

Sussex Alerts Update – Saltdean, Rottingdean & Ovingdean

From your local PCSO

Hello everyone!

Welcome to January's ward update for Saltdean, Rottingdean & Ovingdean! I think we can all agree that January had a very cold welcome for us all – these darker mornings have not made it easy either!

Keeping safe

Within the area, reports have been reduced due to many choosing to remain inside with the cold, wet and dark weather – I cannot say I'm surprised! I have been trying to get around the area but sadly haven't been able to talk to as many locals due to the wet weather. I have been regularly monitoring Saltdean Football club – of which looks like it is coming along very nicely!

I have also been patrolling the new Coombe Farm estate and welcome all new residents to the area. The estate as many may know has been unoccupied for a little while, it will be nice to see some new faces in the area!

Anti-social behaviour

There has been a report of anti-social behaviour within Saltdean. This report has been closely monitored with regular patrols being carried out. As always, anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated, and reports of these incidents should be made to 999 or 101 dependent on the incident. As much as I try to patrol and talk to a number of people in the area, it's impossible to know about absolutely everything in the area – I please encourage reporting of incidents, anti-social behaviour and suspicious activity. This in hand will return a target response from myself and my colleagues here at Sussex Police.

If incidents aren't reported, this makes it difficult attempting to monitor and resolve any ongoings.

As always, I continue to help and work with others in the community to help better the area and to keep one another safe! If you ever have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself! My details are listed at the end of this update.

Recently there have been reports regarding youths on bikes wearing balaclavas. I can appreciate this can cause some anxiety. If you see anything that doesn't look right, please phone this in via 999. For your own safety, we advise for you to avoid the incident, to stay inside or remain in a safe place. Officers are trained to tackle and diffuse many situations, and the safety of the public is our priority.

Top 3 Ward Priorities

For the meantime, my main priorities for the area are -

- Tackling anti-social behaviour – There have been reports of youths within the area causing issues in some of the communal parts of Saltdean, I have been monitoring these incidents and completing regular patrols to minimise and deter any antisocial ongoings.
- Providing support to those who may need some extra help! In the Police we have duty of care and ensure your wellbeing is our priority, where appropriate, we work with the multi-agency safeguarding hub with child and adult social care to ensure everyone is safe. With the colder weather, it can be hard financially to keep yourself warm and your fridge full. If you know of anyone in need, please consider getting in contact with social care yourself online or by calling. Any welfare concerns, please do phone 101 and we will help where we can!
- Monitoring the local area for graffiti – It was brought to my attention there had been some hateful posters in the Rottingdean area, I have since targeted extra patrols to the area and surrounding locations to ensure this behaviour has not continued. Please do report any behaviour if you spot any offensive posters or graffiti in the area.

Crime Statistics over the past month (Correct at time of typing)

- Anti-social behaviour reports – 6
- Burglary reports – 4
- Criminal damage reports – 1

Meet your ward PCSO

I have the following days booked for community beat over the coming months -

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Over these dates, I will be around the area interacting with as much of the community as possible!

As always, if anyone would like to talk to myself over general queries, get advice or book me for visits, engagements or meetings, please call 101 or submit an online request on the Sussex Police website. You can simply state your request - this will be passed on to myself, whereby I will respond when available.

And finally...

Stay in Touch

If you need to report anything or seek advice:

-  **Call 101** for non-emergency matters
-  **Report online** at www.sussex.police.uk
-  **Always call 999 in an emergency**

A big thank you for the continued support and warm welcomes received while on my travels around the area!

Many thanks,

PCSO Lottie Pullen

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