

Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police

Friday 31st October 2025

Wow, another month has come and gone, and with that, another month of action has taken place!

October saw Hate Crime Awareness Week, a national awareness week, which took place from 11th-18th October. As a result, our Neighbourhood Policing Team have all been fully committed to supporting this operation.

Hate Crime Awareness Week – 11th-18th

There is no place for hate in Sussex. Our message is very clear - hate crime will never be tolerated.

Hate crime is when someone is targeted due to their disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or any perceived difference.

Hate crime harms victims and our communities, and the impact it causes cannot be underestimated. During the week, our NPT were out visiting schools and universities, as well as shopping centres, talking to people about what constitutes a hate crime, the impact it can have on victims and the wider community, as well as advising people how they can report.

In addition to the visits, our officers also conducted foot patrols across the city. As always, this is just a small snapshot of the work that occurred over the week.

Although Hate Crime Awareness Week is over, our work continues.

Every single report matters – if you or someone you know has been impacted by hate crime, please tell us so we can build a picture of what is happening in our communities and take action.

I will be back in November with another update for you, remember to wrap up warm! Winter is here!

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Chief Inspector

News

Men jailed for operating drugs line in Sussex



Two men who supplied drugs in Brighton and Bognor have been sentenced.

Officers from Sussex Police's Community Investigation Team, working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, identified a phone line advertising drugs.

Evidence from phones seized from both men showed their links to operating the 'Pokey' line by sending bulk advertising messages and promotional offers.

You can read more about this here - [Men jailed for operating drugs line in Sussex | Sussex Police](#)

Appeal after assault with a bottle in Brighton



Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious altercation on Marine Parade, Brighton.

On October 5, just before 3pm, it was reported that the victim was walking along Marine Parade, near to the Gym, when a man with a glass bottle struck him on the head.

An altercation took place, and the victim, a 40-year-old from Brighton, sustained a serious head injury. Learn more about this incident here - [Appeal after assault with a bottle in Brighton | Sussex Police](#)

Man pleads guilty to racist and homophobic graffiti in Brighton



A man has pleaded guilty after he uploaded a video to social media filming himself spray-painting Islamophobic and homophobic comments around Brighton.

On September 18, the video was identified, linking to graffiti sprayed on a wall at Old Steine on September 9.

His handwriting was also linked to further similar graffiti committed on September 10 and 11 in St James's Street and New Road.

Read more about this here - [Man pleads guilty to racist and homophobic graffiti in Brighton | Sussex Police](#)

Information and advice

Business burglaries prevention



You may have invested a great deal of time, energy and money in your business premises, but burglars make it their business to break in.

Don't make it easy for them!

Follow our advice below to make the property more secure, deterring them from targeting your premises



Make sure your CCTV is operational, provides facial recognition as well as good quality images and covers any vulnerable areas. 24-hour digital CCTV is also highly recommended.



Make sure any service doors are locked and secure when not in use.



Identify areas that may be vulnerable to forced entry and have them made more secure.



Make sure there is sufficient lighting around the premises, especially loading areas.



Consider moving high-value goods away from display windows overnight.

You can learn more about keeping your business premises secure here:

<https://orlo.uk/i1g2p>

<https://orlo.uk/VtsgC>

Mental Health Services



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.



Road Safety



Leave the car keys at home if you are heading out into Brighton & Hove this weekend.
Drink driving is never worth it.
Report it if you know someone is driving under the influence.
Don't hesitate and call 999.

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.



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