Sussex Alerts-Brighton & Hove Police

Wednesday 31st December 2025

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and challenges our Neighbourhood Policing Team has faced over the past year.

In policing, we learn to expect the unexpected — no two days are ever the same. I feel genuinely privileged to work alongside the dedicated officers and staff here in Brighton & Hove as we navigate the highs and lows of policing together.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our partners, residents and local businesses. We simply couldn't do this job without your support. Your partnership working, vital reporting, engagement with our social media updates and commitment to helping us keep Brighton & Hove safe are truly appreciated.

As I'm sure you will have gathered, it has been a busy year.

We kicked off Safer Streets Summer in July, which ran until the end of September. This initiative was designed not only for policing but also for our partners in local authorities, with the aim of driving down street crime and antisocial behaviour in our town centres during the summer months.

November saw Safer Business Action Week (SaBA). This forms part of ongoing work across the force to ensure a consistent approach when responding to high-volume business crime offenders. Crime against businesses can take many forms — from shoplifting and dine-and-dash offences to staff theft and burglaries.

As mentioned in my last update, alongside our regular town-centre patrols, we visited local businesses to offer support and help deter crime in the run-up to Christmas. We also used our online channels to share simple steps businesses can take to protect themselves further.

While these dedicated weeks of action provide valuable opportunities to focus on specific issues collaboratively, it's important to emphasise that this work continues every single day of the year. These challenges remain firmly on our agenda 365 days a year.

The weeks of action allow us to spotlight the work being carried out, strengthen partnerships and highlight the ongoing efforts of our teams. They also provide an opportunity to share important updates with our communities through our force news pages, Sussex Alerts and social media channels.

December marked the start of our Winter of Action, which runs until the end of January. This follows on from Safer Streets Summer and allows us to maintain momentum while tackling the unique challenges of the festive period and beyond.

And there we have it — another year complete. As always, please keep an eye on our social media channels and Sussex Alerts for details of events and initiatives taking place next year.

On behalf of Brighton & Hove Police, I'd like to wish all our residents a very happy New Year. We remain committed to keeping our communities safe and supporting you throughout 2026.

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Chief Inspector

<u>News</u>

Police investigating report of indecent exposure at The Level, Brighton



Police in Brighton have arrested a man on suspicion of indecent exposure following an incident at The Level on Thursday, 11 December.

Members of the public reported a man exposing himself near the fountains at the southern end of the park between 1pm and 1.40pm.

You can read more here - <u>Police investigating report of indecent exposure at The Level, Brighton | Sussex Police</u>

Appeal after sexual assault is reported in residential road in Brighton



Police are appealing for information following a report of a woman in her 20s being sexually assaulted in Canfield Road, Brighton.

The victim was walking in the area on November 21 at around 1am, when it was reported that a man grabbed her waist from behind and went on to sexually assault her.

After being challenged, he promptly ran from the scene.

Man charged following threats and intimidating behaviour in central Brighton



Charges have been authorised after a man was reportedly displaying intimidating and aggressive behaviour towards members of the public in central Brighton.

On Saturday, 13 December at around 3pm, the man was said to be repeatedly attempting to instigate fights outside of Churchill Square.

You can learn more about this here - <u>Man charged following threats and intimidating behaviour in central Brighton | Sussex Police</u>

Information and advice

Burglary Prevention



Has #OperationChristmasClearUp commenced in your house?

With all the gifts unwrapped and the recycling piling up, it's important to stay mindful about what we leave on show.

Empty boxes, especially from high value items, can be a giveaway to burglars that there is something new and expensive in your home!

Where you can, dispose of packaging carefully by taking to your local recycling centre or keep it out of sight until collection day.

If you are a victim of burglary or any other crime, please report it to Sussex Police online, via 101 or by calling 999 in an emergency. Every report helps us build a clearer picture and prevent burglaries in your area.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the festivities.

Mental Heath 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



We'll be testing drivers for drugs roadside, at night and in the morning.

In the UK one fifth of road fatalities involved drink or drugs, with a higher percentage occurring during December.

It doesn't matter how great a driver you are, your judgement is impaired driving under the influence. Think you won't get caught? #ThinkAgain



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.

Follow your local Police team on social media, find us on Facebook.