

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



#### **Witness appeal after a serious assault and robbery in Newhaven car park**

We are appealing for witnesses and information after a robbery and serious assault that took place in a car park in Dacre Road, Newhaven on Sunday (31 August) at around 4.40pm.

It was reported that a 24-year-old woman and a 17-year-old boy were walking through the car park when they were approached by a blue Renault Clio.

Three people, two women and a man, exited the vehicle and assaulted the two victims taking the boy's mobile and cash from the woman before driving away.

Paramedics treated the two victims.

A 24-year-old woman from Peacehaven and a 28-year-old woman from Portslade were arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm with intent and robbery.

They have both been bailed while investigations continue.



Detective Inspector Barry Chandler said: "This was a nasty attack, which we believe was targeted.

"We're carrying out a number of enquiries and encourage anyone who witnessed the incident or who has relevant information, such as CCTV or mobile footage, to report it to us."

Information can be reported to us online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by dialling 101 quoting serial 898 of 31/08.

#### **Vehicle thefts - Toyota Hilux**

Toyota Hilux owners in East Sussex are being warned to remain vigilant after recent reports of vehicle thefts.

Police are advising owners to review their vehicle security, storage, and parking locations.

It follows reports that Toyota Hiluxes have been specifically targeted by thieves in recent weeks.

Detective Inspector Gavin Patch from East Sussex said: "We are aware of an increase in reports of thefts and damage to Toyota Hiluxes in the area.

“We are taking action and focusing resources on this issue. Officers are working hard to target known offenders and to recover vehicles.

“We understand the impact that vehicle theft has on owners and the potential resulting anti-social behaviour in our communities from those driving stolen vehicles.

“We encourage everyone to report vehicle thefts and to provide information about these incidents to support our work.”



#### **Tips to protect your car:**

- Park your vehicle in sight of your home or inside a garage; or where there is street lighting or CCTV.
- Use a visible steering lock to deter thieves and prevent the steering wheel from being turned.
- Consider ‘blocking’ the vehicle in with a second car or fitting a secondary immobiliser.
- Reprogramme keys if you buy a second hand car, or check that the key blade is cut and works, by testing it.

Police have located and recovered a number of stolen vehicles in East Sussex, but each incident serves as a reminder for owners to take precautions.

If you see or witness anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles in your community, report it to police at the time by either calling 101, or reporting online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) quoting Operation Aldwich.

In an emergency or crime in action always call 999.

### **Upcoming meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team events**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 9th September 11:00-12:00, join us outside Village shop, Plumpton, for a rural crime prevention advice and support day.



Monday 15th September from 11:00-13:00 at Newick Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Wednesday 17th September, from 10:00-11:30 at The View, Seaford Head Golf Course, Southdown Rd, Seaford for a morning of meeting teams, as well as fraud and scam awareness talk.

Thursday 18th September from 17:00-18:30 parked up in the Saltdean Park car park off Saltdean Park Road.

Thursday 25th September 10:30-11:30 – Stationed up in The Bull Pub car park, Ditchling.

#### **OCTOBER**

Sunday 5th October 11:00-12:00 – Parked up in Lewes High Street outside Costa's.

Wednesday 22nd October from 11:00-13:00 in Hamsey at the Beechwood Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

All events are a chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

Contact us online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

### **Keeping you cyber safe – free cyber security webinars**

You don't have to be a computer expert to get up-to-speed and protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

Every week our dedicated Cyber Protect team delivers free, engaging, and interactive online webinars every week on a variety of topics covering the latest in Cyber Security:

- Online Safety for Beginners
- Keeping Children Safe Online
- The Dangers of AI
- Cyber Security for Businesses: Threats you must address in 2025
- Online Safety for Women and Girls
- Cyber Security for Charities
- Special Sessions (i.e. Crypto-currencies)



With the UK Economy losing around £27bn a year from Cyber Crime, the sessions for businesses and charities are essential to learn the latest cyber security measures such as phishing awareness, protecting against ransomware and business continuity.

Parents and guardians can learn all about keeping children safe online, with the sessions covering social media, parental controls, gaming, digital footprints, trackers, AI and much more.

**Each topic finishes with a Q and A providing the ideal time to answer any burning cyber security questions.**

You can discover more on each subject area webinar, along with a schedule of forthcoming webinars to sign-up for via our Event page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093?msocid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

### **Contact Us**

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk), (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

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

Speak to 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 have a hearing or speech impairment, or other forms of communication difficulties.

Those with textphone can text 18001 101, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service (here: <https://signvideo.co.uk/>), to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger please use the textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

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For more information on textphone and Relay UK please visit: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>.

