, a young person aged 13-18 in Sussex?

We want to understand how safe young people feel in their communities and public spaces.

Our anonymous survey is open until mid-December and will help identify what's working well and where improvements can be made.

Last year, nearly 2,000 young people shared their views. This year, we'd love to hear from even more.

🗣️ If you're aged 13-18, or know someone who is, please take part and share the survey. Your voice matters.



Mental health struggles can touch anyone, anytime.

Remember, if you or someone you know is struggling, you are not alone.

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.
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